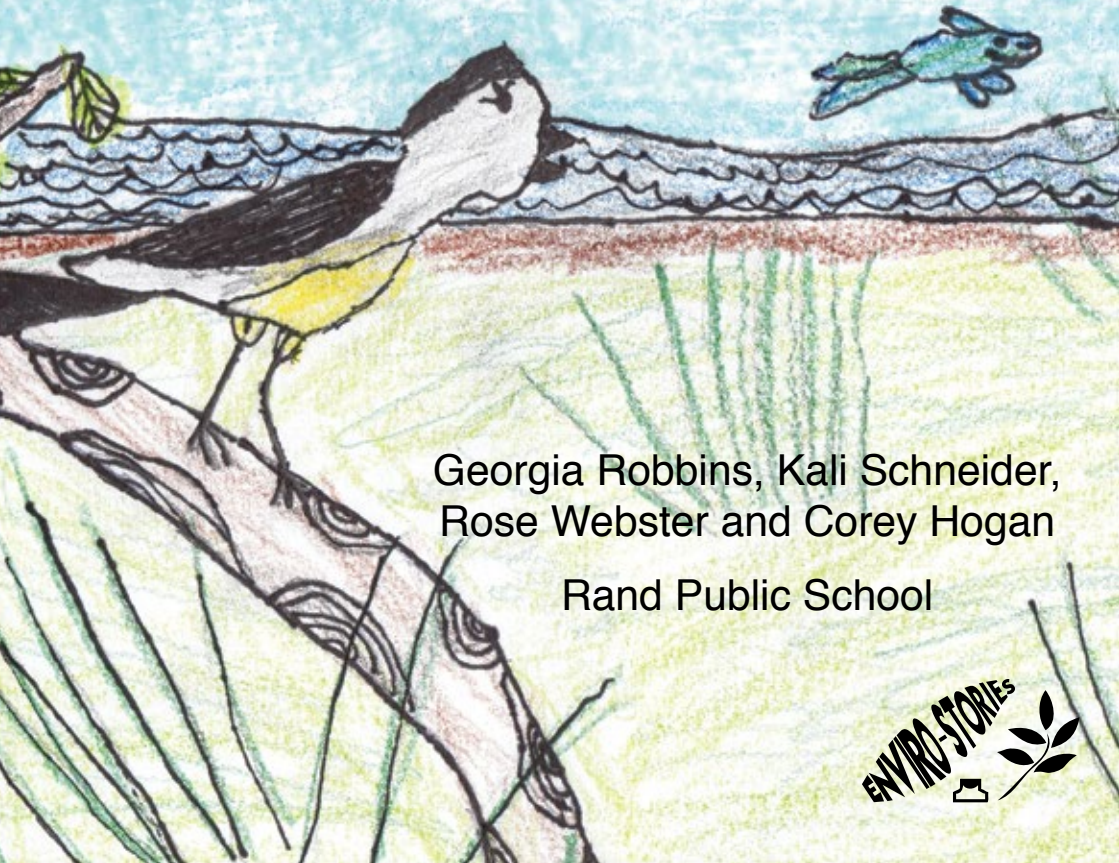


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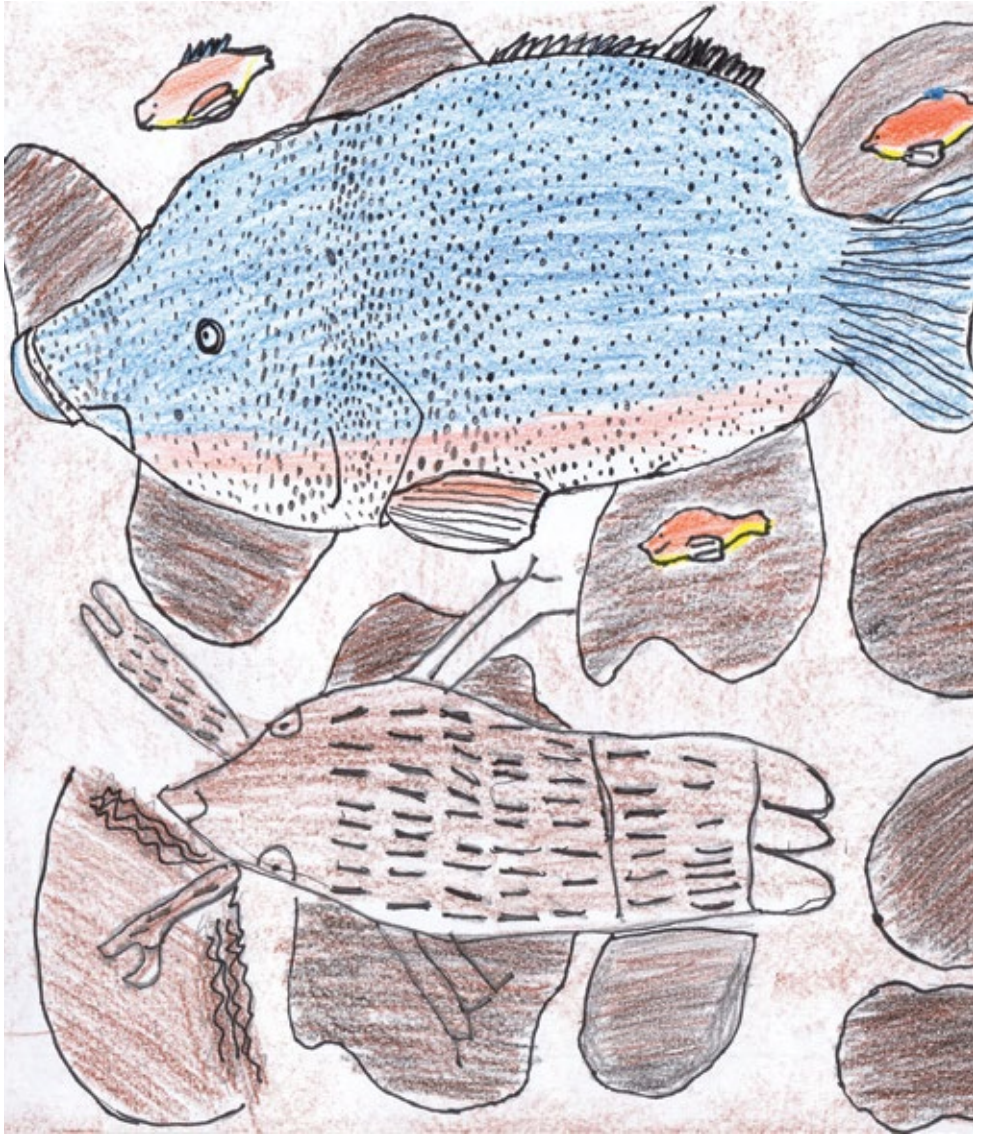


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Once there were four friends who were endangered animals living in the Billabong Creek.



The oldest animal was Mack the Murray
cray. He is sixteen and loved to dig.
Darla was a thirteen year old Murray
cod who loved to race other fish.

Ben the Corroboree frog was ten and his favourite thing to do was to Hip Hop dance. Last, but not least, was the youngest – Goldie the Golden whistler bird who was five and loved to sing. They were the best of friends and will stay that way forever.





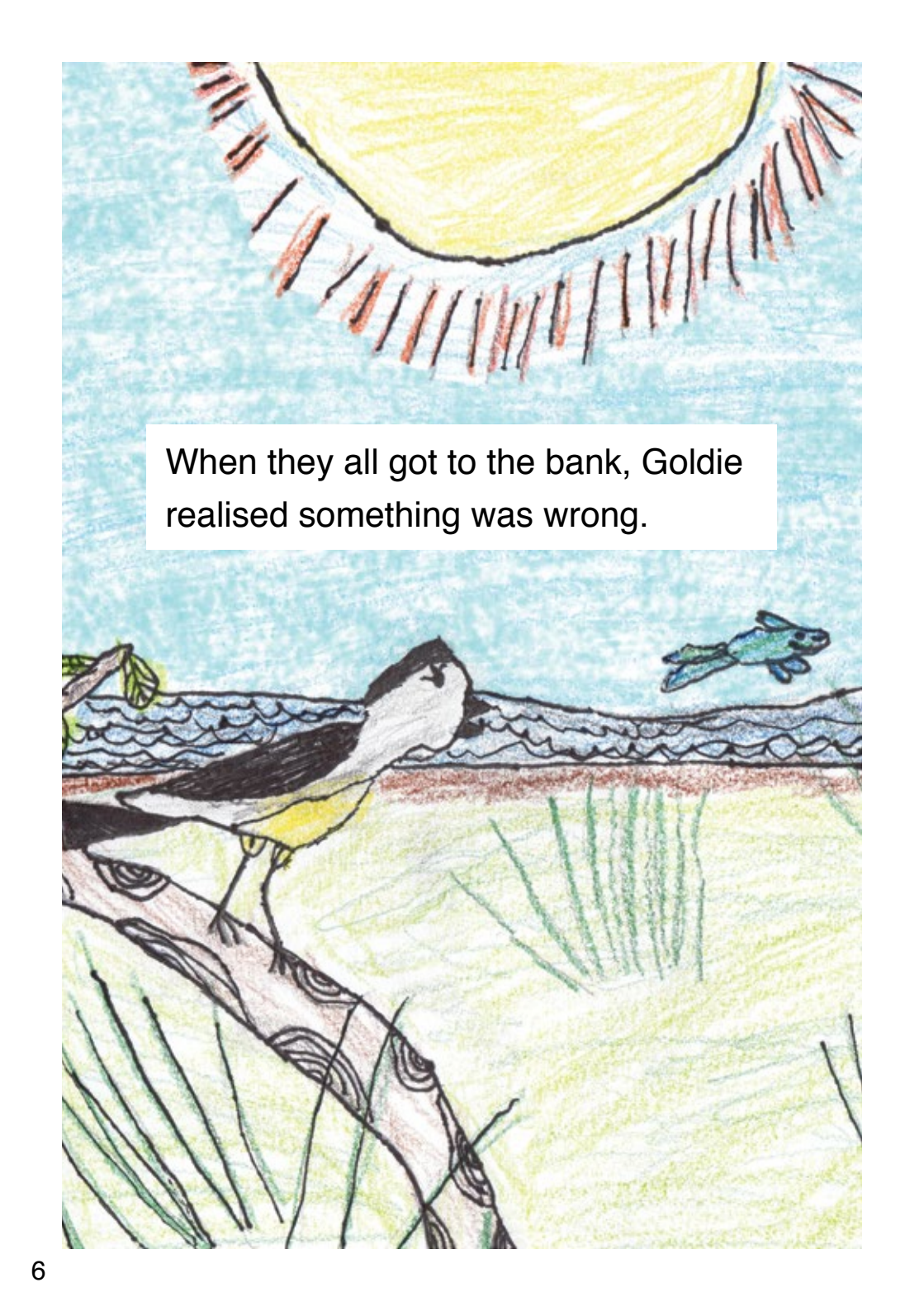
One day all the friends were at Ben's house having a chat.

"Let's go do something fun by the Billabong," Ben suggested.

They all thought it was a good idea.

"We can discover new things on the bank," Mack yells.

So off they went.

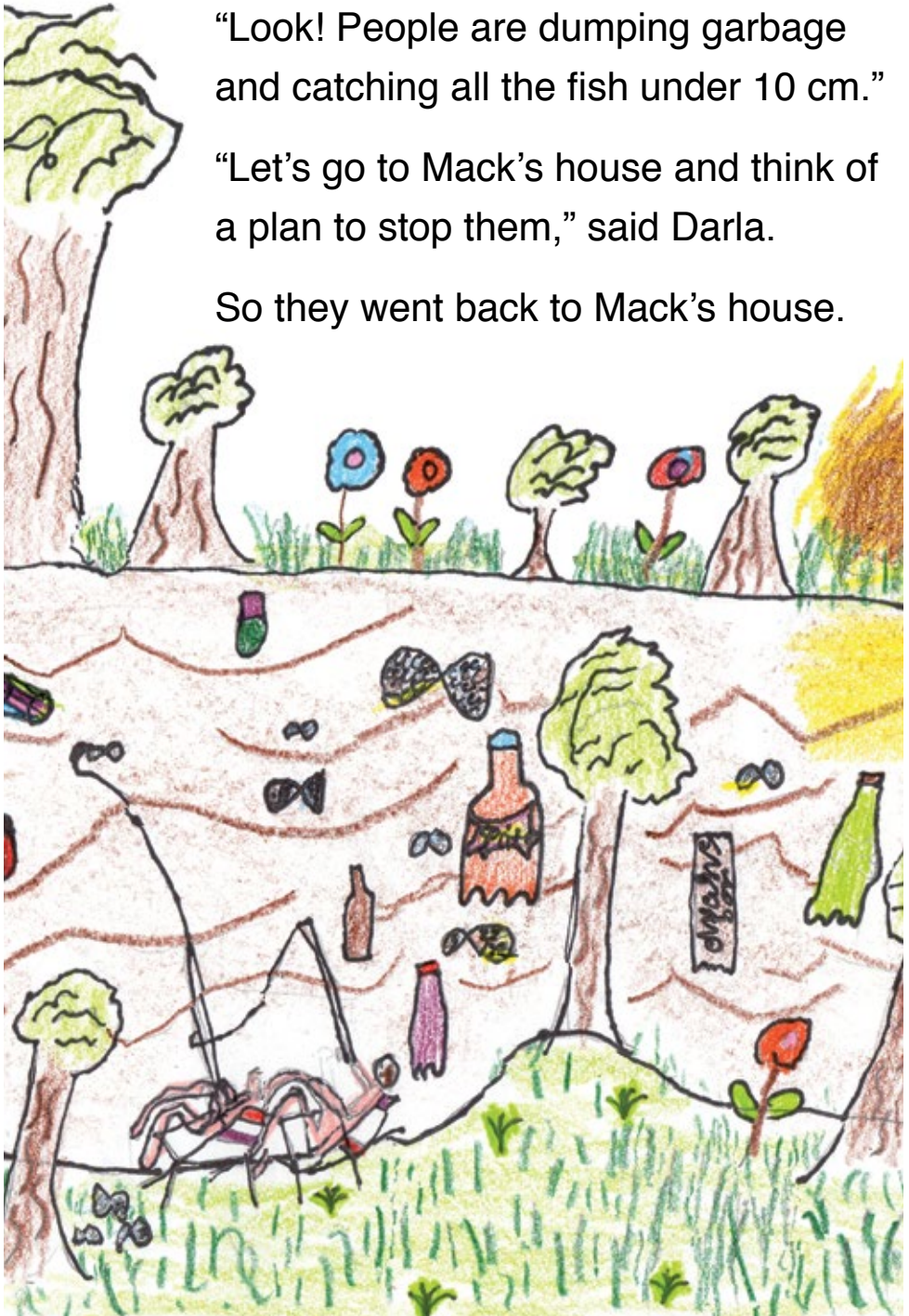


When they all got to the bank, Goldie realised something was wrong.

“Look! People are dumping garbage and catching all the fish under 10 cm.”

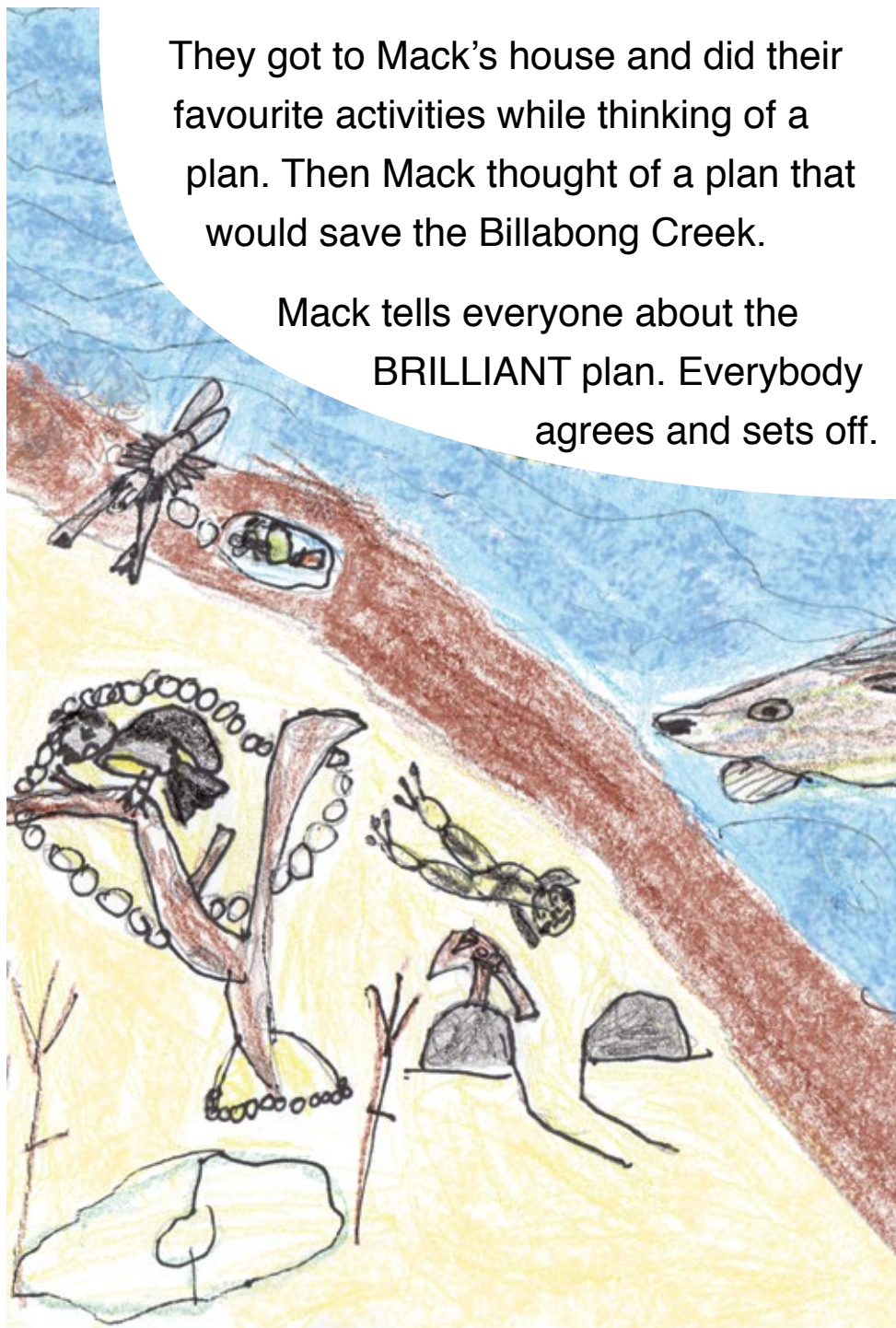
“Let’s go to Mack’s house and think of a plan to stop them,” said Darla.

So they went back to Mack’s house.



They got to Mack's house and did their favourite activities while thinking of a plan. Then Mack thought of a plan that would save the Billabong Creek.

Mack tells everyone about the **BRILLIANT** plan. Everybody agrees and sets off.

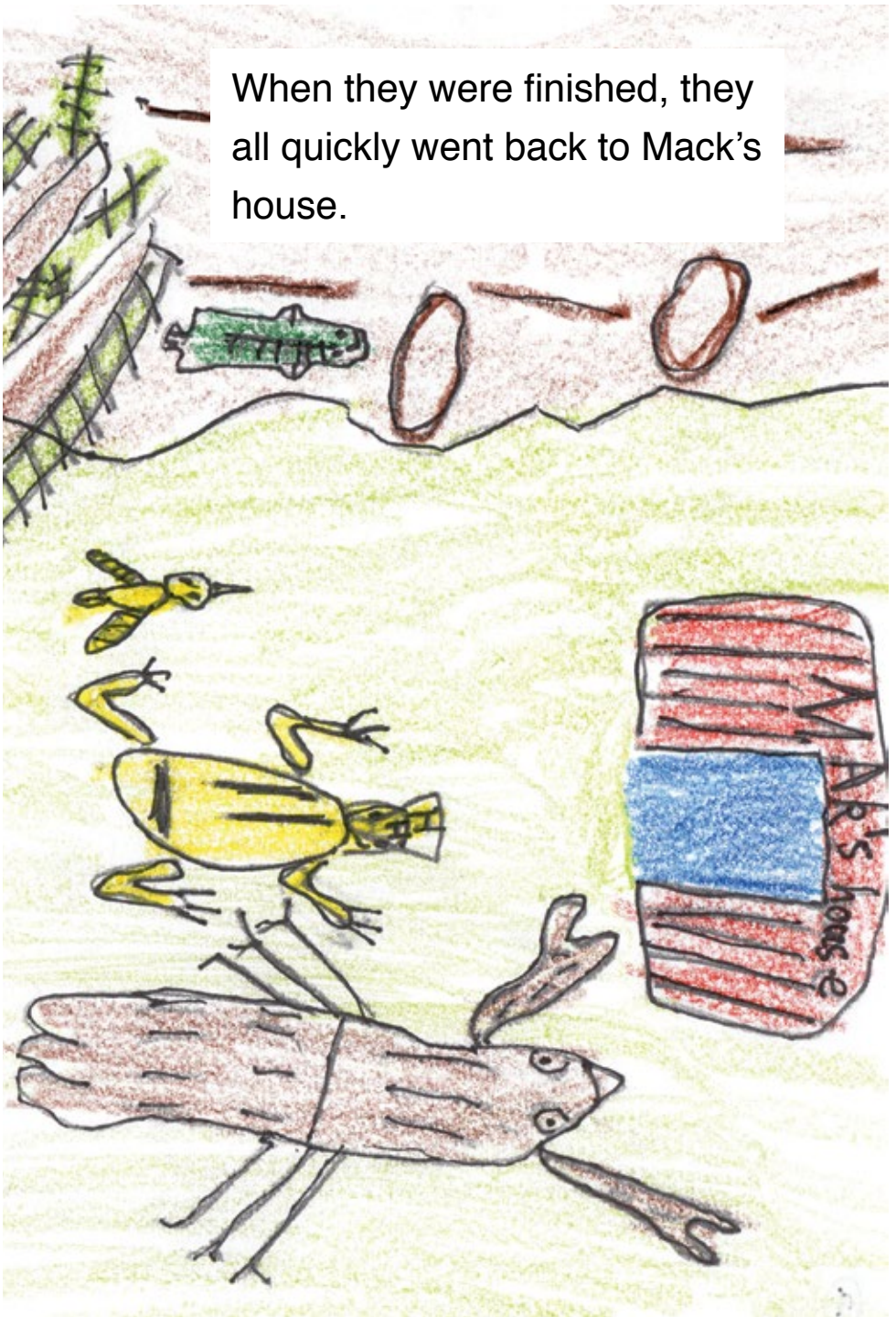




Ben looks at the humans and they look at him. Ben started to Hip Hop. While the humans were staring in shock at Ben, Mack guided the little fish back into a secret hiding place in the creek. Darla raced them to the other end of the creek.

While Mack and Darla were looking after the fish, Goldie was picking up rubbish at the speed of light.

When they were finished, they all quickly went back to Mack's house.





When they got there, Ben thought of an idea that will keep the humans from littering and catching the small fish again. Then Ben told them his **BRILLIANT** plan and they set off to find the humans' houses.



Eventually they came to a backyard and recognised the humans' faces. They all went in. They were searching for the fishing gear.

Ben, Mack, Darla and Goldie hid the fishing gear in a wild berry bush.

Then, that night, they found a white sheet. They cut holes in it and then they started their work.

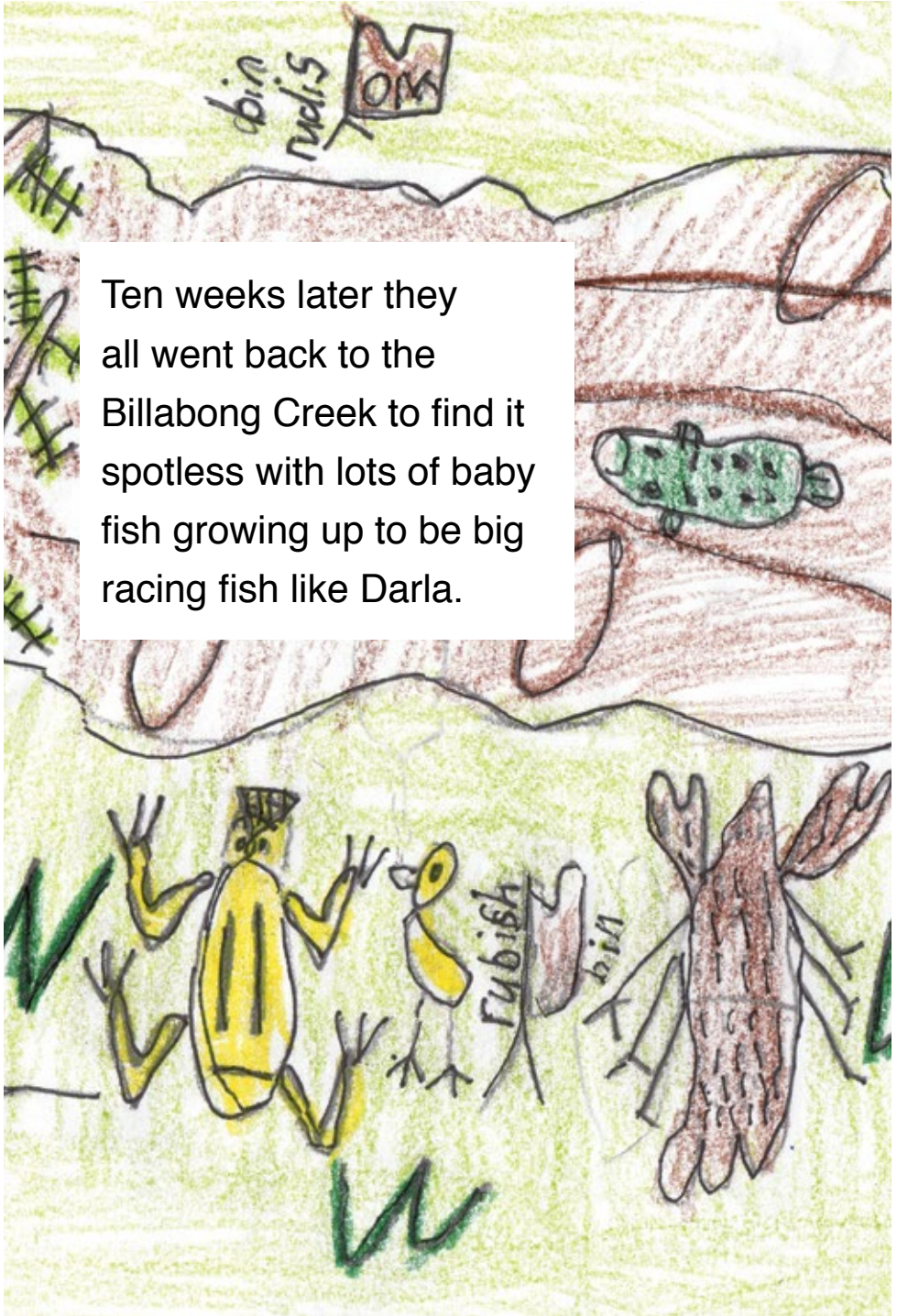




Goldie was a ghost. She sang a spooky song that went like this; “Stay away from the Billabong Creek or I will come and get you and there are no chances! Keep away!”



After that they went home
and had a big sleep.



Ten weeks later they all went back to the Billabong Creek to find it spotless with lots of baby fish growing up to be big racing fish like Darla.



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