

# The Hunt is On

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This program provides an education and learning experience for kids through their active engagement with natural resource and catchment management issues. The final product is a published story written about local issues, by local kids, for local kids and future generations.

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Whilst the sun rose high above Talbingo Mountain, the Spotted-tailed quolls were hunting for meat to eat down in the valley. One of the quolls, named Spot, was hunting something big and delicious for his family. Spot was the eldest, he had a little sister and a little brother. His mum and dad had to look after them.



Spot and his family have lived in the mountains for many years. One day a poacher had moved into the area. He was in search of the quolls. He thought their fur would make a nice addition to his collection of wild animal pelts.

The hunter began laying traps all around the place to try and trap a quoll. All the animals were on alert with a poacher in the area. Nearly every animal was hiding from the poacher, everyone except Spot and his family.



One morning Spot went to get food for his family, but there was not an animal in sight. He heard footsteps coming towards him and decided to hide in a nearby bush. Behind the bush was the poacher's trap. He was squirming and twisting, but the rope got tighter and tighter.

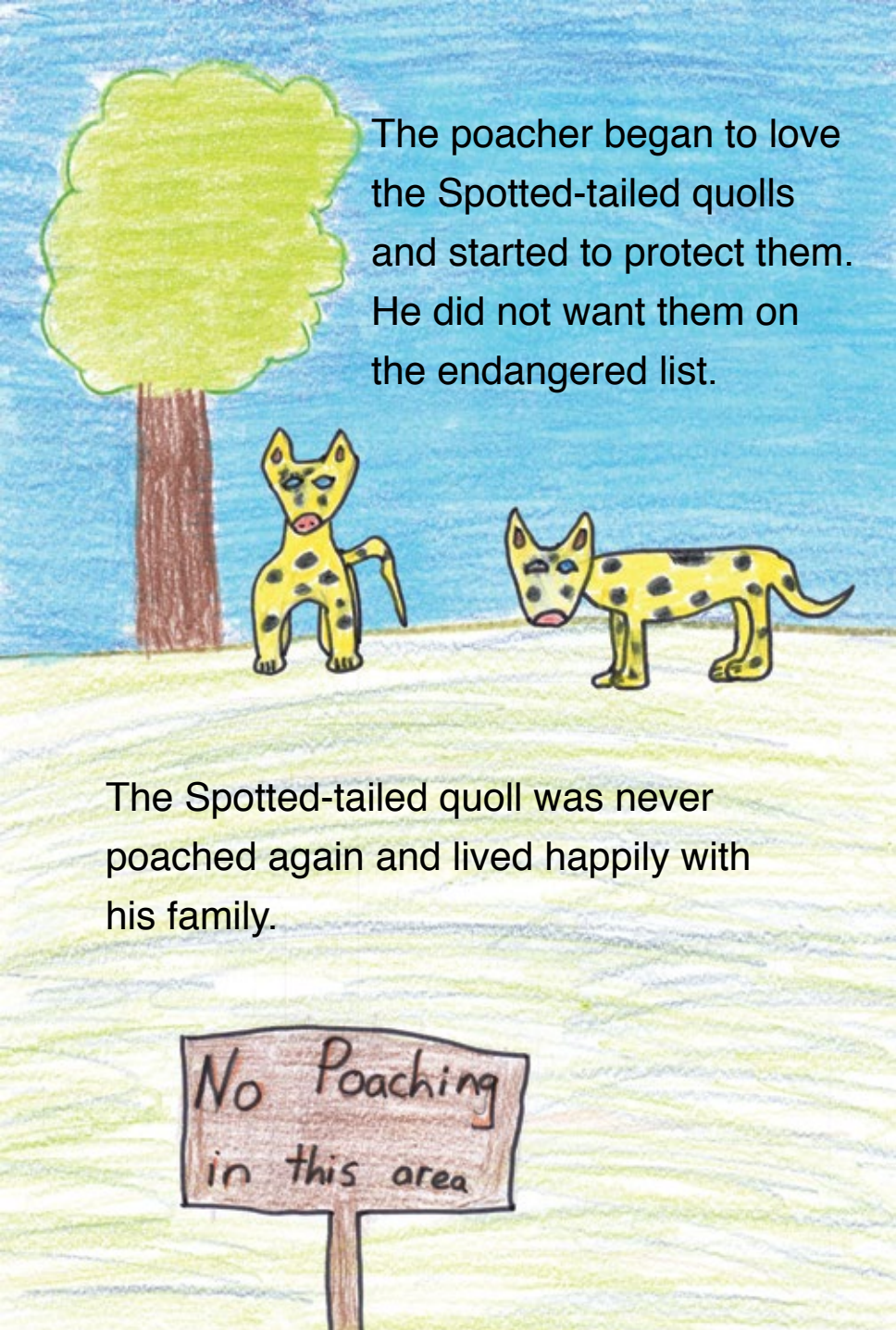
He tried using his claw to cut the rope, but it was too thick to cut. Then he tried his teeth, it worked.

The poacher heard a 'Snap!' and ran to the trap. Spot was too late. He was caught again.

When the poacher saw Spot struggling in the trap he started feeling guilty. Spot was such a lovely animal that he decided to let him go.





A hand-drawn illustration of a landscape. On the left, there is a tree with a brown trunk and a large, rounded, light green canopy. In the center and right, two yellow spotted quolls are standing on a light green and yellow ground. The quoll on the left is facing forward, while the one on the right is facing left. In the foreground, there is a wooden signpost with a rectangular sign that reads "No Poaching in this area". The background is a solid blue sky.

The poacher began to love the Spotted-tailed quolls and started to protect them. He did not want them on the endangered list.

The Spotted-tailed quoll was never poached again and lived happily with his family.







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