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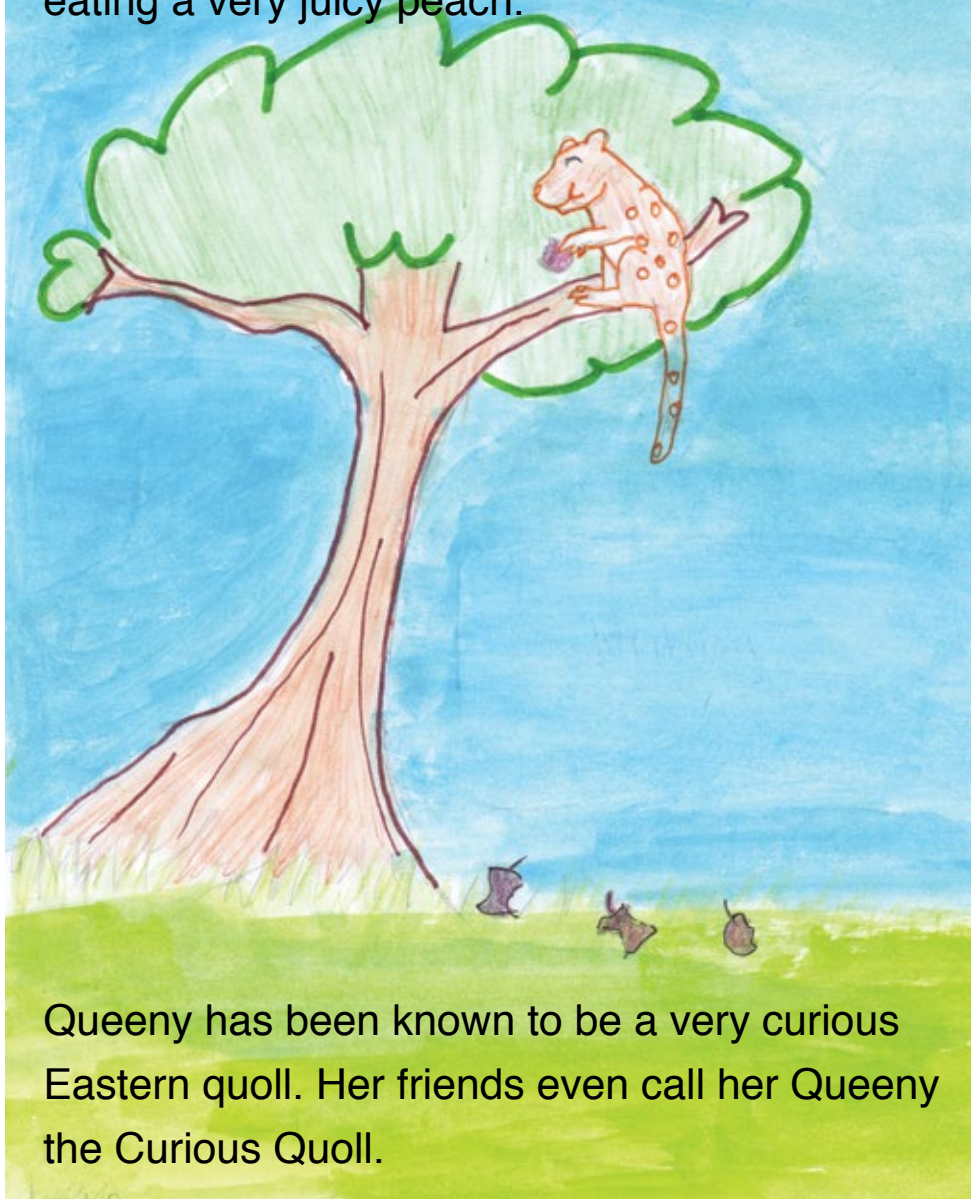
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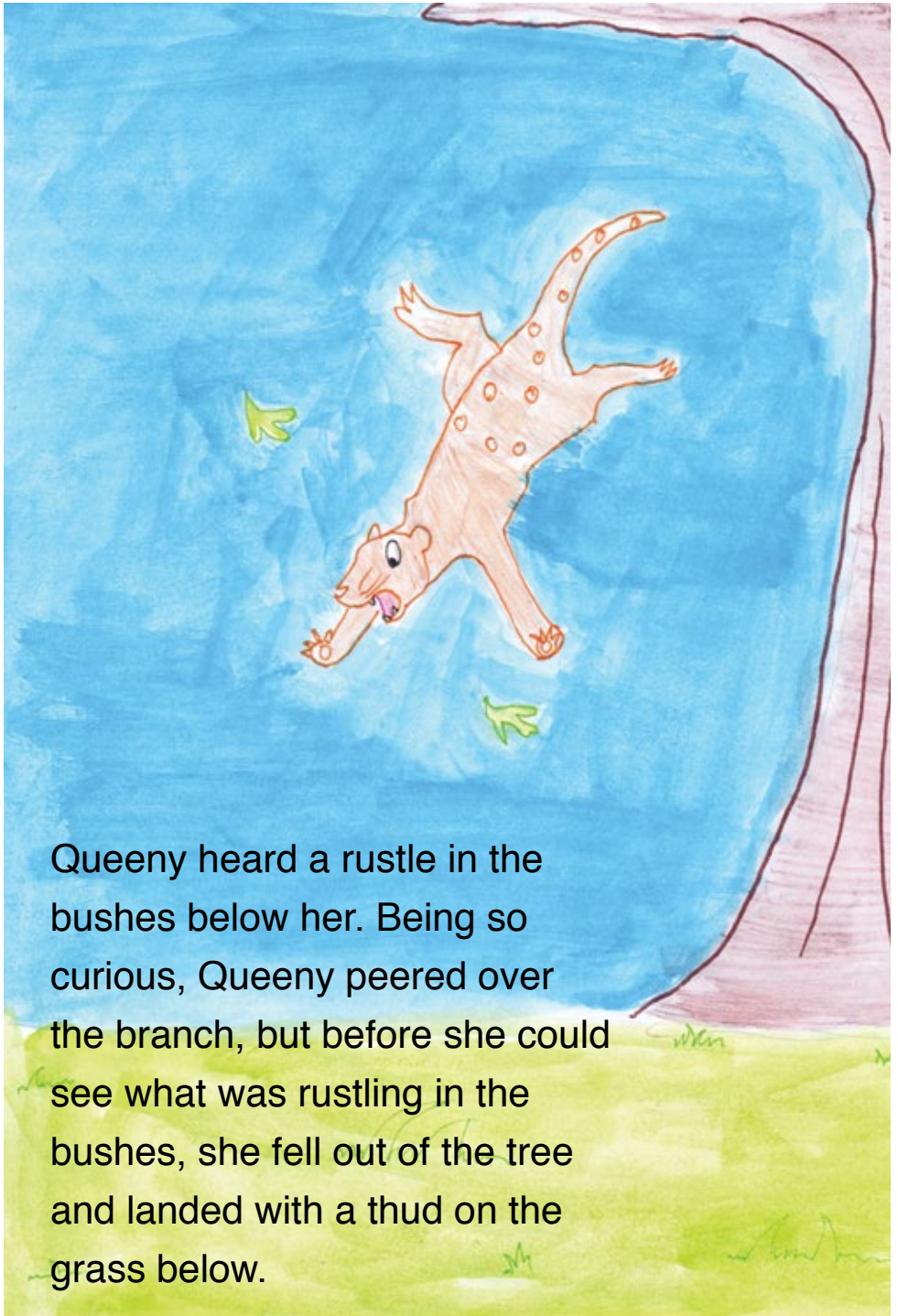
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On a beautiful spring morning in Albury, NSW, Australia, Queeny the quoll was resting on her favourite branch up in her peach tree. She was eating a very juicy peach.



Queeny has been known to be a very curious Eastern quoll. Her friends even call her Queeny the Curious Quoll.

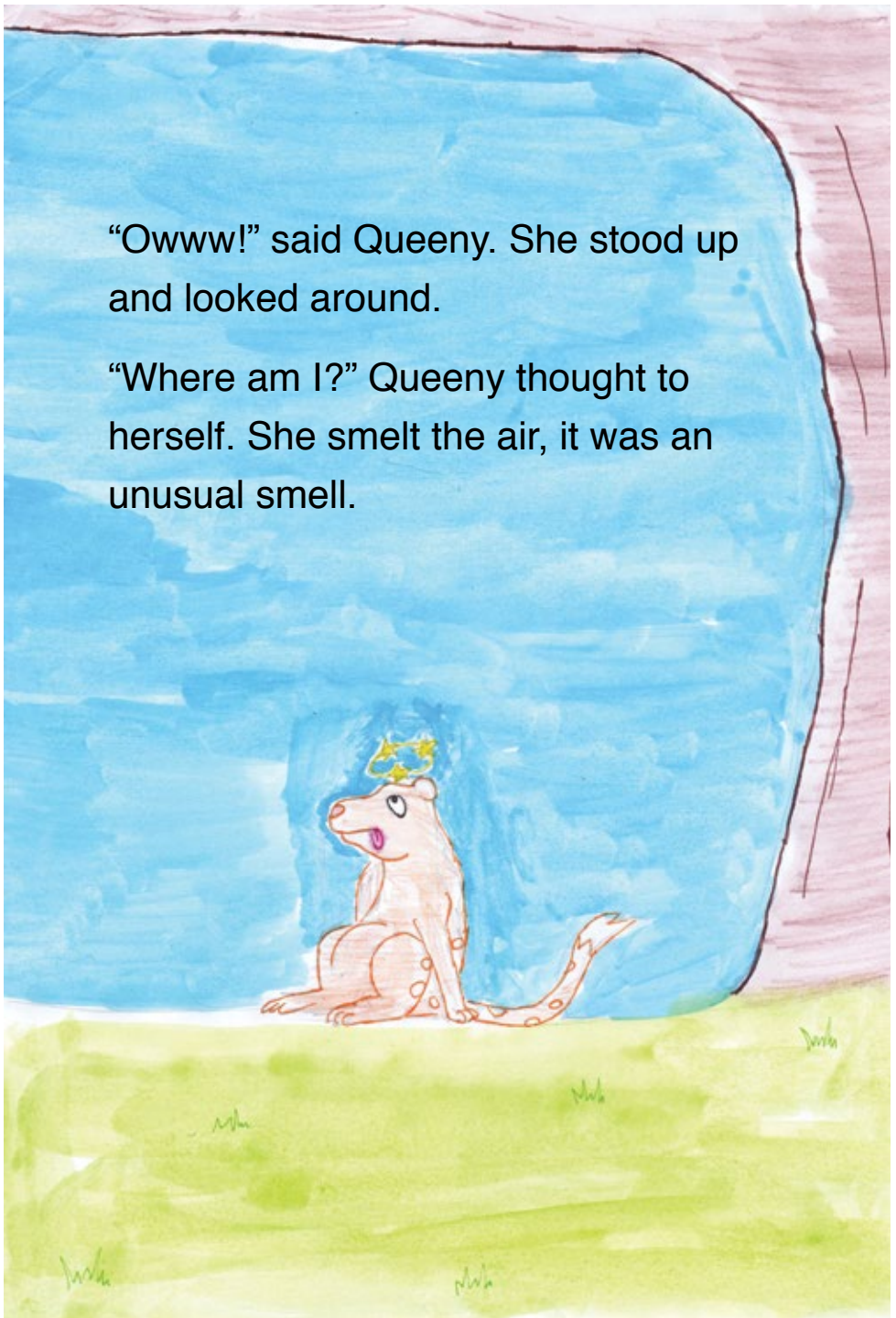




Queeny heard a rustle in the bushes below her. Being so curious, Queeny peered over the branch, but before she could see what was rustling in the bushes, she fell out of the tree and landed with a thud on the grass below.

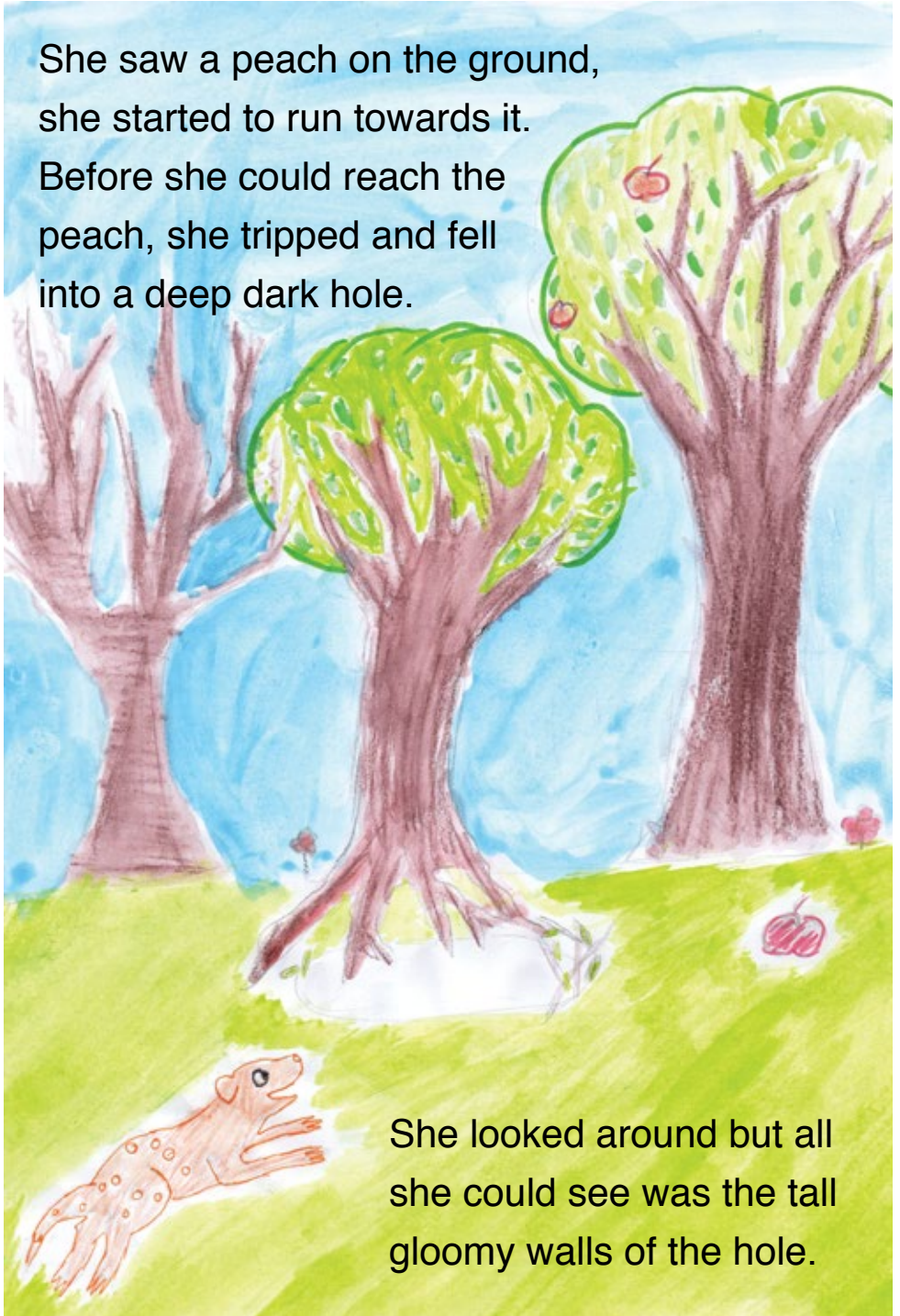
“Owww!” said Queeny. She stood up and looked around.

“Where am I?” Queeny thought to herself. She smelt the air, it was an unusual smell.





She saw a peach on the ground,  
she started to run towards it.  
Before she could reach the  
peach, she tripped and fell  
into a deep dark hole.



She looked around but all  
she could see was the tall  
gloomy walls of the hole.

Queeny was puzzled and she didn't know what to do. Queeny heard a scratching sound coming from above.

“Help!” she cried. A little head poked out at the top of the hole.



“Eddy!” Queeny cried. “Please help me, I am down here!”

Queeny's best friend, Eddy the echidna, happened to be passing by and heard her call.



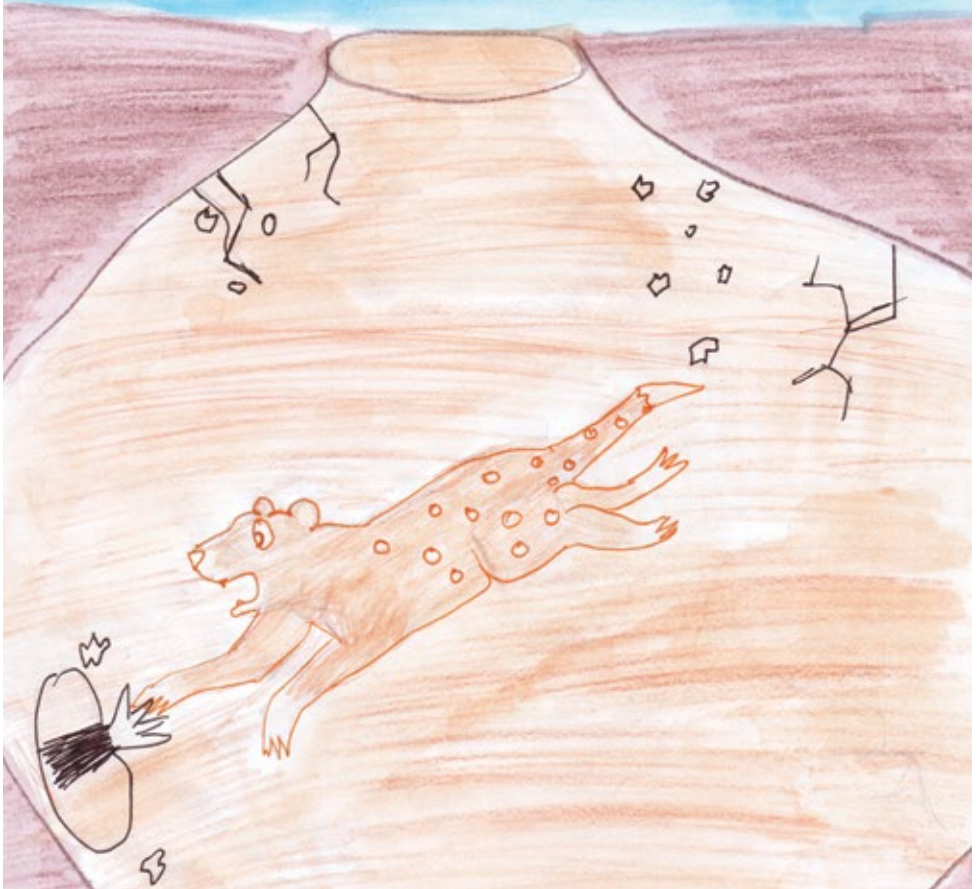
“Quick! Help me out,” shouted Queeny. Eddy heard her and bolted away.

“Where are you going Eddy?” Queeny asked in a scared voice. There was no answer. “Eddy?” she shouted now even more scared.



The dirt started crumbling above her. Queeny was worried. She didn't want it to end like this. Just before the dirt fell on her, a hand shot out of a small hole and pulled Queeny in. It was dark so she couldn't see anything.

She saw some light, yes! She jumped out of the hole and landed in a pile of grass. Eddy was beside Queeny. They both seemed very happy.







Before anything else happened they heard a loud ‘grrr’ somewhere behind them in the bushes. Queeny and Eddy immediately turned around to see a tremendously big dog in front of them.



“Hello Marlie,” said Eddy whilst reading the dogs collar.

“You have fallen into my trap!” replied Marlie.

“I think we should run!” shouted Queeny as she ran and hid in the bushes.

Steadily Eddy followed Queeny into the bushes. On his way, he turned around and shouted “Back off Marlie! I have these spikes on my back and I am not afraid to use them.”

The dog backed away seeing the spikes on Eddy’s back.





The dog retreated with a whine. He was almost beaten by an animal half his size.

Queeny was so grateful. They ran back to the peach tree. Queeny helped Eddy up into her house in the tree.

“Nice view,” Eddy said with an excited look.



“Thank you for saving me!” said Queeny.

“That’s all right,” replied Travis. “It’s a part of my job I guess.”

From that day on, Queeny never fell off her tree as she knew that danger was below her.







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