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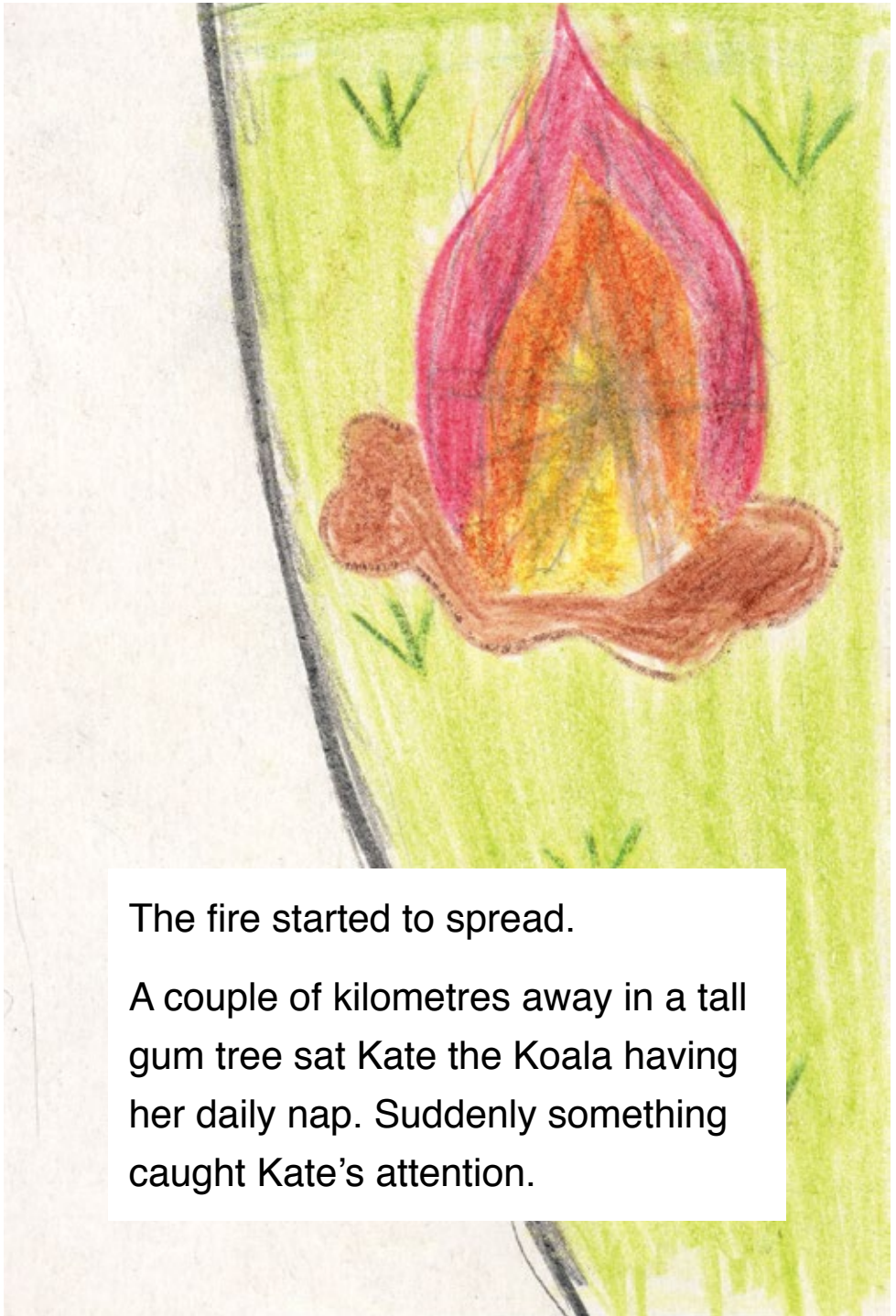
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One day there were three teenage boys camping in the outback. Their names were Bill, Tom and Greg. That night they had a campfire. After sitting around the fire for a few hours they decided to go to bed.

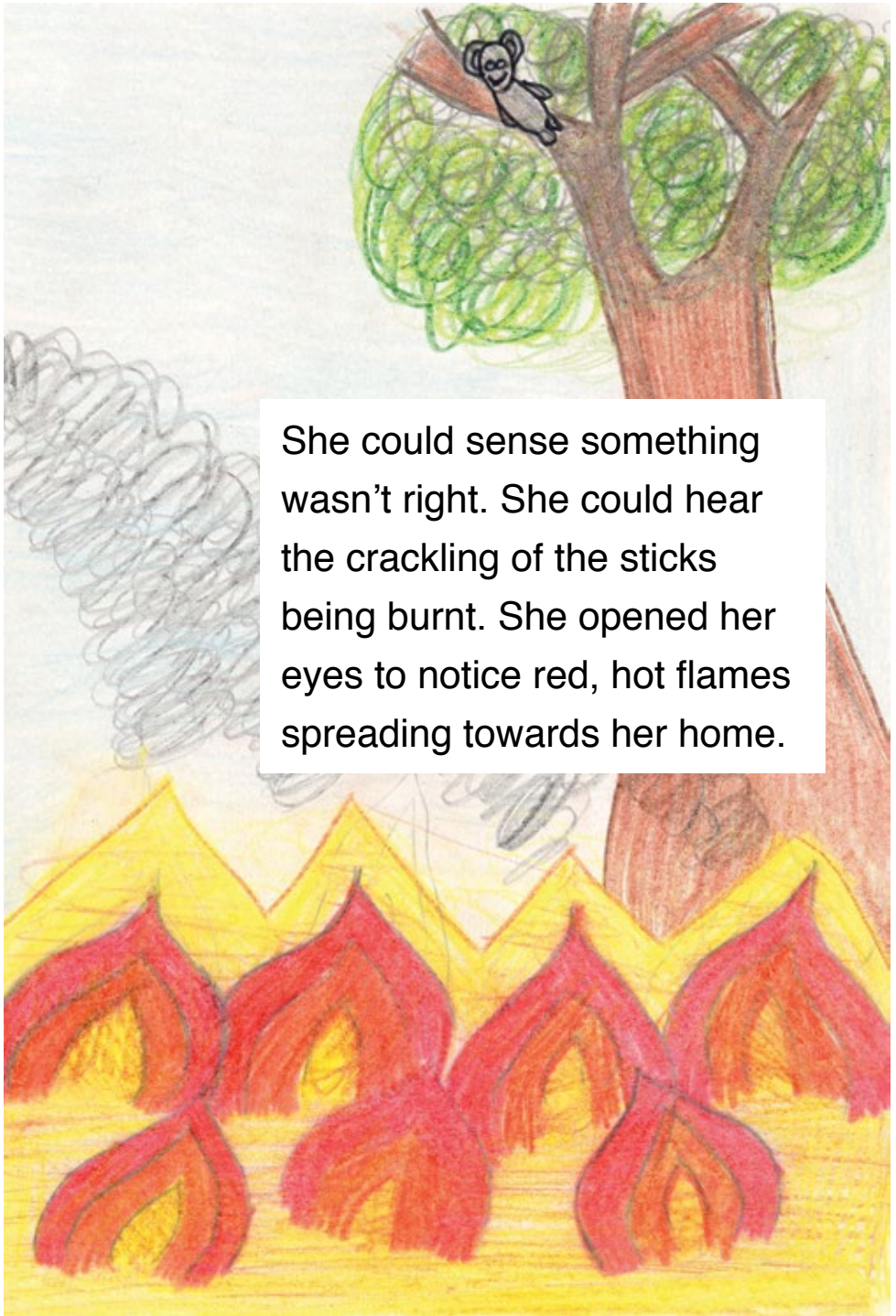


The next morning they packed up and went home. But they had forgotten to put the fire out.

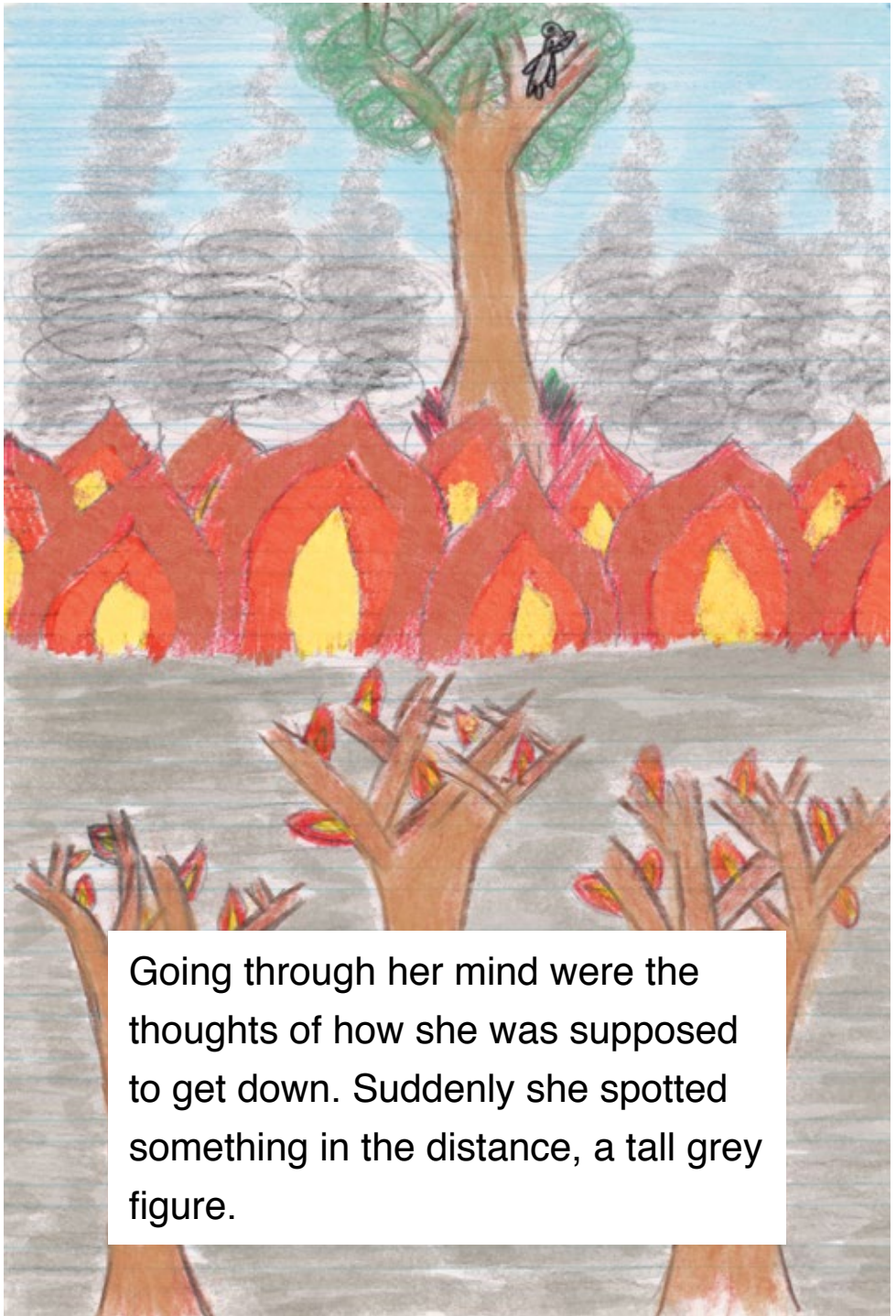


The fire started to spread.

A couple of kilometres away in a tall gum tree sat Kate the Koala having her daily nap. Suddenly something caught Kate's attention.

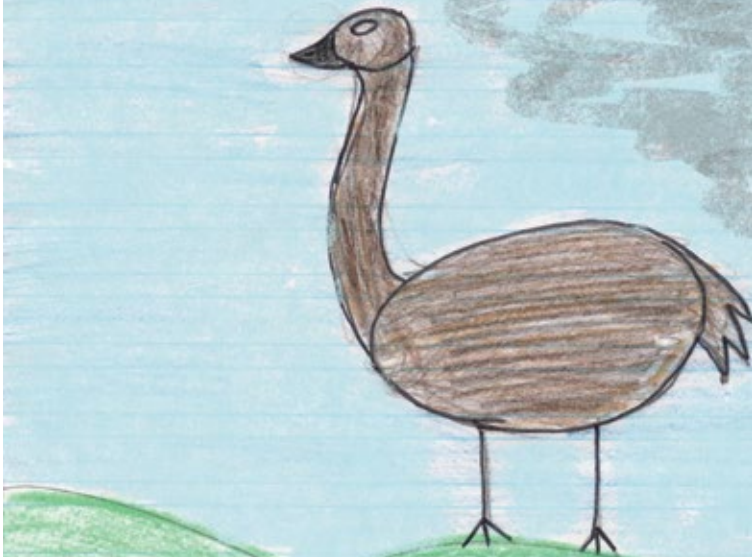


She could sense something wasn't right. She could hear the crackling of the sticks being burnt. She opened her eyes to notice red, hot flames spreading towards her home.



Going through her mind were the thoughts of how she was supposed to get down. Suddenly she spotted something in the distance, a tall grey figure.

She couldn't work out what the strange thing was. It came closer by the minute until it came to a sudden stop.



She was saying to herself, “Oh no its Edward the Emu. I have heard bad things about him.”

Edward shouted, “Don’t worry, I am here to get you to a safe place.”

“Are you sure?” Kate said.

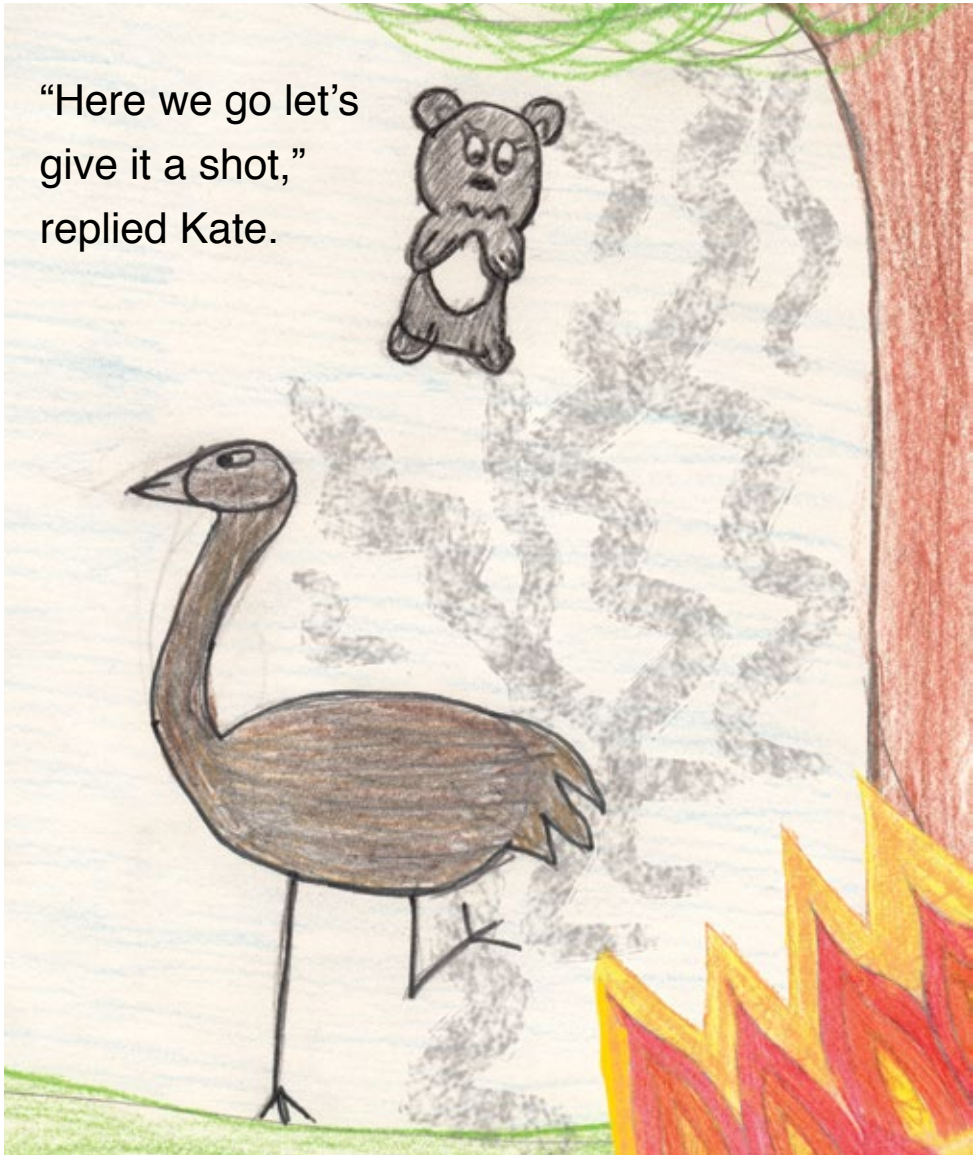
“Yes, I promise. If you trust me, I will be able to save you,” replied Edward.

“Alright then, what is your plan?” asked Kate.

“I’ll run past, then you jump on my back and hold on tight, and I mean tight,” said Edward.



“Here we go let’s give it a shot,” replied Kate.



As Edward was running as fast as he could, Kate was desperately hoping that the plan would work. Suddenly, Kate jumped and landed on Edward’s back.



Kate was holding on tight. She was riding Edward like he was a horse and she was the jockey. They finally came to a stop. Kate had no idea where Edward had taken her.

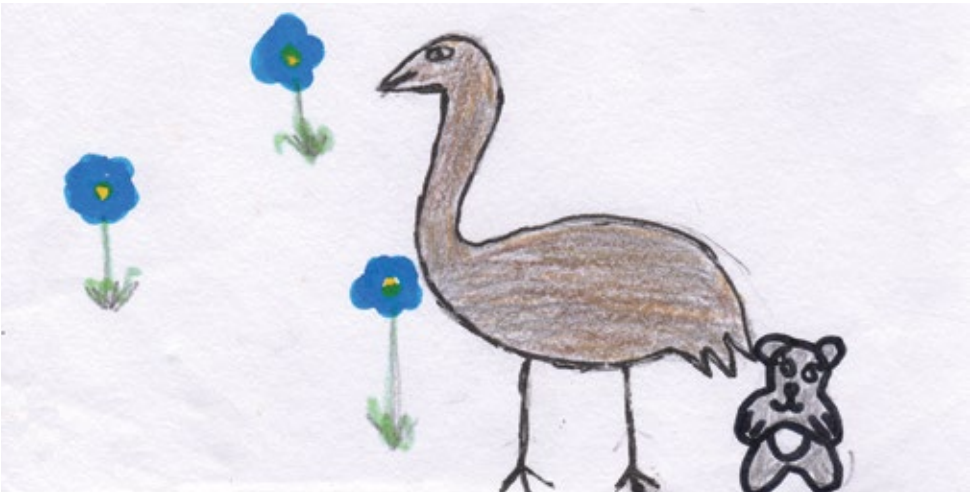


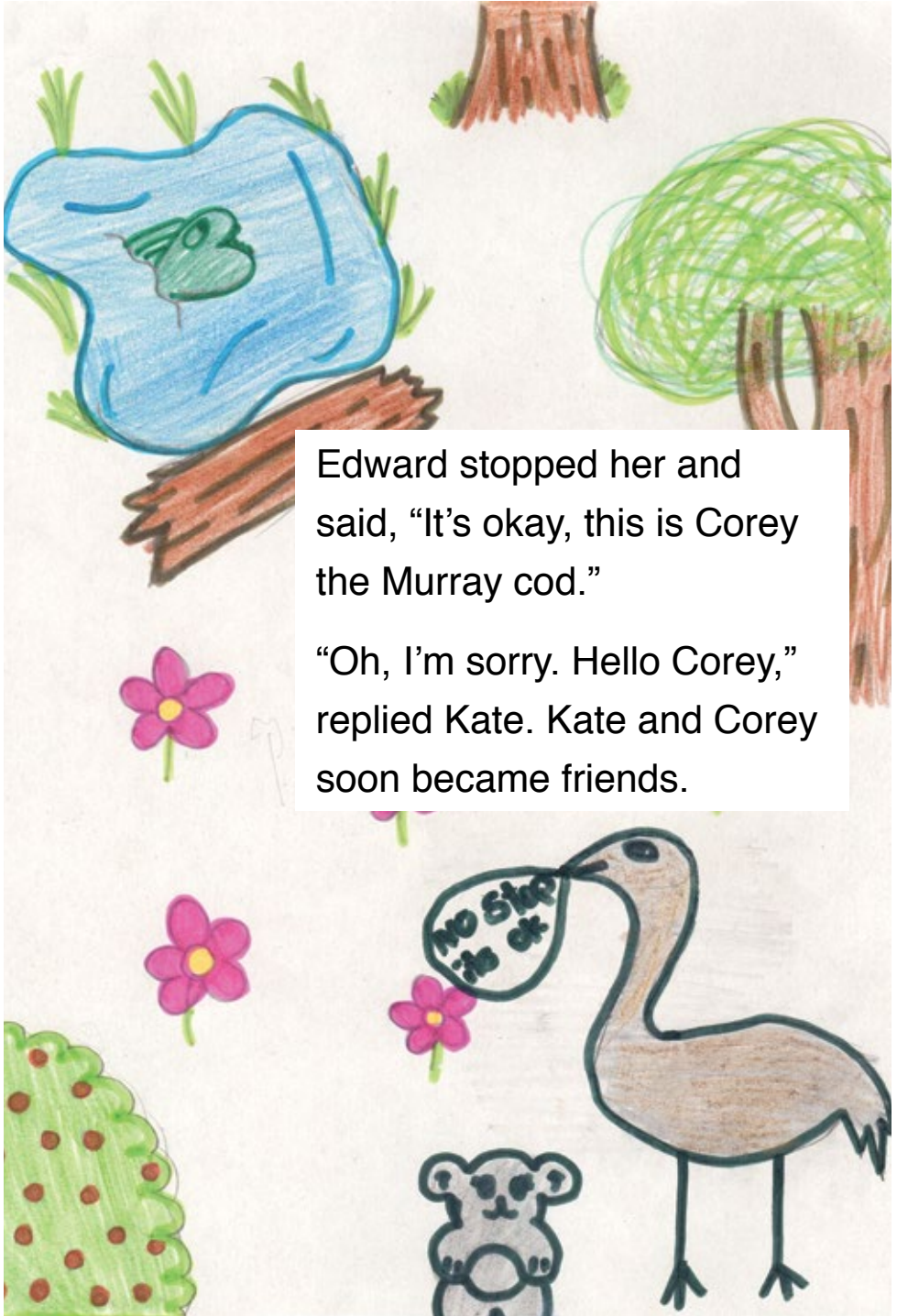
“Here we are,” said Edward.

“Where are we?” said Kate.

“We are at Corey the Murray cod’s place and we will stay here near the water, where it is safe.”

Along came a cod and Kate didn’t know if it was Corey, so she got a little bit scared and tried to run away.





Edward stopped her and said, "It's okay, this is Corey the Murray cod."

"Oh, I'm sorry. Hello Corey," replied Kate. Kate and Corey soon became friends.



The next day Kate said to Edward, “Where am I going to live?”

“You can live here in the big gum tree out the back,” said Corey.

“Why thank you Corey,” said Kate.

With the fire put out by the humans, they all felt safe and lived happily together around the swamp.



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