

Khai the Bush stone-curlew



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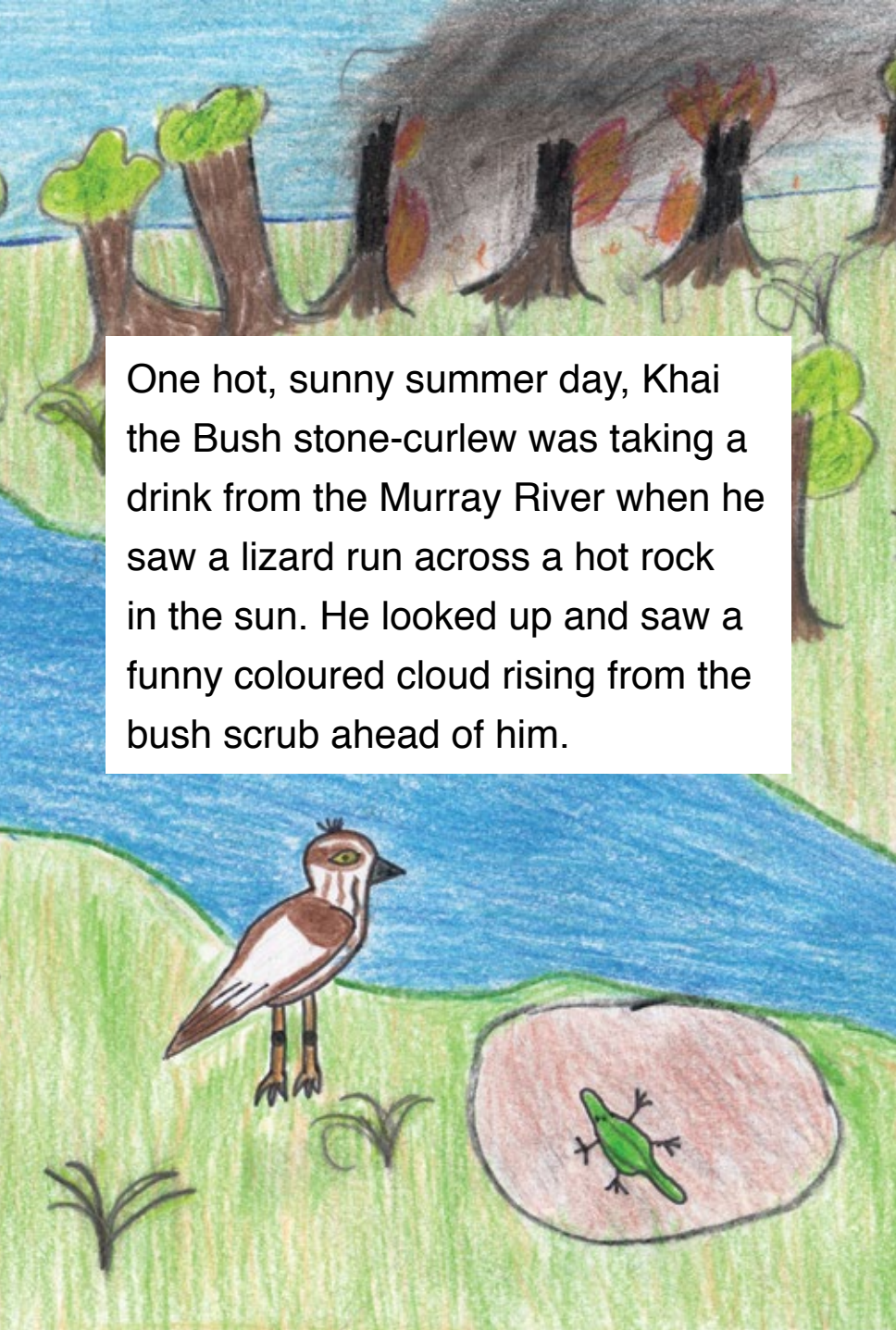


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A colorful illustration of a landscape. In the foreground, a brown and white bird with a small crest stands on a green grassy bank. To its right, a green lizard is on a pinkish-red rock. In the background, a blue river flows through a green field. Several trees are visible, some with green foliage and others with autumn-colored leaves. The sky is a light blue.

One hot, sunny summer day, Khai the Bush stone-curlew was taking a drink from the Murray River when he saw a lizard run across a hot rock in the sun. He looked up and saw a funny coloured cloud rising from the bush scrub ahead of him.

A bunch of noisy Galahs flew over Khai's head and he realized that something was wrong. One Galah came down to warn him there was a fire. It had been started by careless humans.





The bush was now going crazy.
Animals fled everywhere.



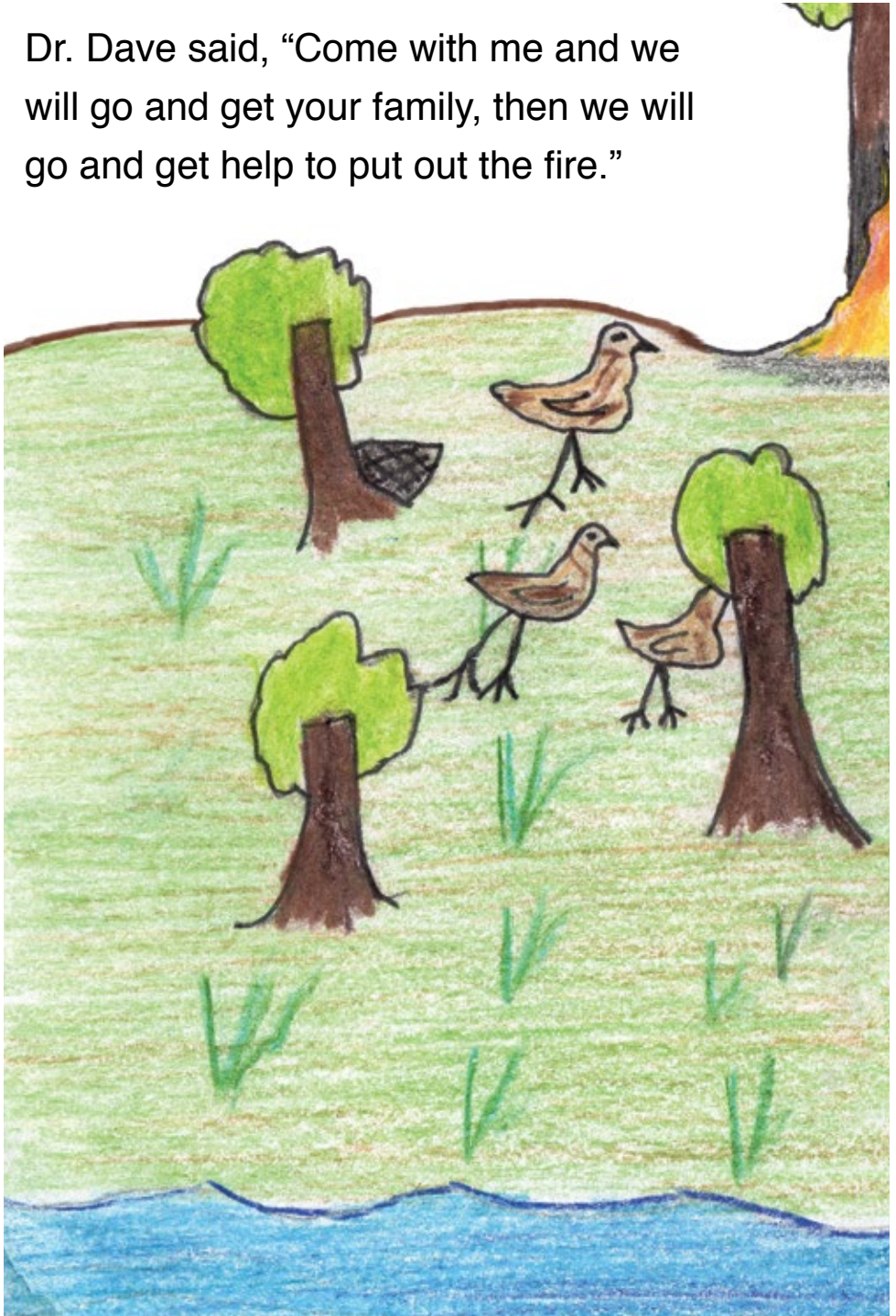


Khai knew he had to get his family to safety before it was too late.

While Khai was running home he ran into a human. It was Dr. Dave, the expert on native Australia.

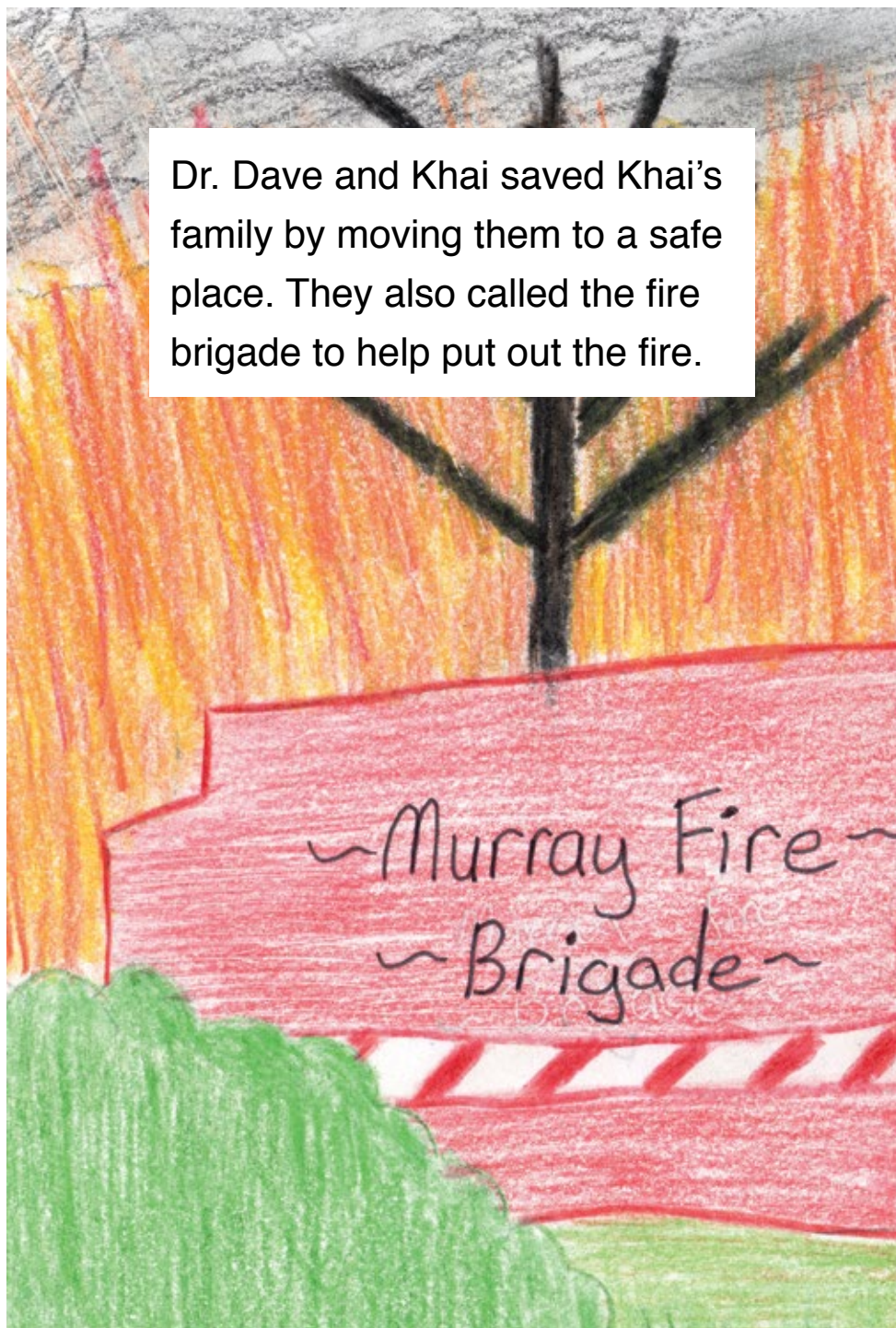


Dr. Dave said, “Come with me and we will go and get your family, then we will go and get help to put out the fire.”

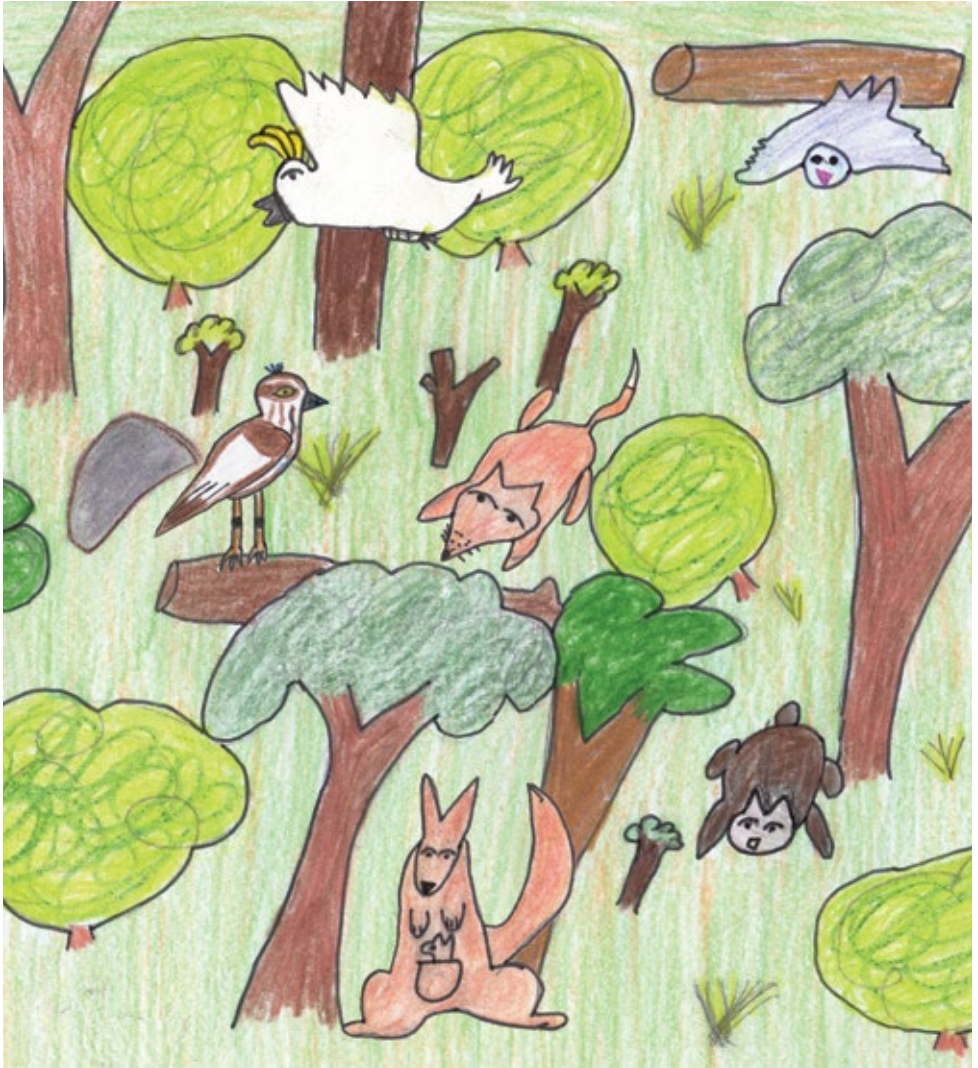




Dr. Dave and Khai saved Khai's family by moving them to a safe place. They also called the fire brigade to help put out the fire.







After the fire, Dr Dave made a new habitat for all the animals who had lost their homes. They all lived happily and hoped there wouldn't be any more fires.



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