

Pip's Amazing Rescue

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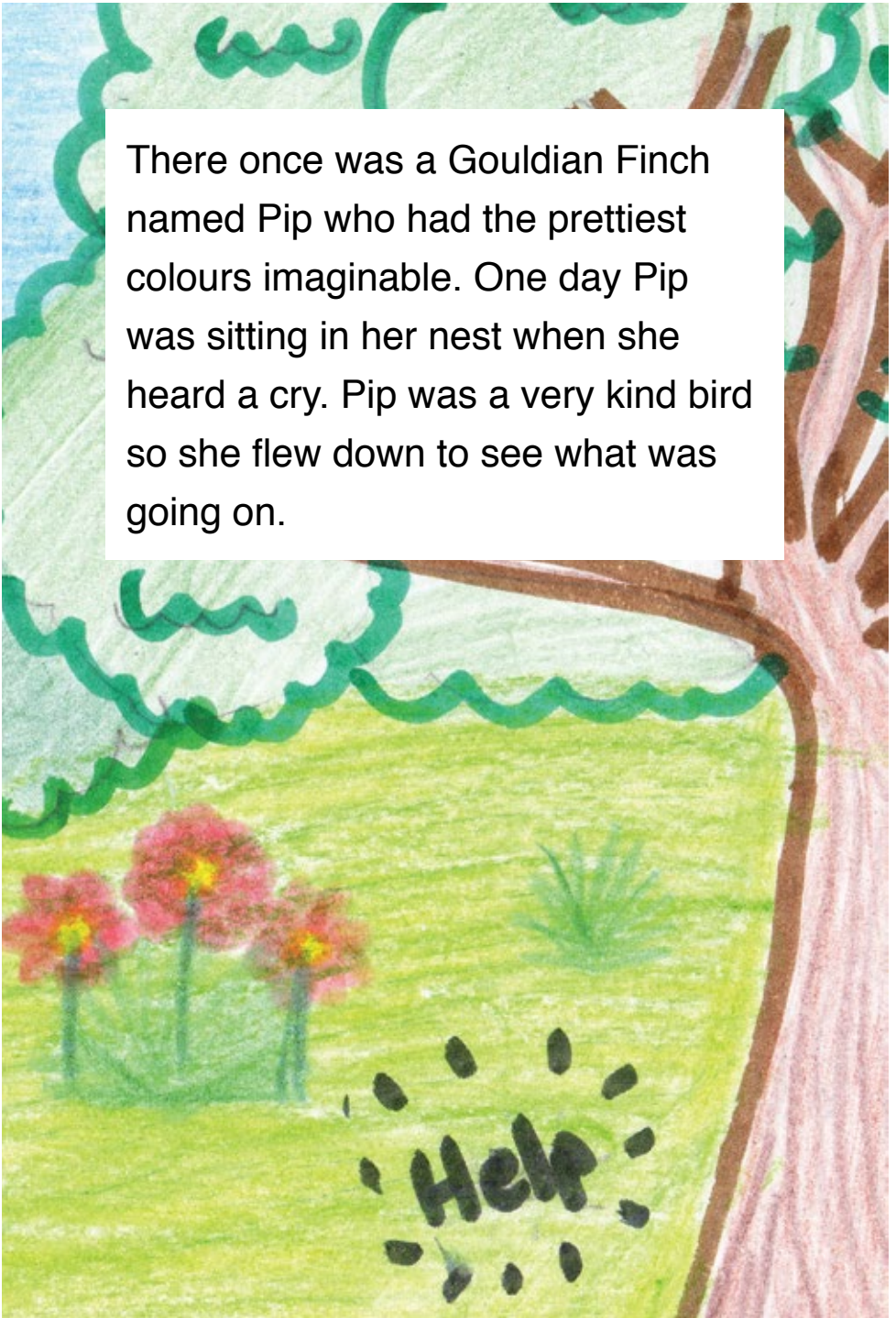


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There once was a Gouldian Finch named Pip who had the prettiest colours imaginable. One day Pip was sitting in her nest when she heard a cry. Pip was a very kind bird so she flew down to see what was going on.





Pip followed the sound of the cries as they got louder and louder. She finally discovered where it was coming from. A mother kangaroo was crying for help because her baby was being stuffed into a vehicle. It's mother was crying for help. All this was because of humans.

The mother was kicking and scratching but it wasn't enough. The humans took off with the joey. Pip flew down to see the mother.

“Is there anything I can do?” she asked.





“The only thing I want is my son back!”
exclaimed the terrified mother.



“Don’t worry I’ll try my
hardest to get your son
back,” said Pip bravely.

“Thank you so much,
but you’re such a small
bird...how are you going
to it?”



“I’ll think of a way to get him back. I promise you that I will bring him home in perfect condition,” explained Pip.

With that, Pip set off to follow the mysterious ute. Suddenly it came into view. Pip could see the cage sitting in the back.

Pip flew down as close as she could to the ute. She silently dropped onto the speeding vehicle carefully making her way to the cage. Sitting inside was a dark shadow of a young joey sobbing softly to himself.



“Don’t worry,” whispered Pip, “I am here to get you out. I will take you home.”

“But you’re only a little bird, how will you save me?” whimpered the joey.

“I will find a way.”

Pip then started to fiddle with the lock when suddenly the door popped open. The joey happily hopped out of the cage.

“What do we do now?” asked the joey.

“We wait for them to arrive,” replied Pip.



All of a sudden the ute came to a halt. Pip looked around to see they were at a local service station a few kilometres away from the bush where the joey's mother was waiting.

“When they go inside you have to jump out of the ute and hop as fast as you can straight down the dirt track,” instructed Pip.

“What’s your name by the way? Mine’s Joey.”

“I am Pip the Gouldian finch, now we have to go! Hurry!”





As quick as a flash they got off the ute and made their way as quickly as possible down the dirt track. After half an hour or so they discovered that they were only 5 minutes away from where originally Joey was stolen.

“We’re nearly there!” cheered Joey as a burst of energy entered his body. Pip and Joey once again were sprinting down the track to find Joey’s mother standing with her arms wide open. Joey jumped into her arms.



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