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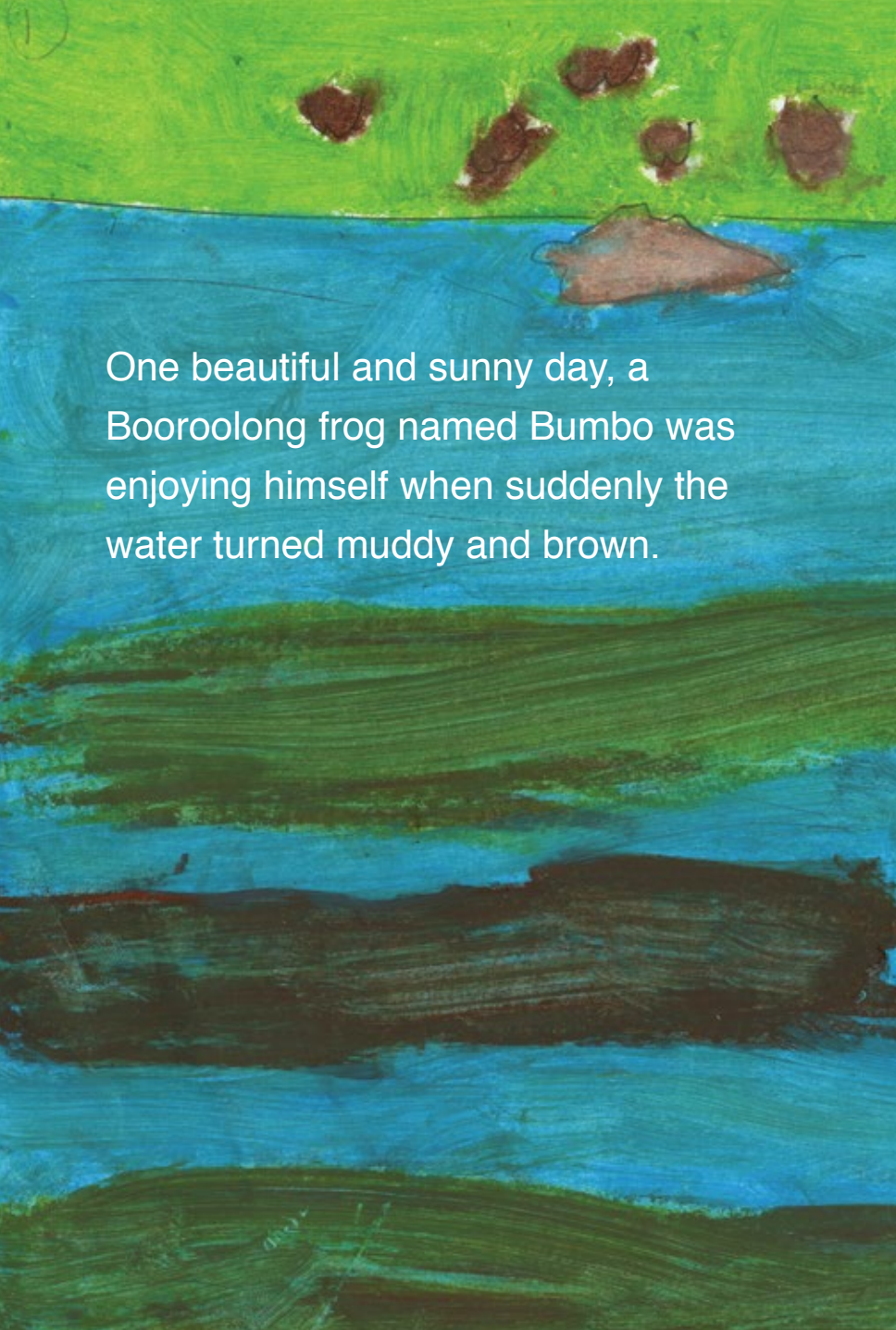


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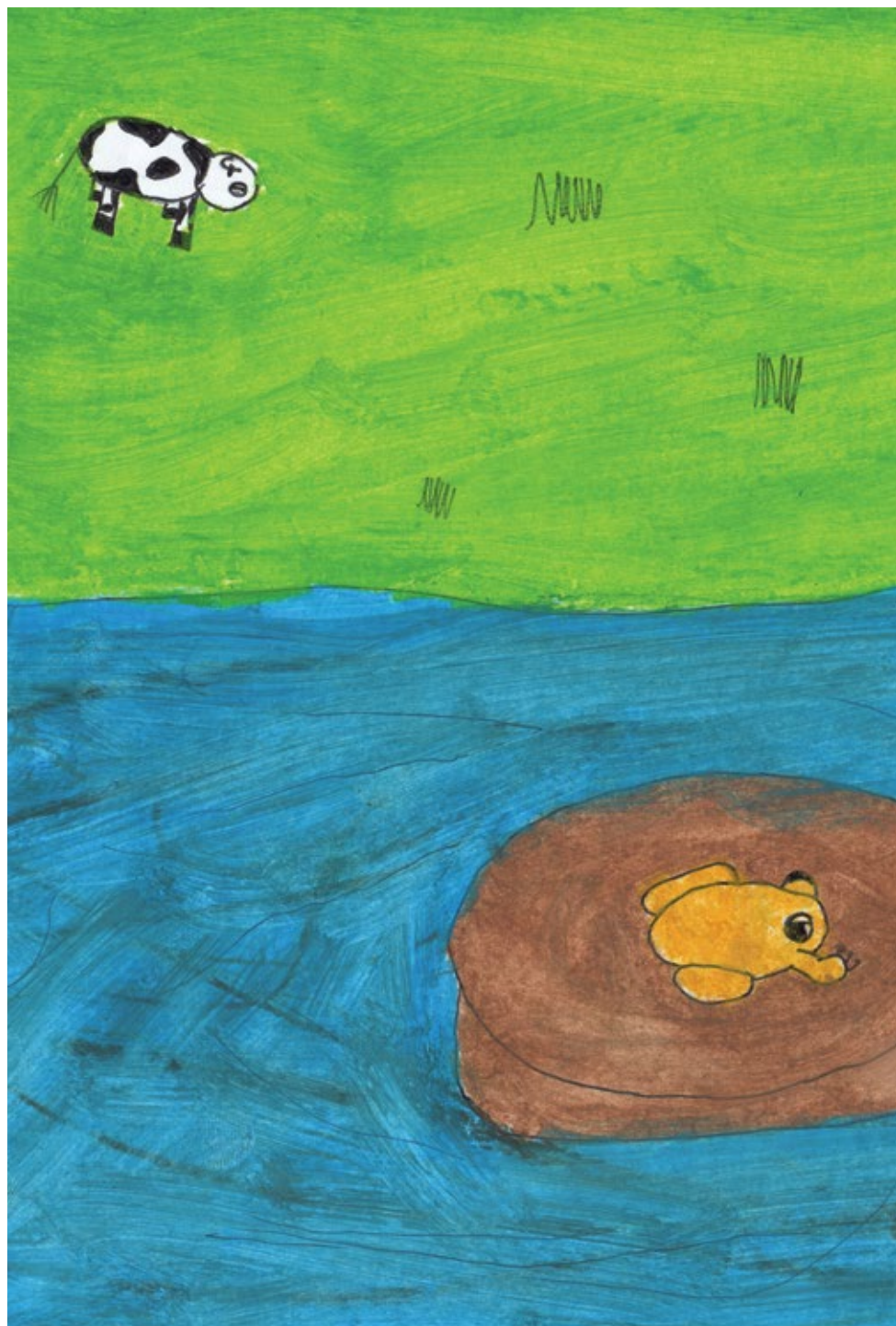
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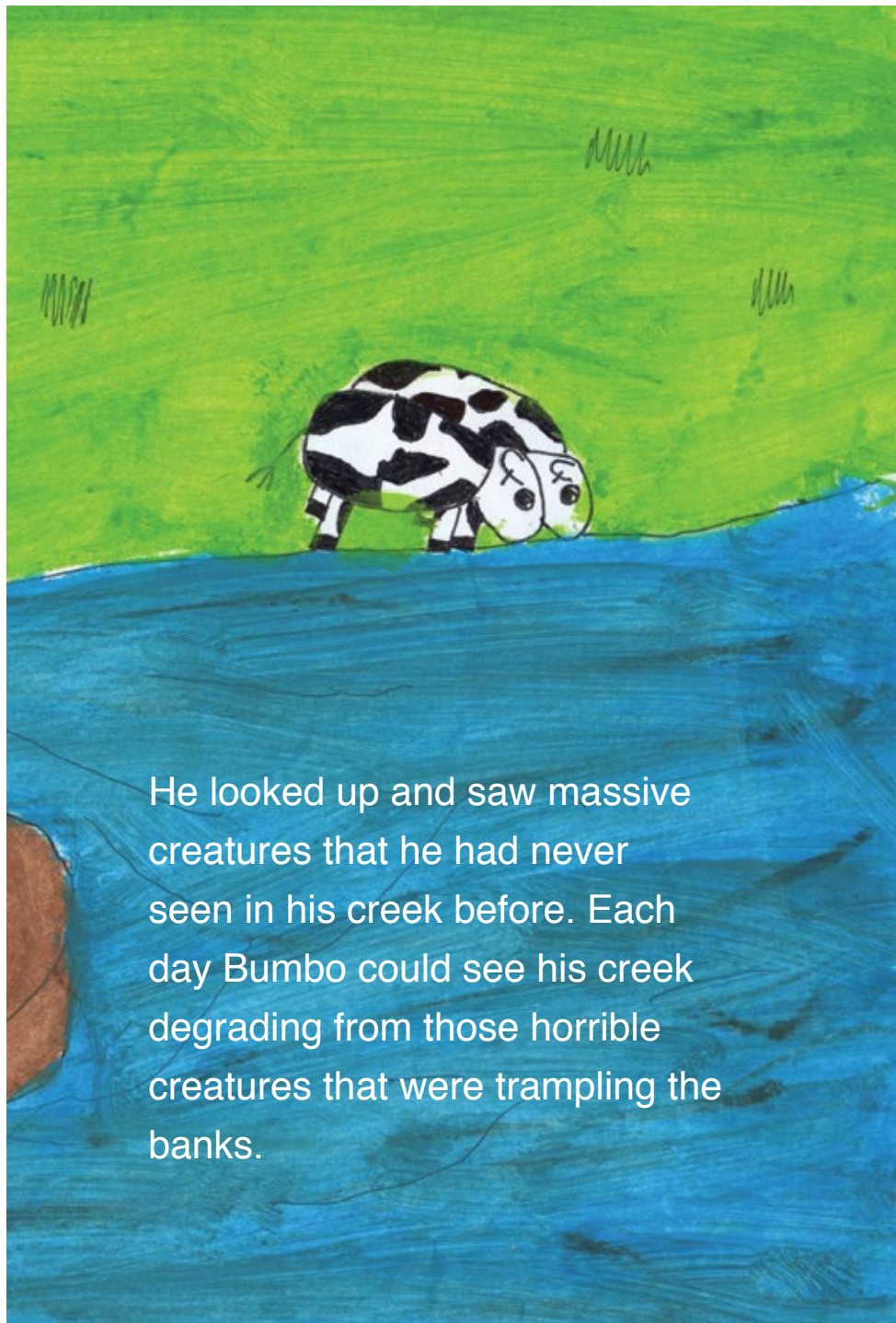


A painting of a landscape. The top section is a bright green sky with several dark brown, irregular shapes that look like holes or tears. Below the sky is a blue body of water. In the middle of the water is a brown, irregular island. The bottom section of the painting is a dark green, textured area that looks like a field or a forest. The overall style is abstract and expressive, with visible brushstrokes and a limited color palette.

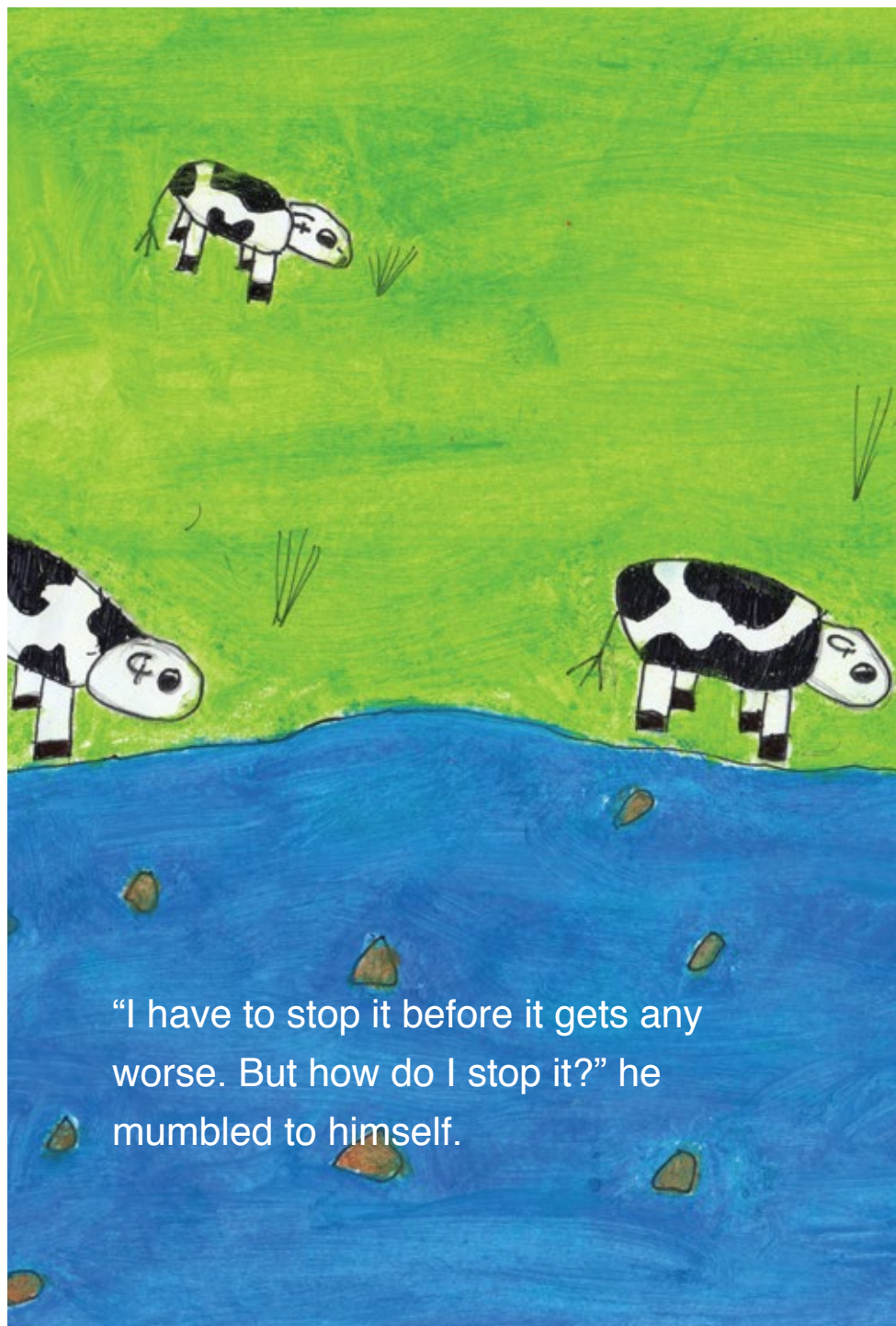
One beautiful and sunny day, a
Booroolong frog named Bumbo was
enjoying himself when suddenly the
water turned muddy and brown.

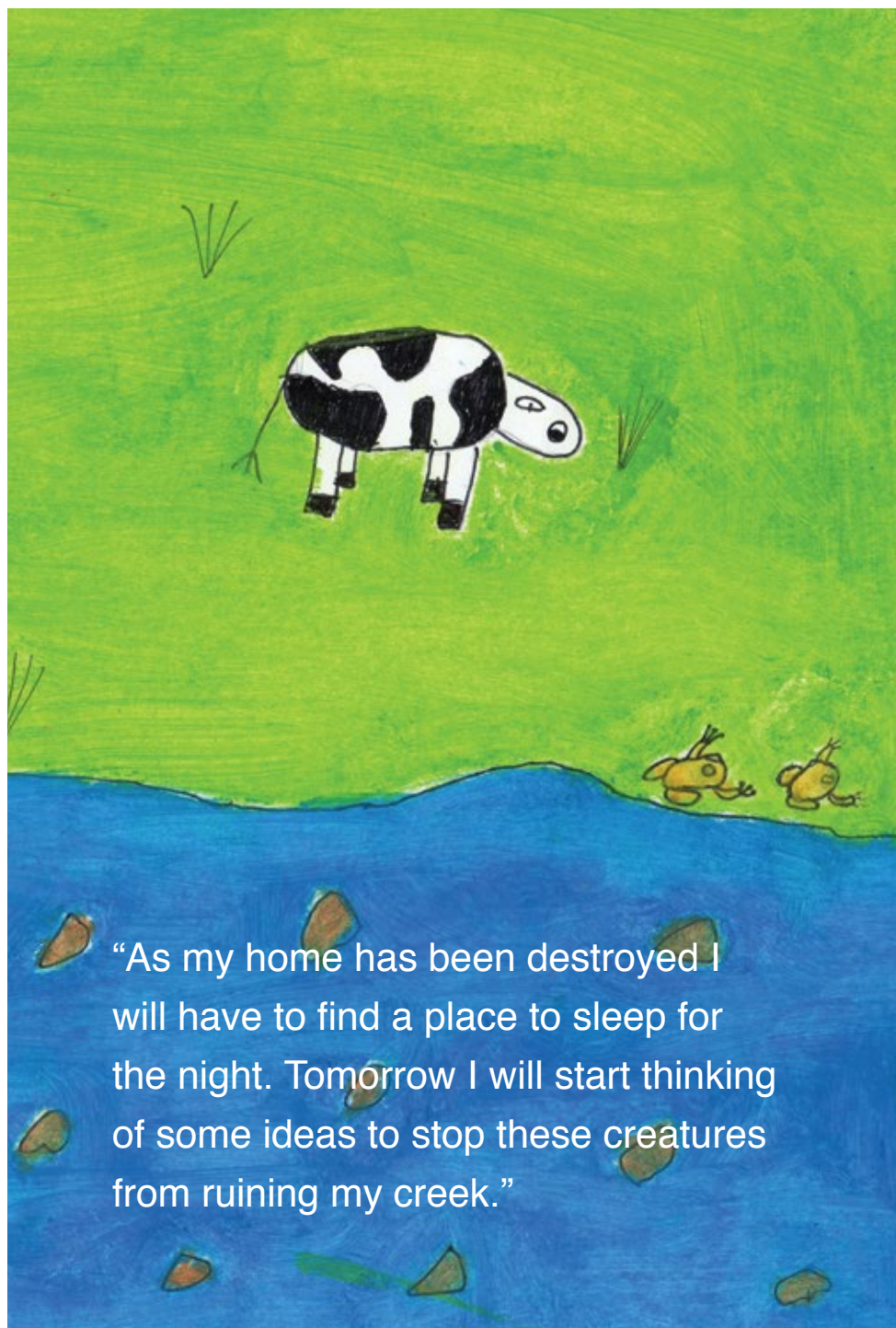


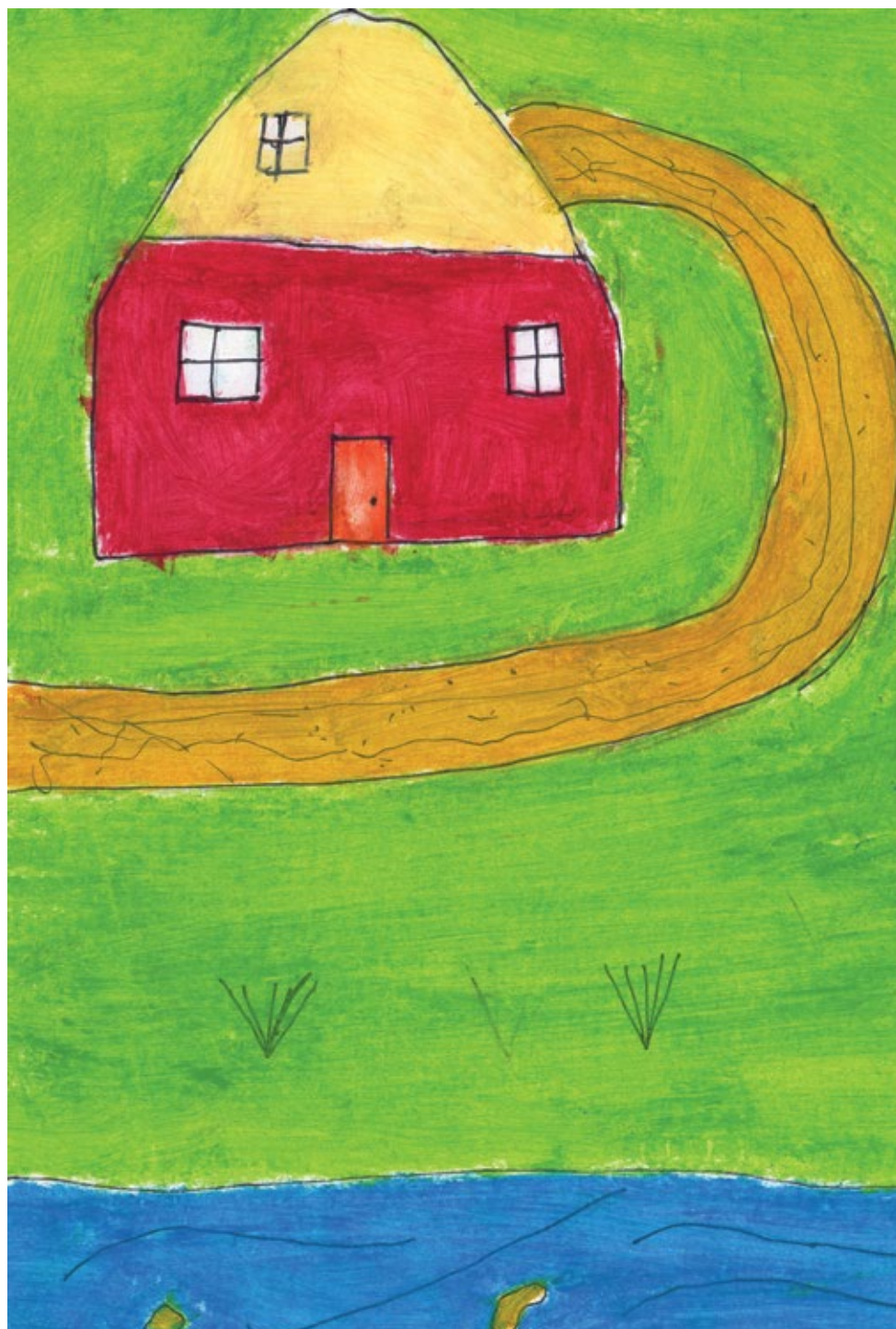


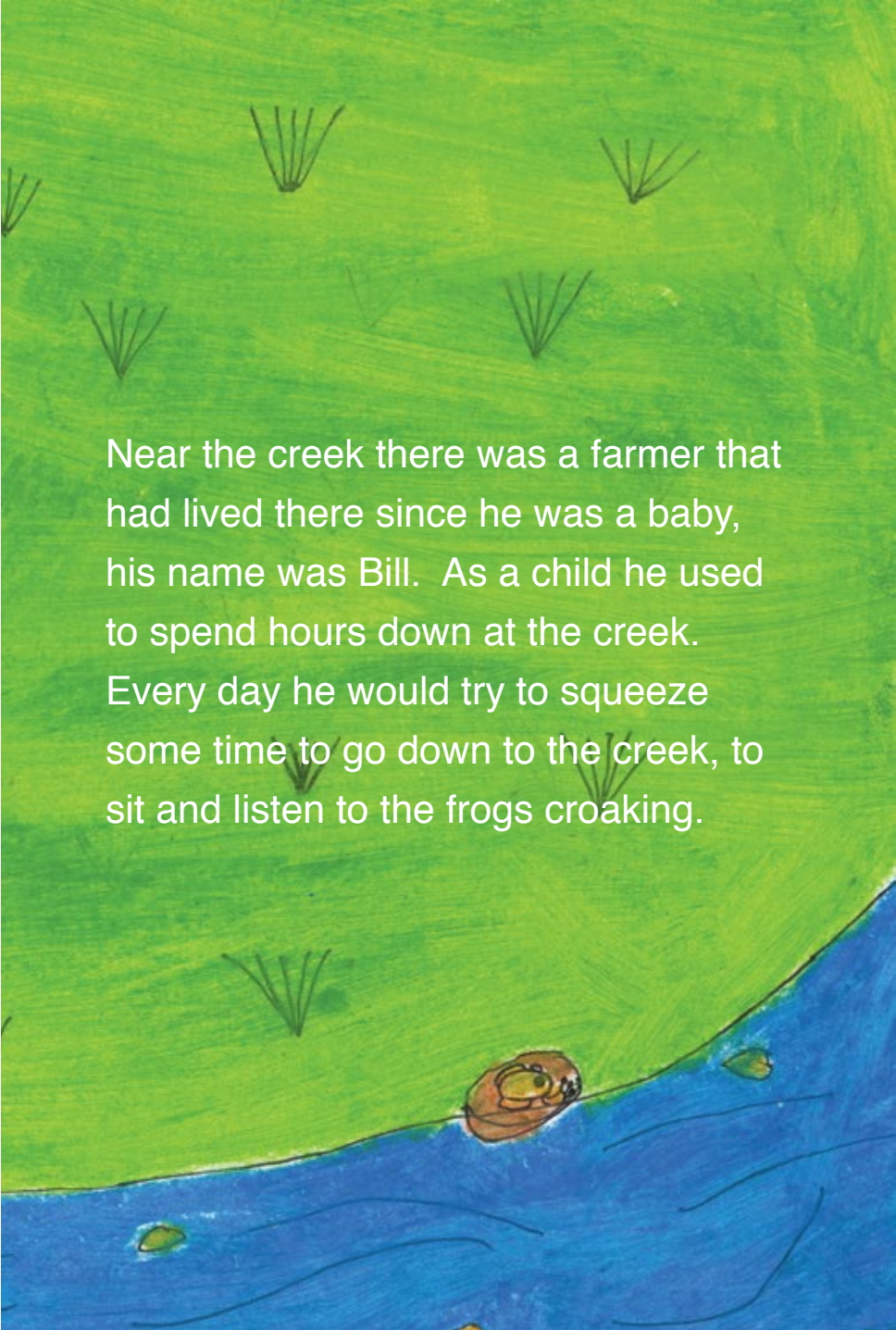


He looked up and saw massive creatures that he had never seen in his creek before. Each day Bumbo could see his creek degrading from those horrible creatures that were trampling the banks.







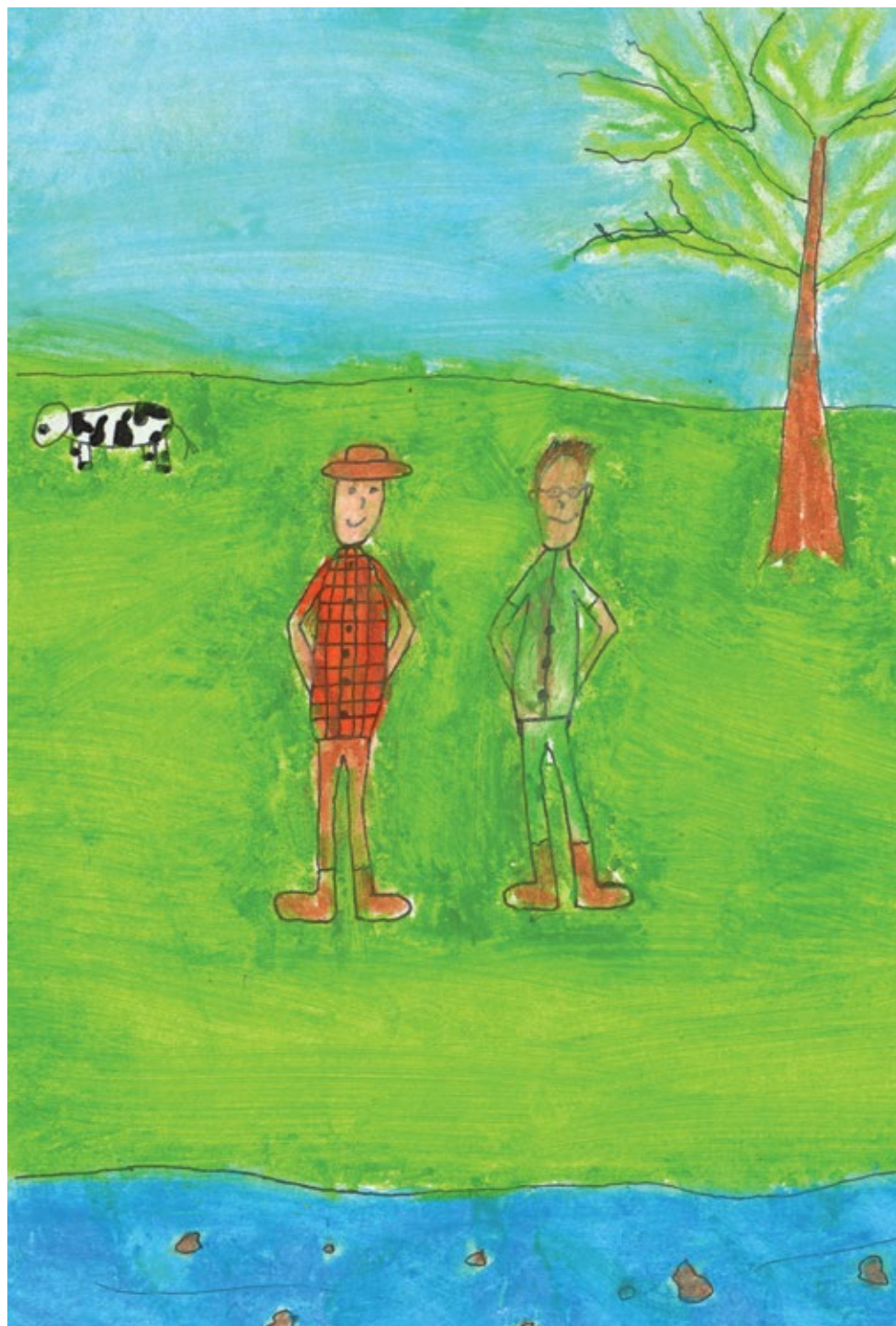


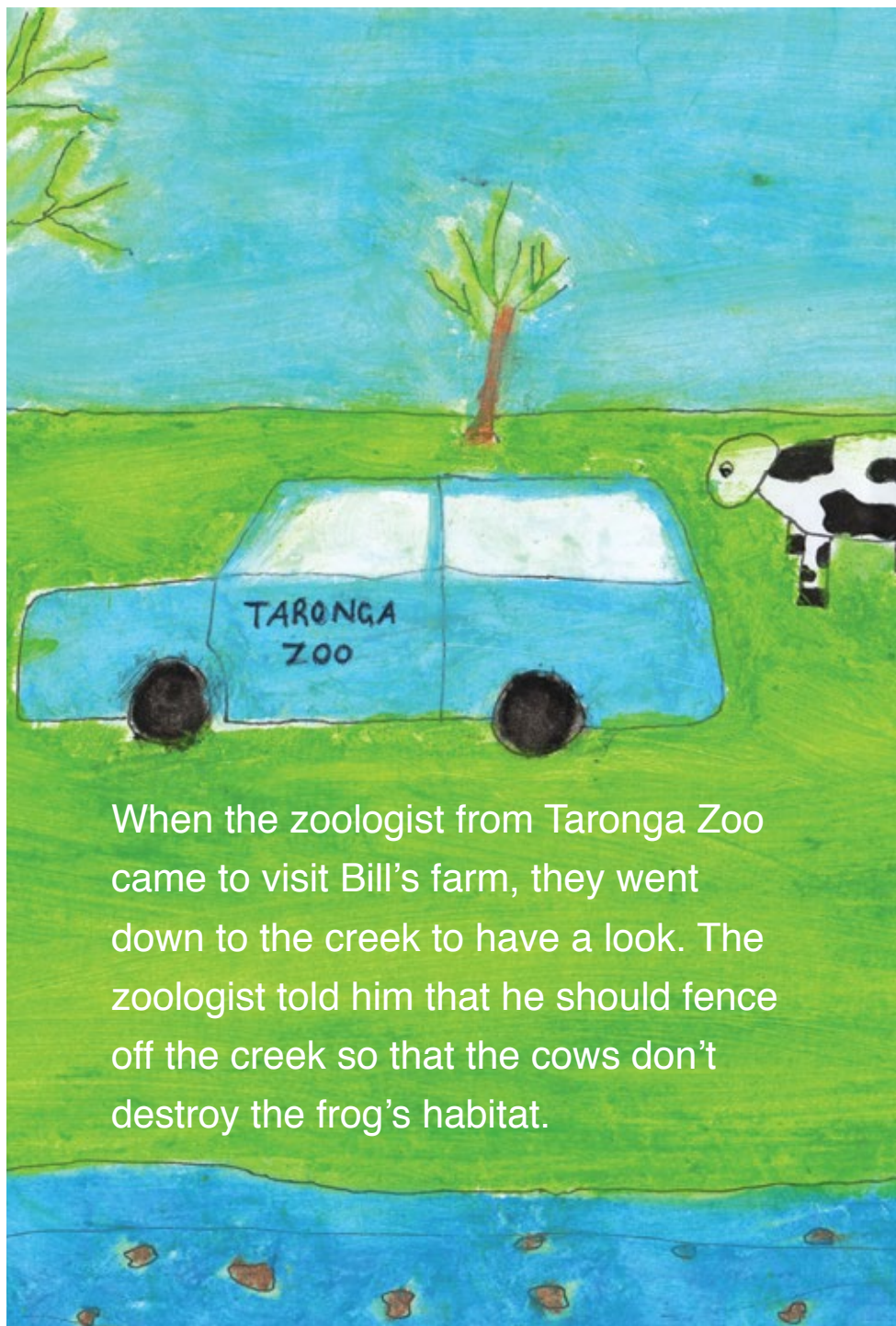
Near the creek there was a farmer that
had lived there since he was a baby,
his name was Bill. As a child he used
to spend hours down at the creek.
Every day he would try to squeeze
some time to go down to the creek, to
sit and listen to the frogs croaking.

One afternoon Bill went down to the creek to check on the cows when he saw a sick frog beside a cow's hoof. Bill gently picked up the frog then he walked up to the house.

He quickly rang up the zoo to find out what to do. They asked him where he lived, and they said, "We will have to come and have a look."







When the zoologist from Taronga Zoo came to visit Bill's farm, they went down to the creek to have a look. The zoologist told him that he should fence off the creek so that the cows don't destroy the frog's habitat.



That week Bill went to buy some equipment for the fence. He picked up some wire, star posts, strainers and stay poles. He also got some native plants like spike rush and blunt pond weed. He went back to the farm and started on the fence to keep the cattle out straight away.



Three days later, the fence was complete. Bill put the native plants in, and after a good day's work he had finished. He had begun the journey of restoring the creek to its original habitat.



When Bumbo saw the creek, he was amazed and relieved.

Later that evening Bill went to sit at his creek once more. As Bill sat, he watched and listened to Bumbo and the other frogs croaking in the sunset. He felt proud of the part he played in saving the Booroolong Frog.



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