

Life as a Sheep



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Enviro-Stories Education Program

Enviro-Stories is a competition based education program for primary schools that was developed by PeeKdesigns.



www.envirostories.com.au

This program provides an education and learning experience for kids through their active engagement with natural resource and catchment management issues. The final product is a published story written about local issues, by local kids, for local kids and future generations.

In 2012, the “Our Farmers, Our Future” Enviro-Stories Education Program provided local kids with the opportunity to write and illustrate stories about life on the farm. This program was sponsored by the Cotton Catchment Communities CRC, Australian Government’s Caring for our Country, Central West and Border Rivers-Gwydir Catchment Management Authorities and Cotton Australia.

Cotton Catchment Communities CRC

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www.cottoncrc.org.au

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www.cw.cma.nsw.gov.au

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www.brg.cma.nsw.gov.au

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www.cottonaustralia.com.au

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- Fluffy’s Getting Shorn
- A Great Turnaround
- The New Farm
- The Farmer Changes His Ways
- I Own it All
- Drought and Flooding Rains

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- My Life on a Sheep Farm
- A Weekend on our Farm
- Farm Animals
- Life on the Farm

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- Life as a Sheep
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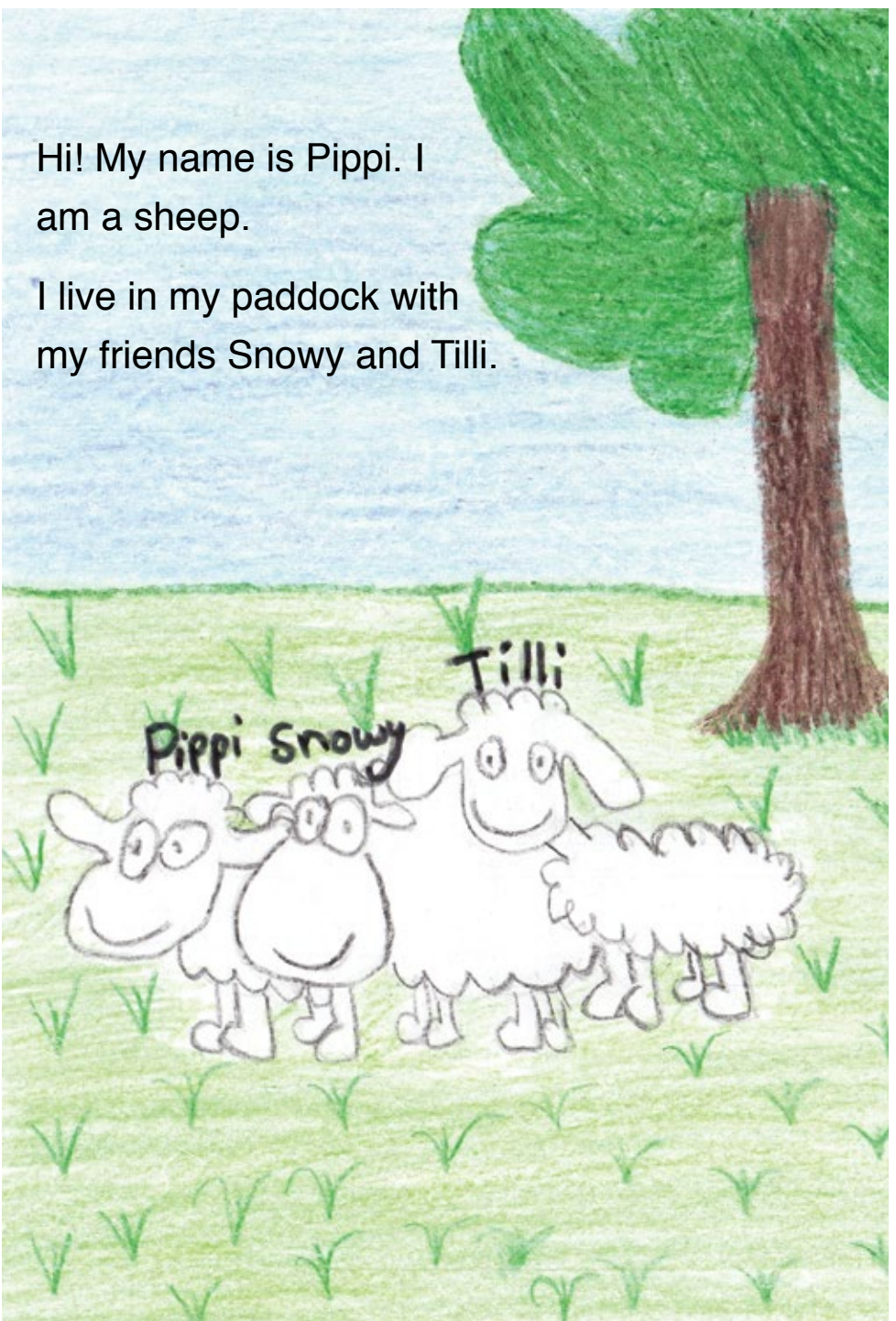
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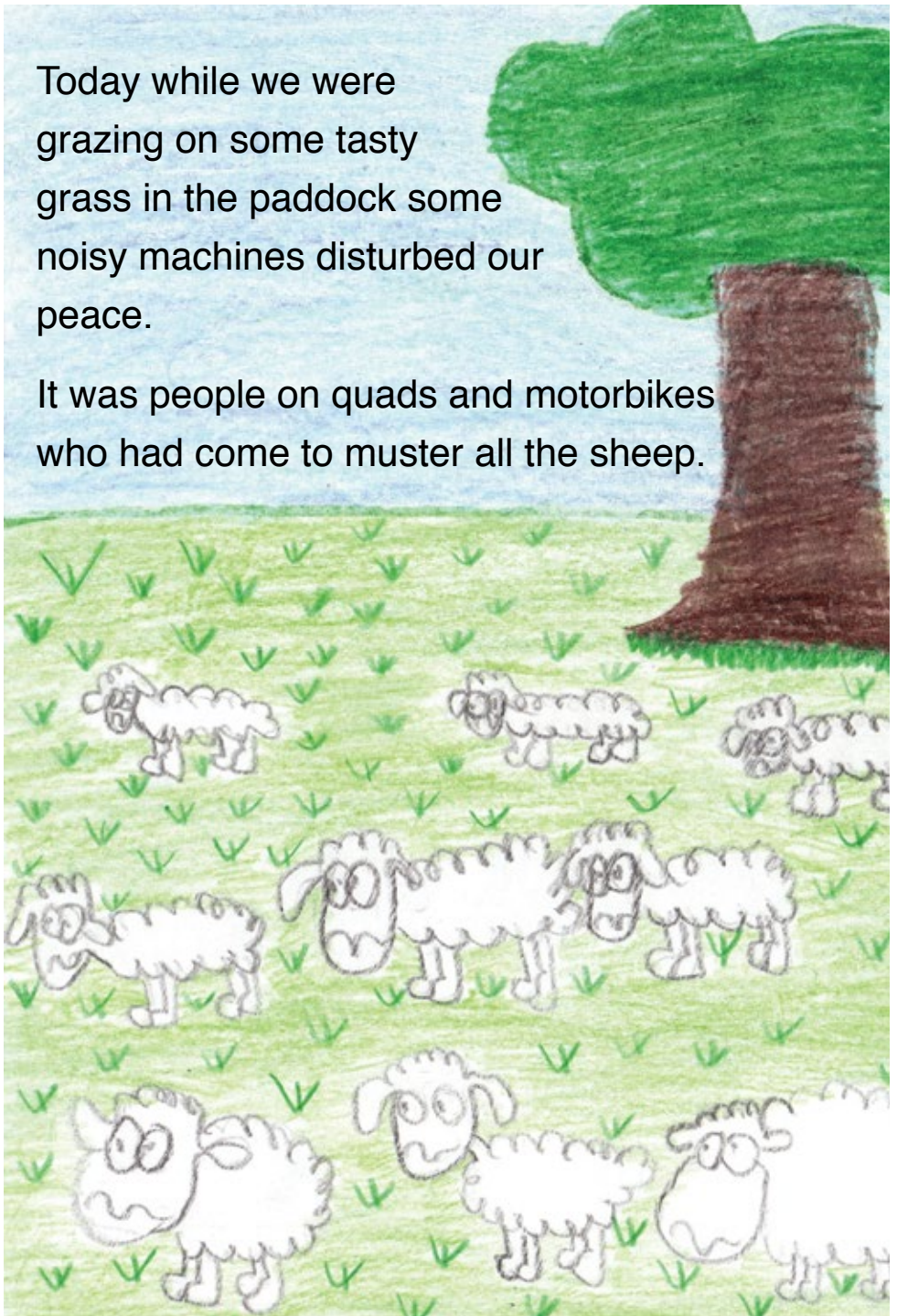
Hi! My name is Pippi. I
am a sheep.

I live in my paddock with
my friends Snowy and Tilli.



Today while we were grazing on some tasty grass in the paddock some noisy machines disturbed our peace.

It was people on quads and motorbikes who had come to muster all the sheep.

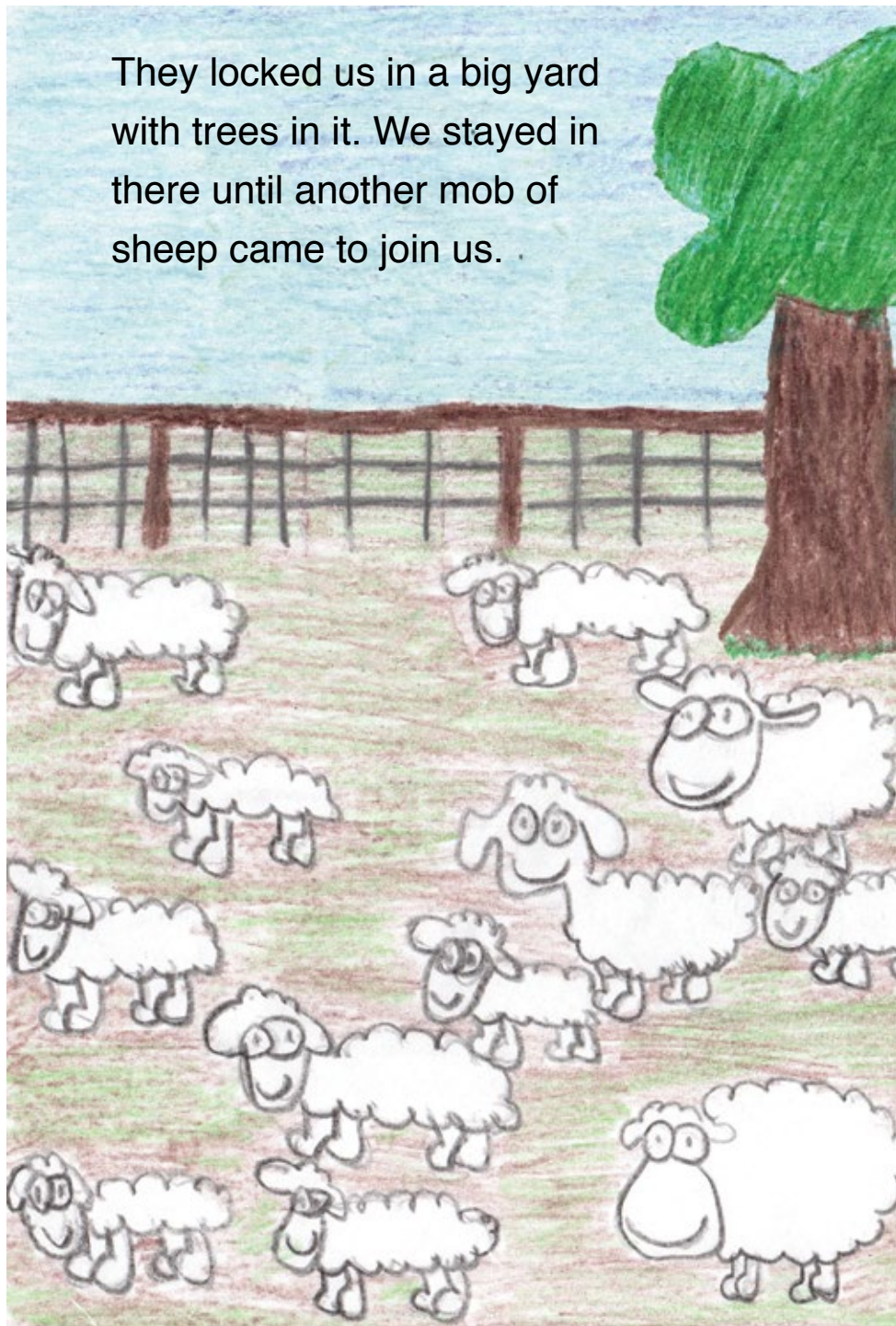


They rounded all of us sheep up and guided us through two paddocks.

We were moved towards some yards and a big grey shed.

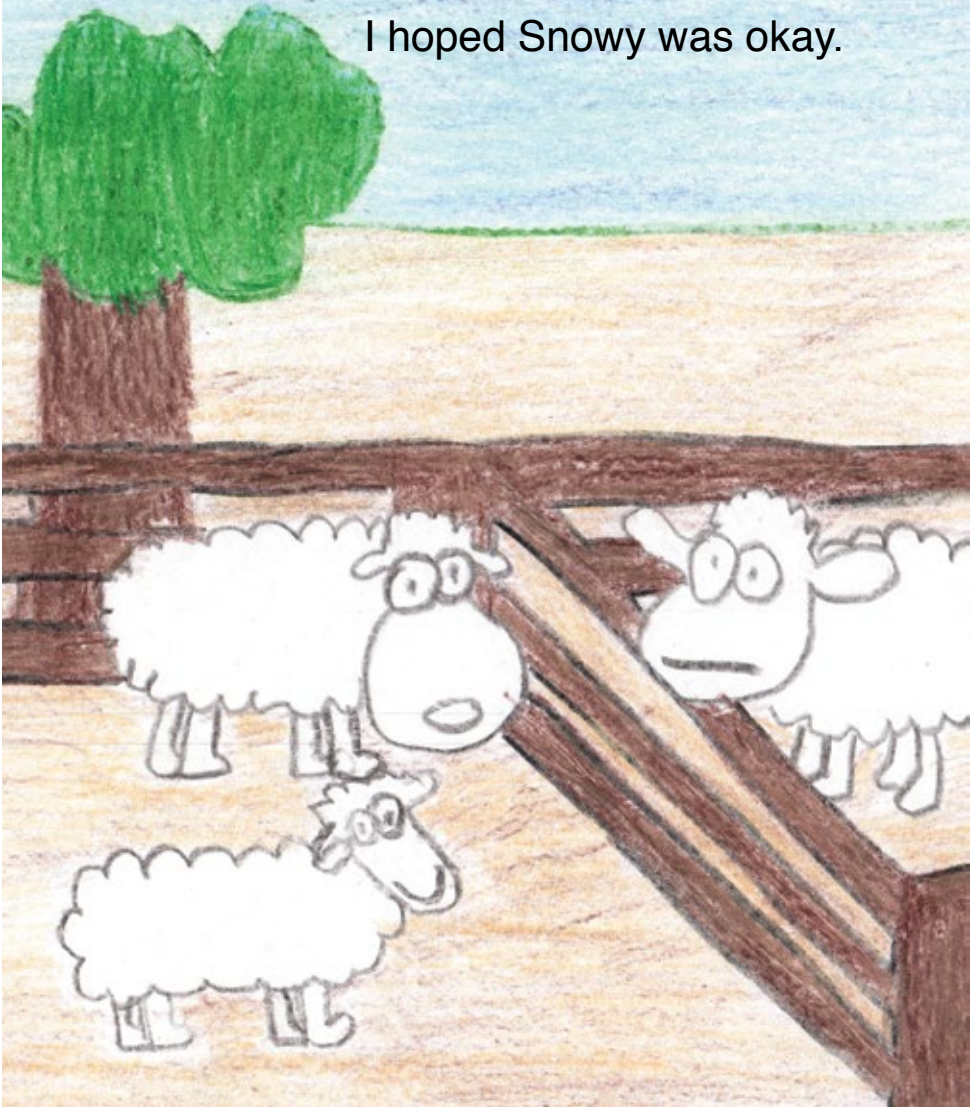


They locked us in a big yard with trees in it. We stayed in there until another mob of sheep came to join us.



The people forced us into a smaller yard and split us up. Tilli and I were in the same yard but Snowy got put into a different yard.

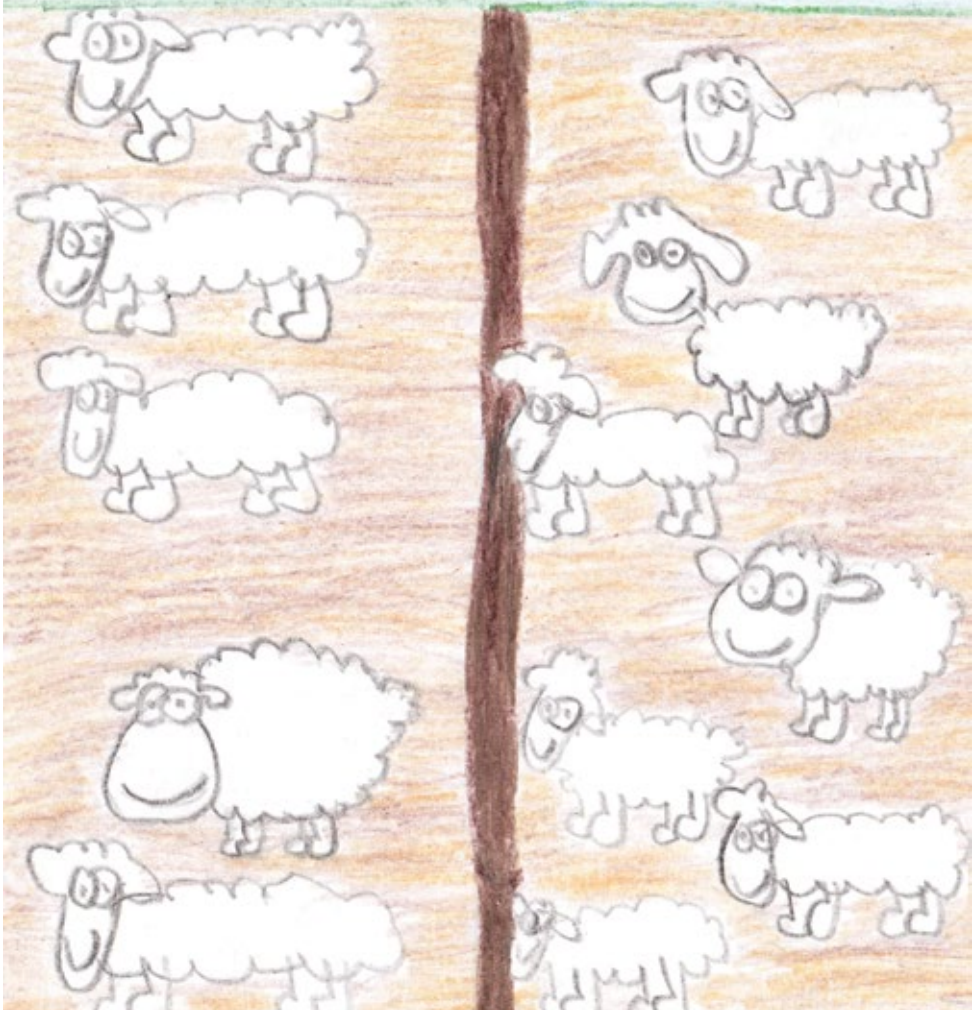
I hoped Snowy was okay.



All the older sheep were talking about shearing.

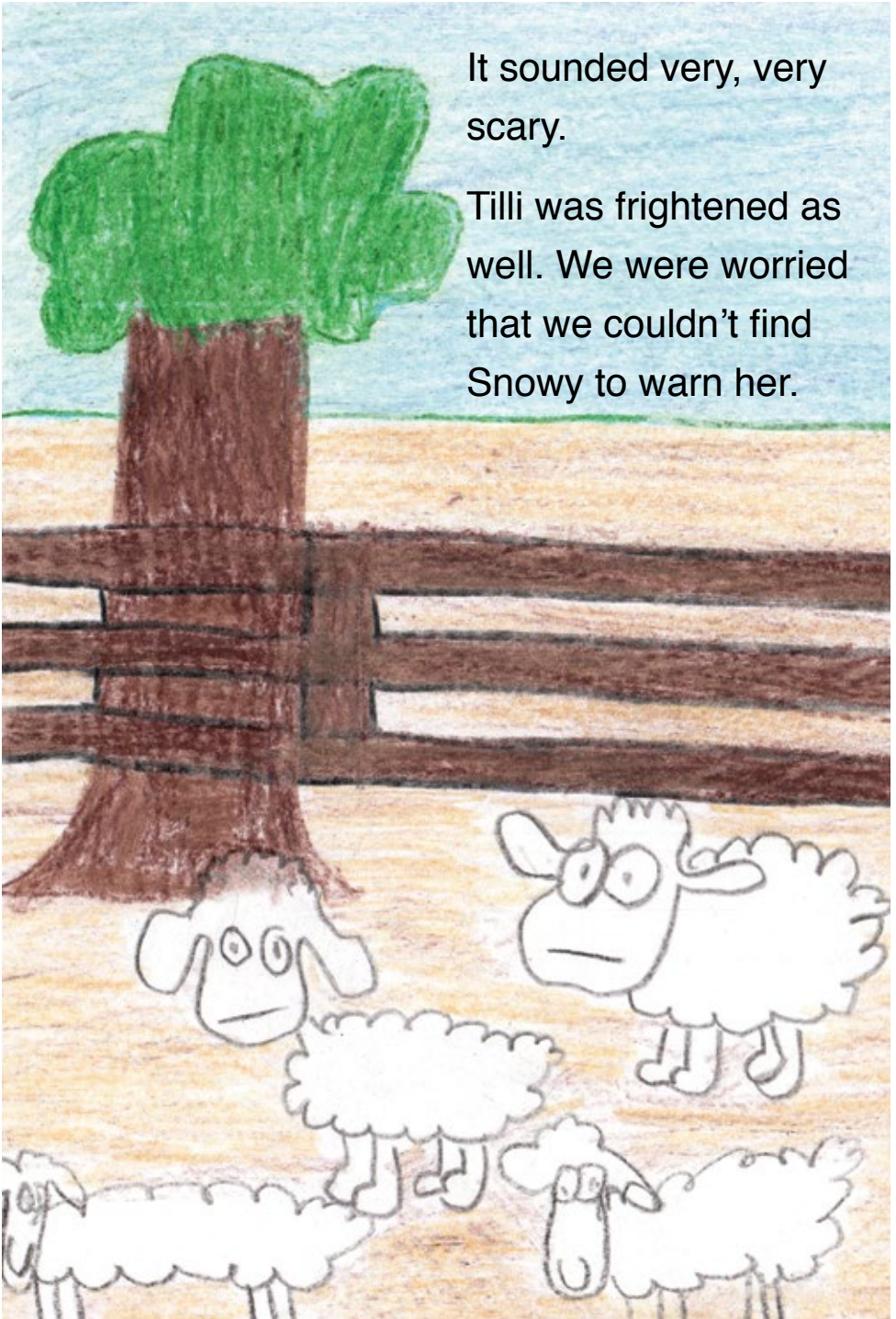
I didn't understand what shearing was so I asked one of the older sheep about it.

She said that shearing is when people catch us and use sharp clippers to cut off all of our wool.

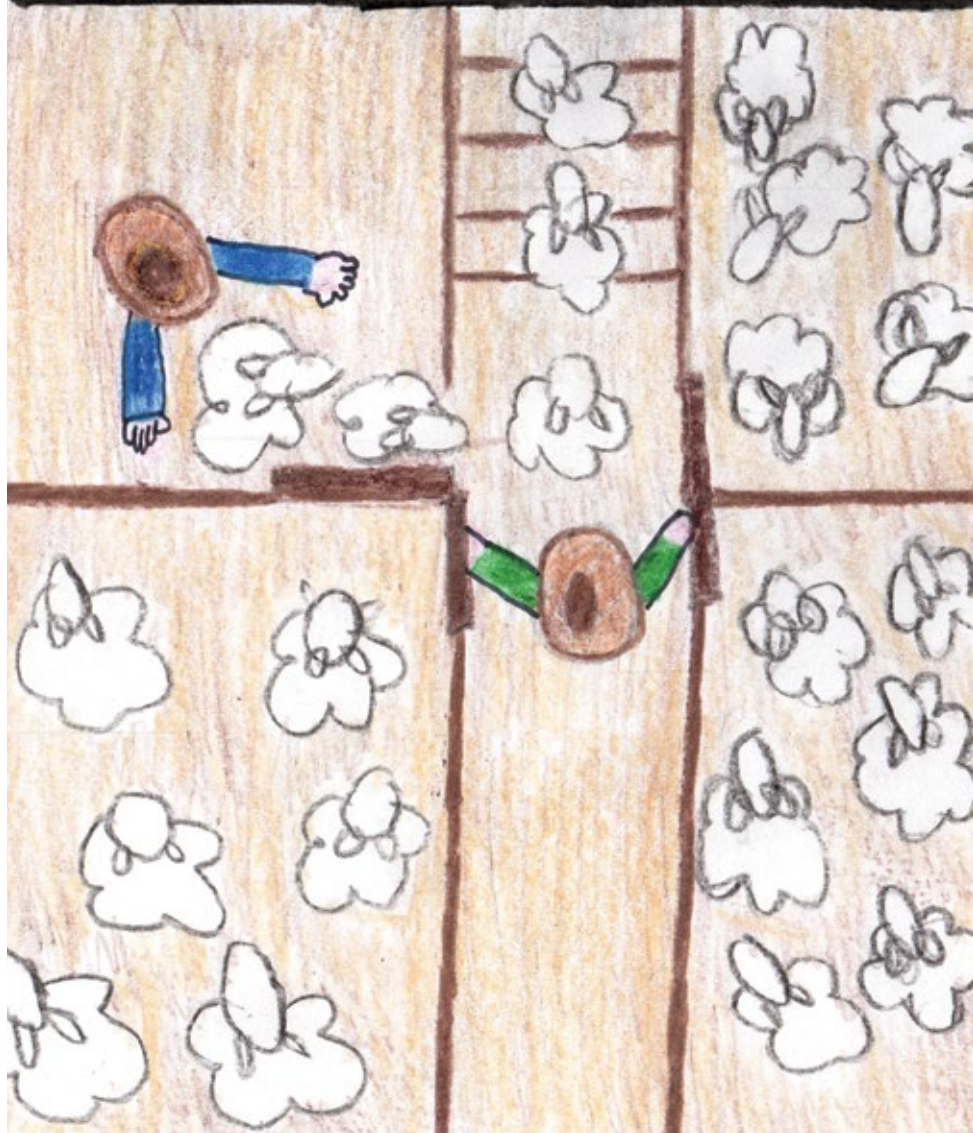


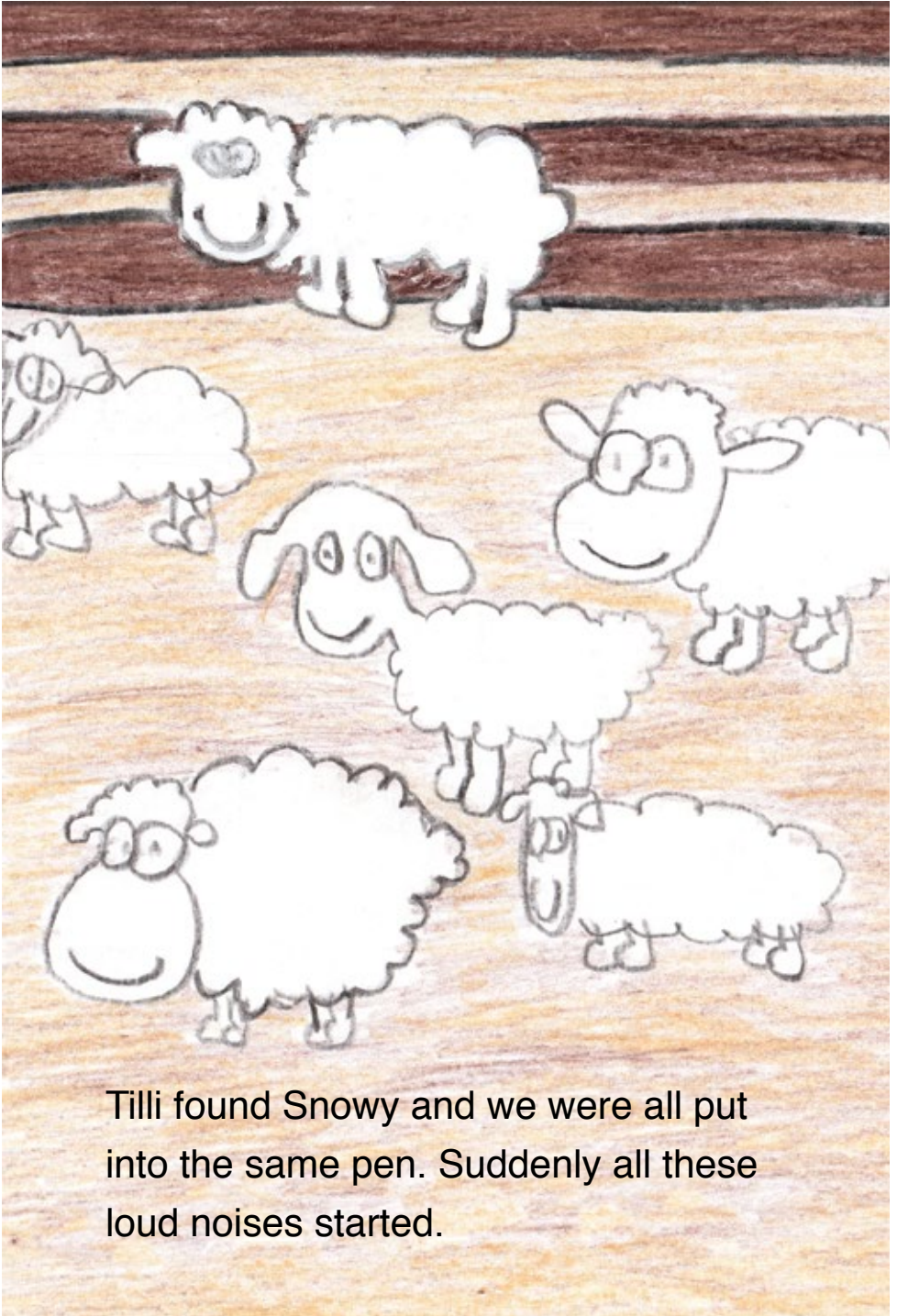
It sounded very, very scary.

Tilli was frightened as well. We were worried that we couldn't find Snowy to warn her.

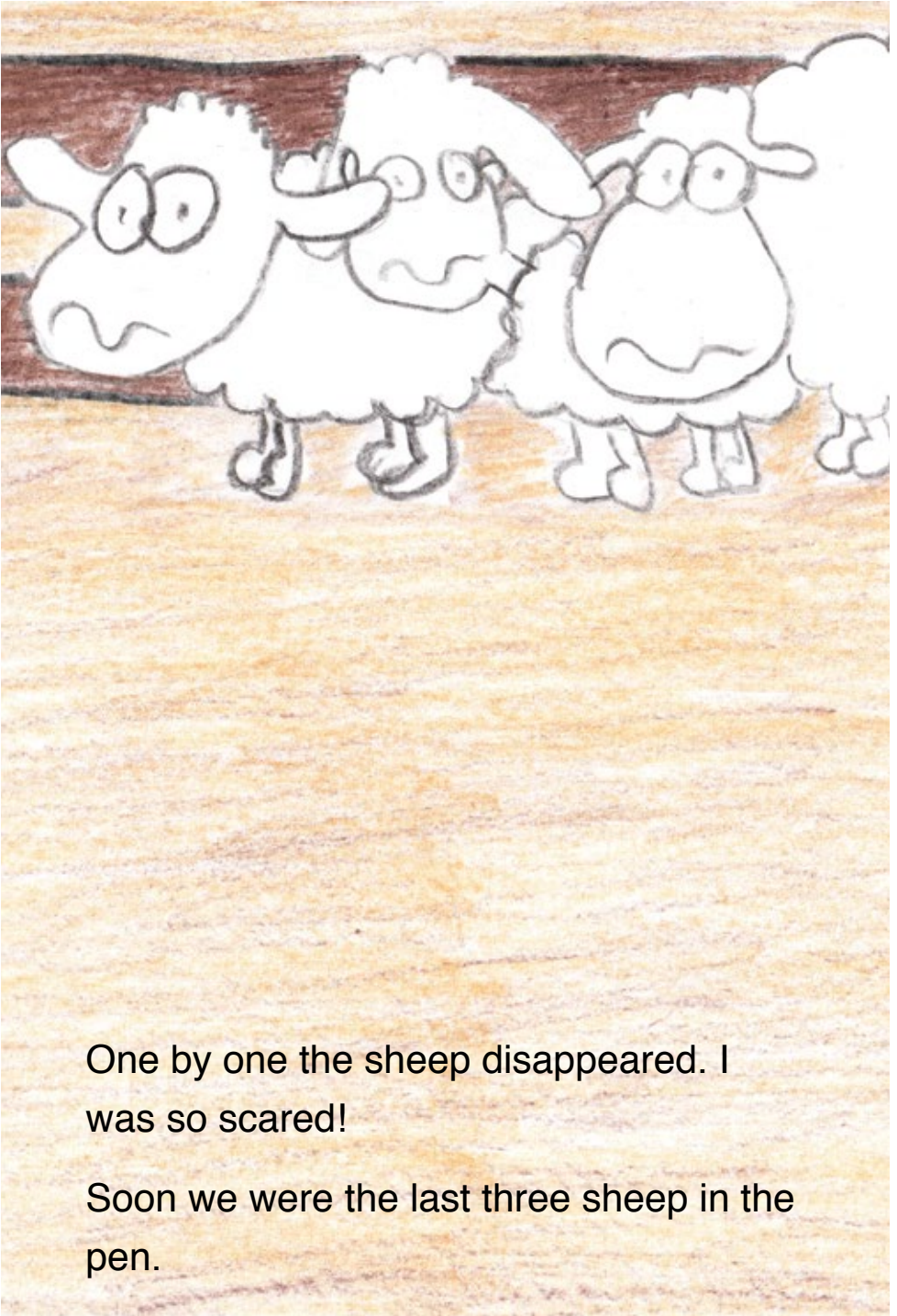


The following morning the people arrived at the yards really early. They put us in little pens in the big scary shed.



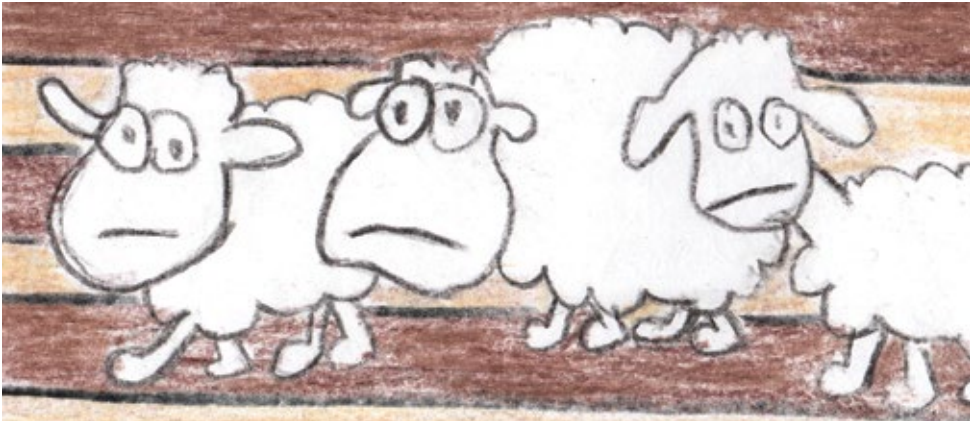


Tilli found Snowy and we were all put into the same pen. Suddenly all these loud noises started.



One by one the sheep disappeared. I was so scared!

Soon we were the last three sheep in the pen.



A man came in and walked towards Tilli. We all scattered but he grabbed her.

We were all very scared. The man took Tilli and she didn't come back.





The man came in and caught Snowy.
She was scared. He took her and she
didn't come back either.

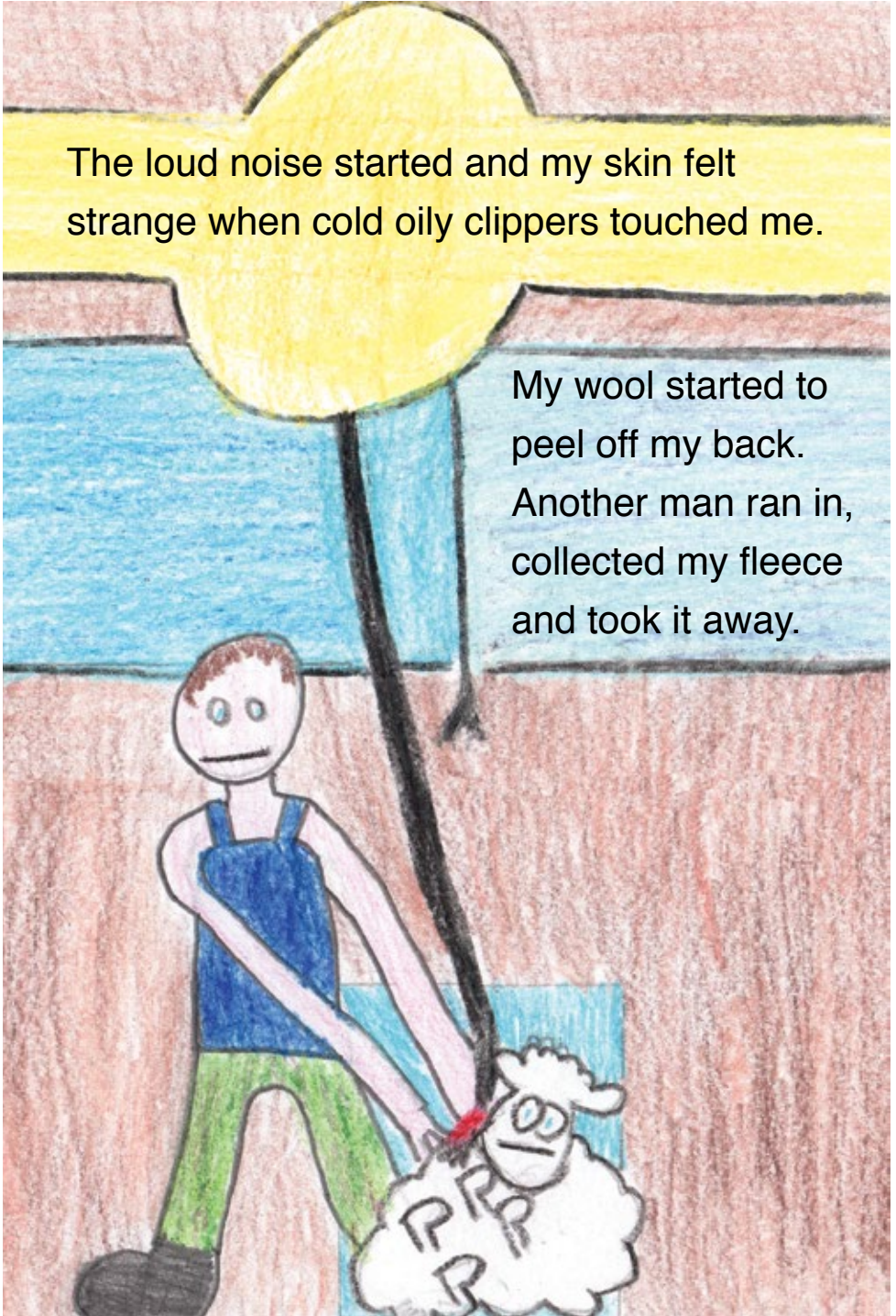
Now I was so frightened I was shaking.

The man came in again and tried to catch me. I kicked and screamed but he didn't let go. He dragged me out of the pen.



The loud noise started and my skin felt strange when cold oily clippers touched me.

My wool started to peel off my back. Another man ran in, collected my fleece and took it away.





The man pushed me down a chute and I was excited to find Tilli and Snowy waiting. They looked incredibly funny without their wool. Even though it was a bit colder, it felt great to run around without that heavy wool.

Pippi found out that shearing isn't that bad after all. Now Pippi's fleece will turn into a woolen skirt or jumper and be found on the rack at a shop.



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