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One day a little dingo pup called Dan travelled into a little town called Brocklesby. He was scared and terrified. He hadn't eaten in days. Dan found a trash can near the Brocklesby Public School. Edward the echidna noticed the dingo pup was hungry and scared and asked, "G'day mate, are you lost?"







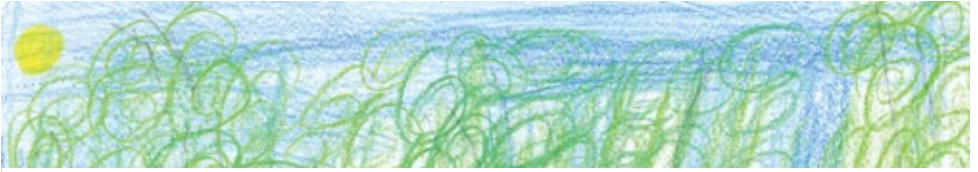
Dan said, "Kind of."

"Well, where are you from?" asked Edward.

"Up north," Dan replied.

"Well I could show you the ropes around here if you would like."





As they walked along with Edward babbling on about Brock's history, they found the Billabong creek. Edward yelled, "Hey Penelope I want you to meet someone, his name is Dan." Suddenly out popped a beautiful platypus.







“G’day Edward who is it you want me to meet?”

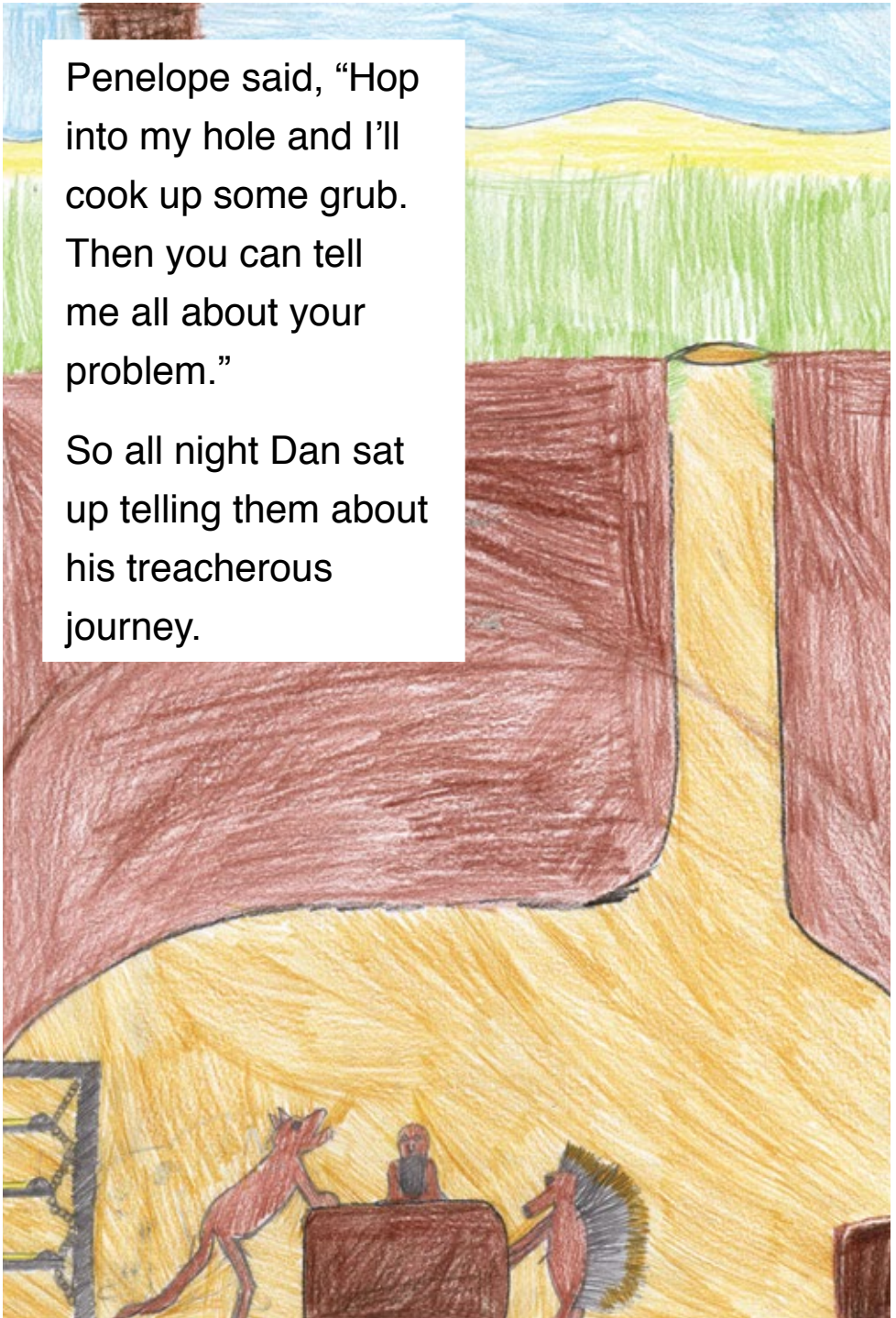
“Dan,” said Edward.

Dan sat rather shyly behind Edward, but he managed to say in a small shallow voice, “Hello.” There was a long pause. “I’m lost. Can you help me find my mum and dad?”



Penelope said, “Hop into my hole and I’ll cook up some grub. Then you can tell me all about your problem.”

So all night Dan sat up telling them about his treacherous journey.





Before he knew it, it was morning and Penelope had cooked up some damper. Dan was relieved because he hadn't eaten for days. After breakfast Penelope posed a question, "Where are you from?"

Dingo Dan replied, "I am from Dingo Island."



After the damper later Penelope said, “Let’s go and look for some Red Gum bark to float down the creek on. We need to get you back home.



So Penelope, Edward and Dan went off into the bush looking for Red Gum bark. As they walked Edward spotted a stand of Red Gum trees. As they got closer they heard a voice shout out to them.





“Hey, what are you doing?”

“We’re looking for some Red Gum bark. Who are you?”

“My name is Sally the Squirrel Glider. You could find some Red Gum bark hanging around here; in fact I think I’m sitting on some.”





“Do you think we could have some?” everyone asked.

Sally replied, “You can have some if you guys tell me where you’re going.”

“Easy enough,” Edward said, “We’re going to Dingo Island.”





“Oh, okay then, here’s some Red gum bark.”

So Edward, Penelope and Dan ripped the bark off the Red Gum tree and hurled it down to the Billabong Creek.

Edward looked up at the sky and said, “Looks like a storm is coming.”







So they quickly got the Red Gum bark in the river and before you could say BOO they were flying down the river.

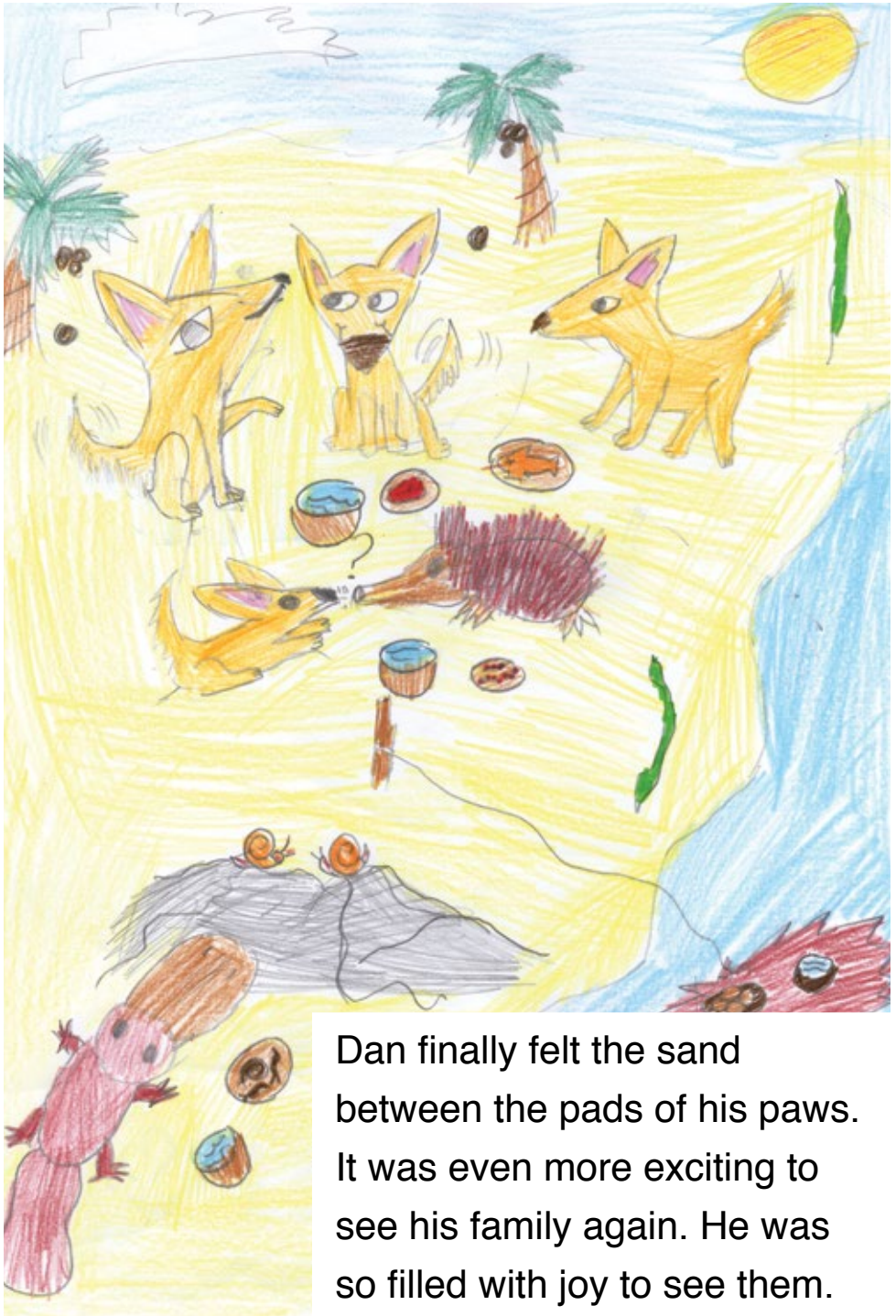






After a few treacherous days, with not much food, they were docking up on the banks of Dingo Island. Dan was getting a bit too excited and nearly fell of the bark. Luckily Penelope grabbed him before he fell.





Dan finally felt the sand between the pads of his paws. It was even more exciting to see his family again. He was so filled with joy to see them.





After telling his family about his huge adventure, Dan showed his friends around Dingo Island. He pointed out his favourite place, “See, it’s the second dead tree on the left.”

To their surprise Sally had also followed them to make sure Dan got home safely. They all laughed and joked about their exciting journey.











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