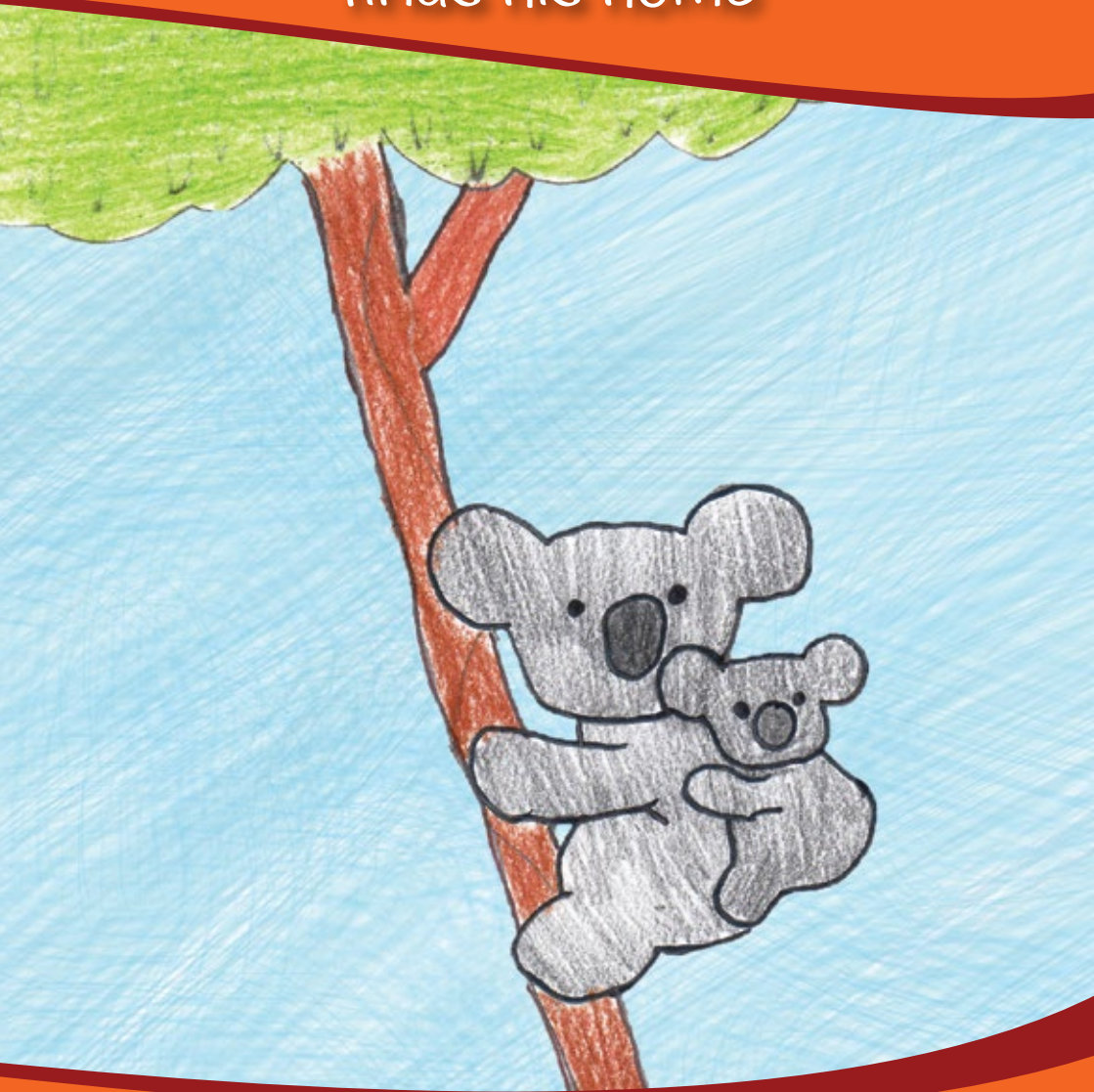


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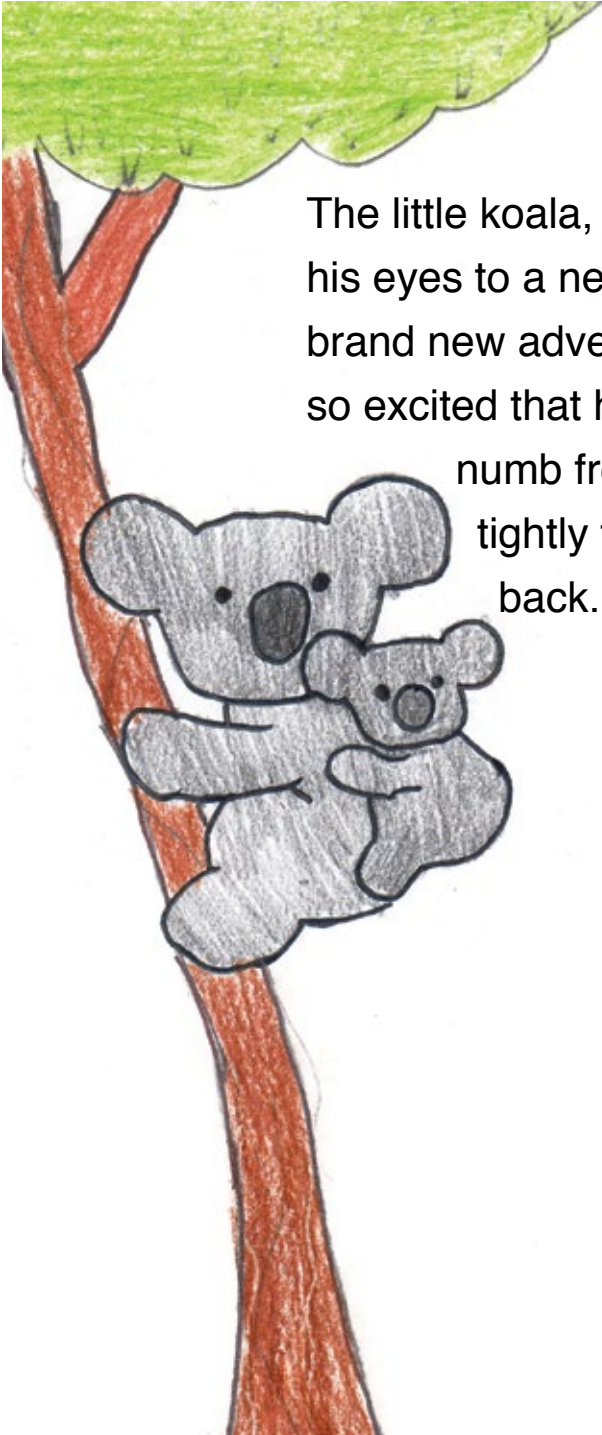
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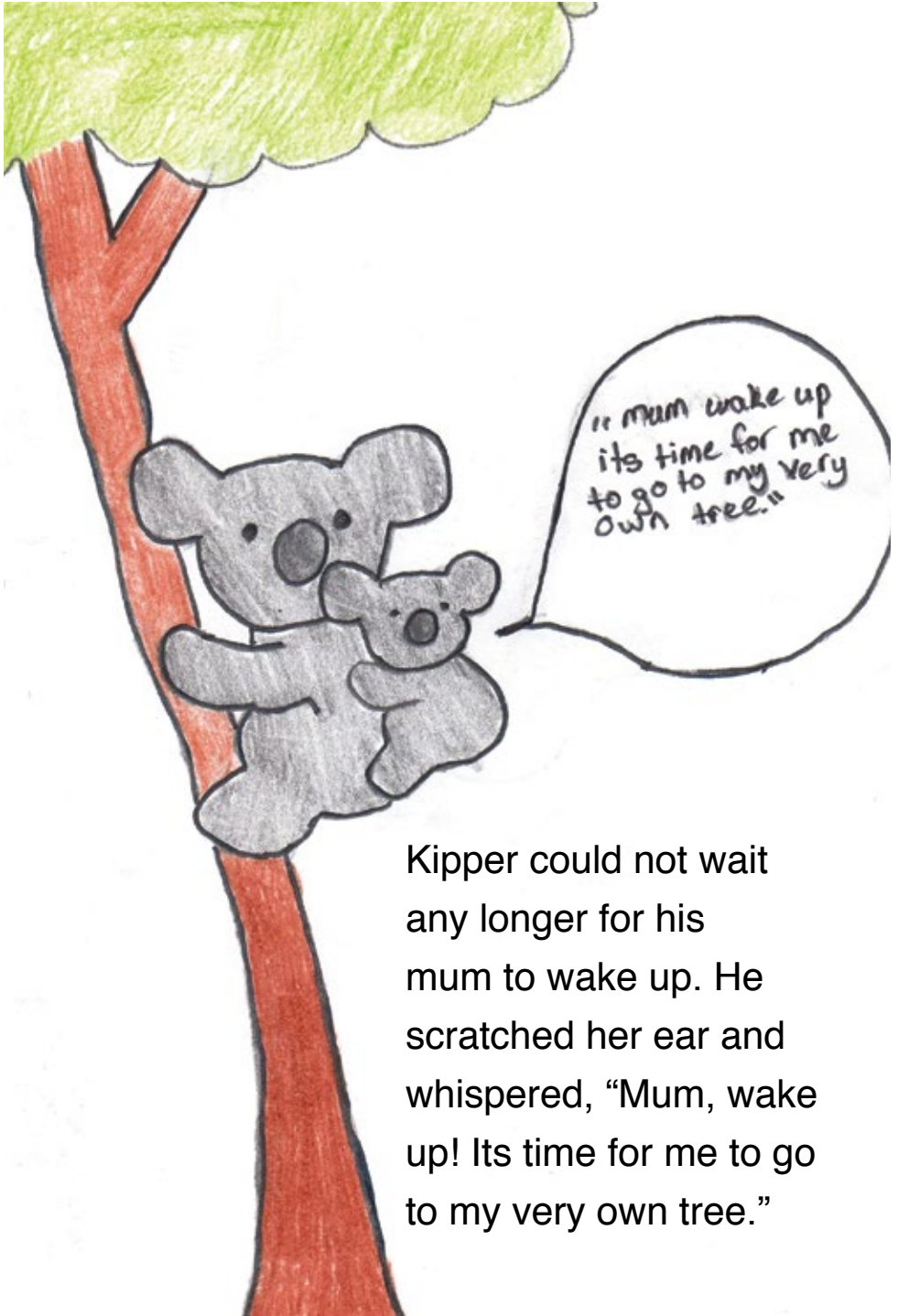
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The little koala, Kipper, opened his eyes to a new day and a brand new adventure. He was so excited that his hands were numb from gripping so tightly to his mothers back.



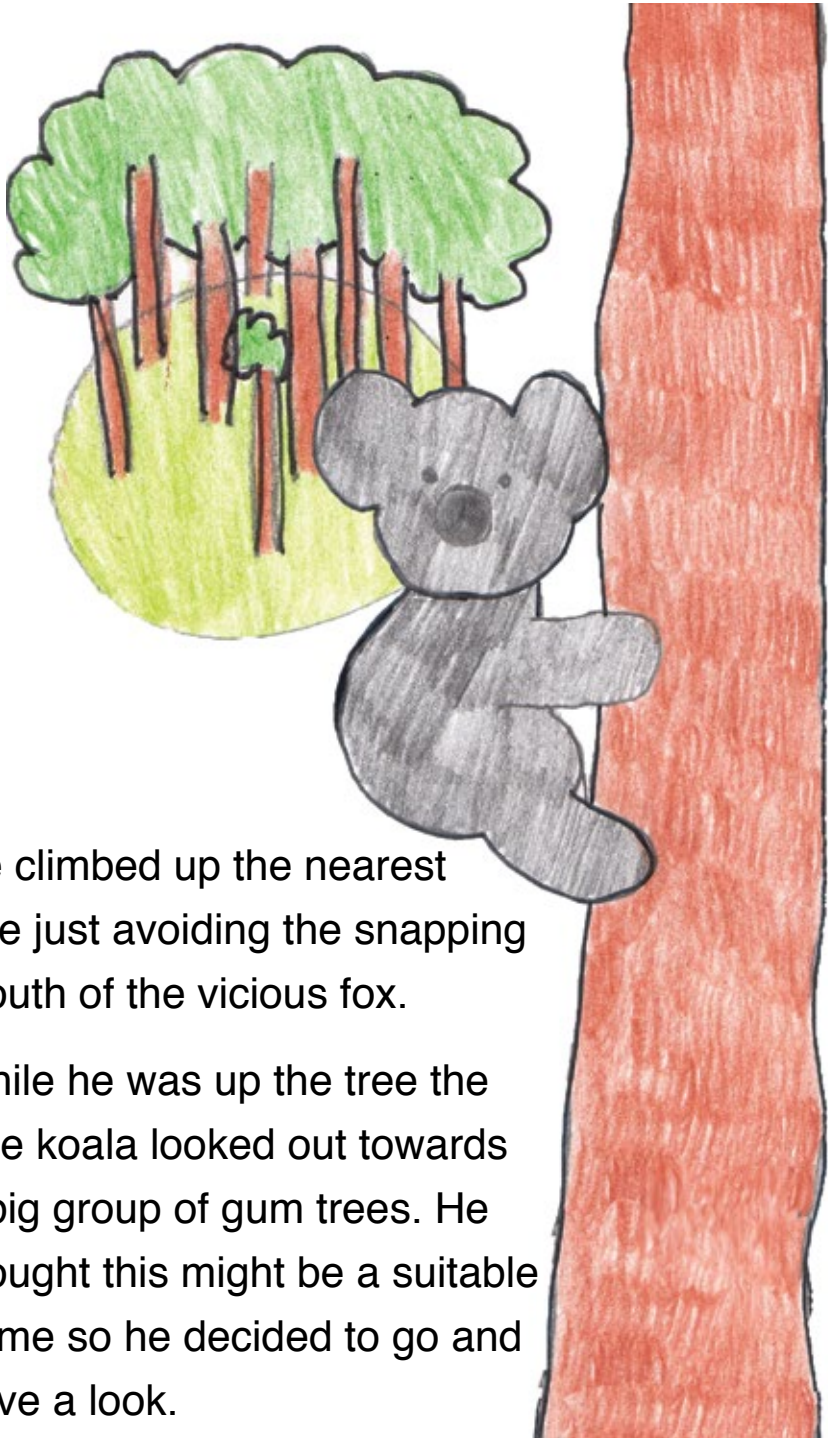
Kipper could not wait any longer for his mum to wake up. He scratched her ear and whispered, "Mum, wake up! Its time for me to go to my very own tree."

The little koala said his good-byes as he set off on his mission. He started in the same direction that his mum would take to her next tree.



Suddenly the little koala was startled by a fox jumping over the tall grass. Kipper started running as fast as he could until he reached the edge of the forest.

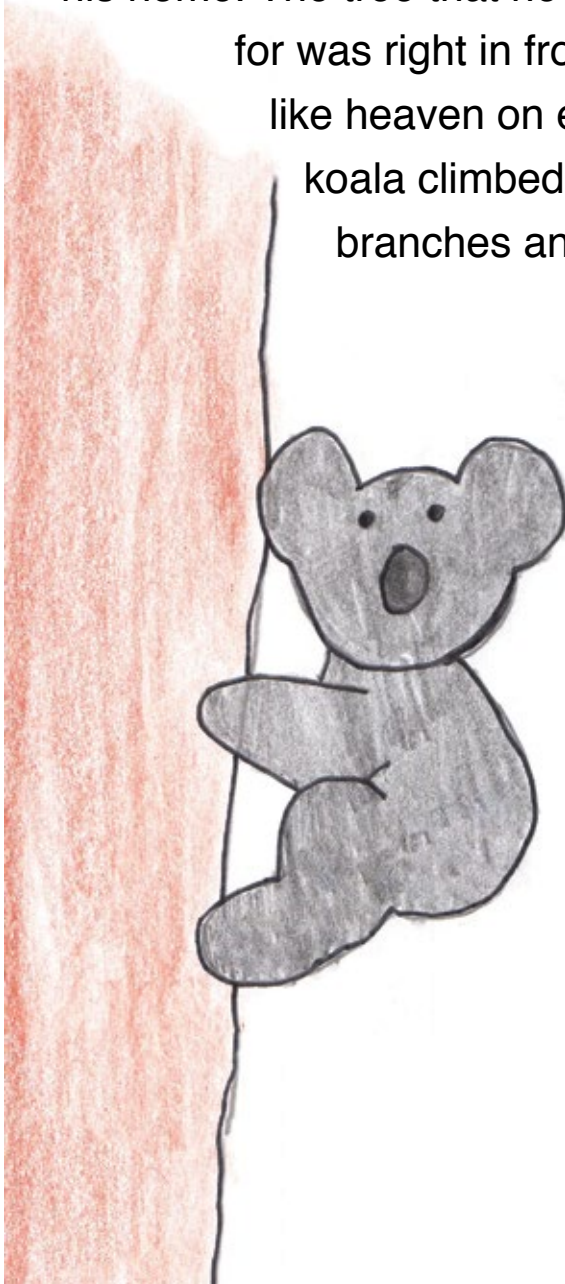


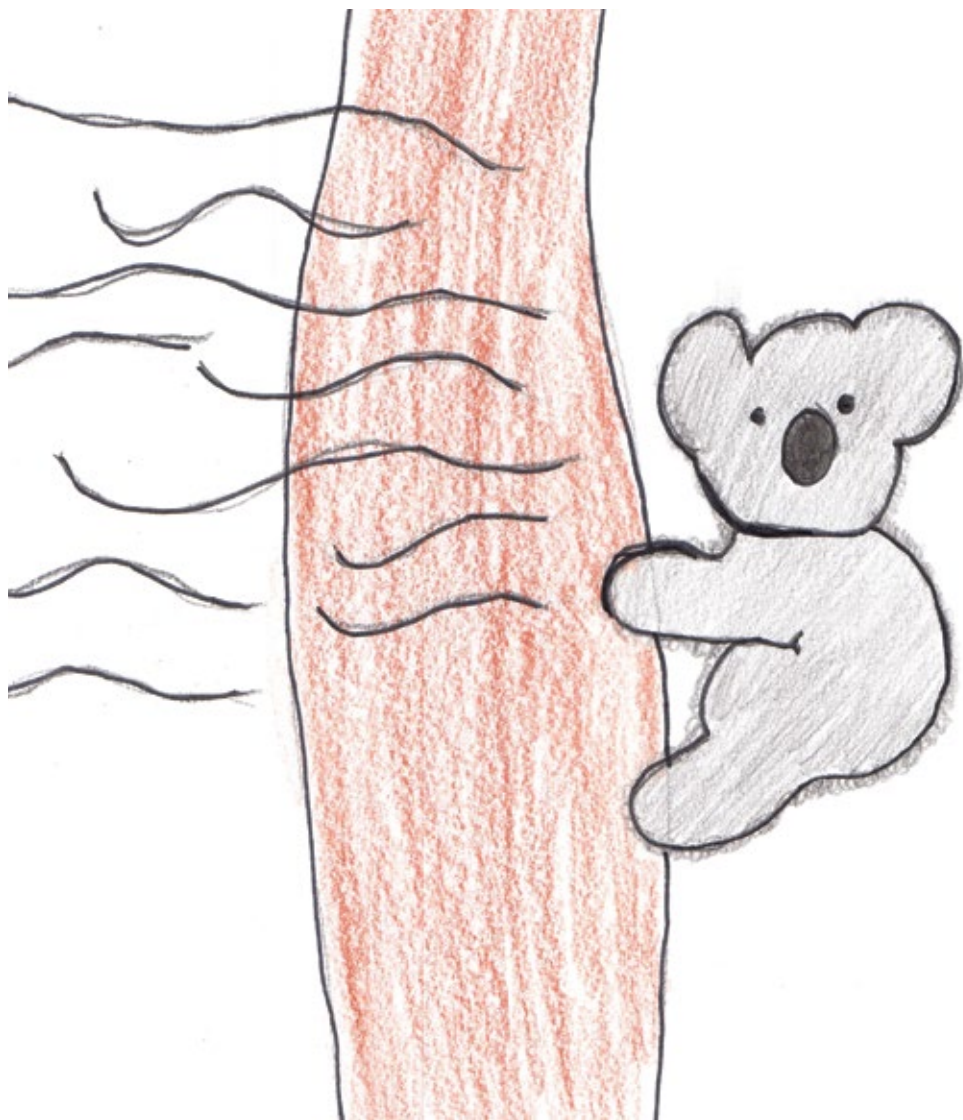


He climbed up the nearest tree just avoiding the snapping mouth of the vicious fox.

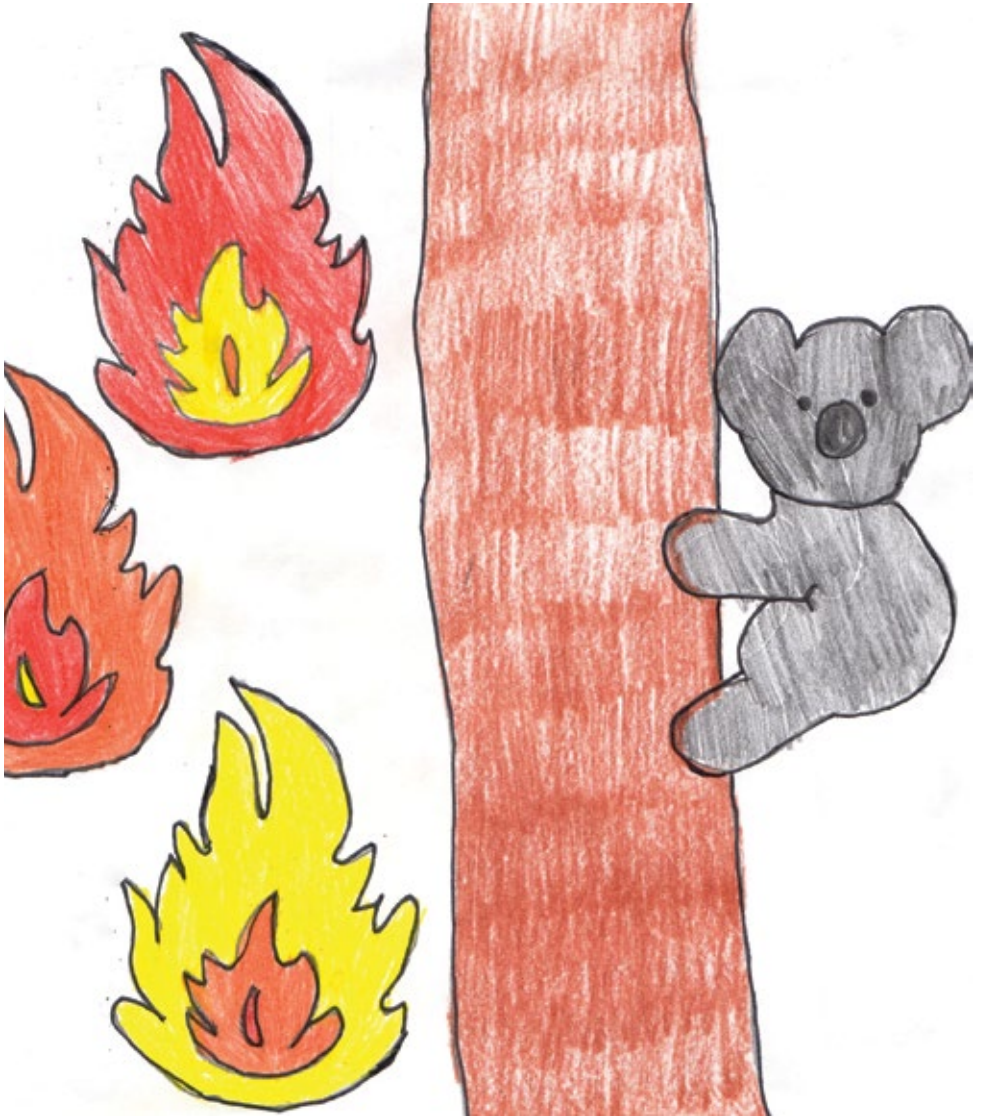
While he was up the tree the little koala looked out towards a big group of gum trees. He thought this might be a suitable home so he decided to go and have a look.

It was the perfect place for Kipper to make his home. The tree that he had been waiting for was right in front of him. It was like heaven on earth. The little koala climbed high into the branches and settled in nicely.



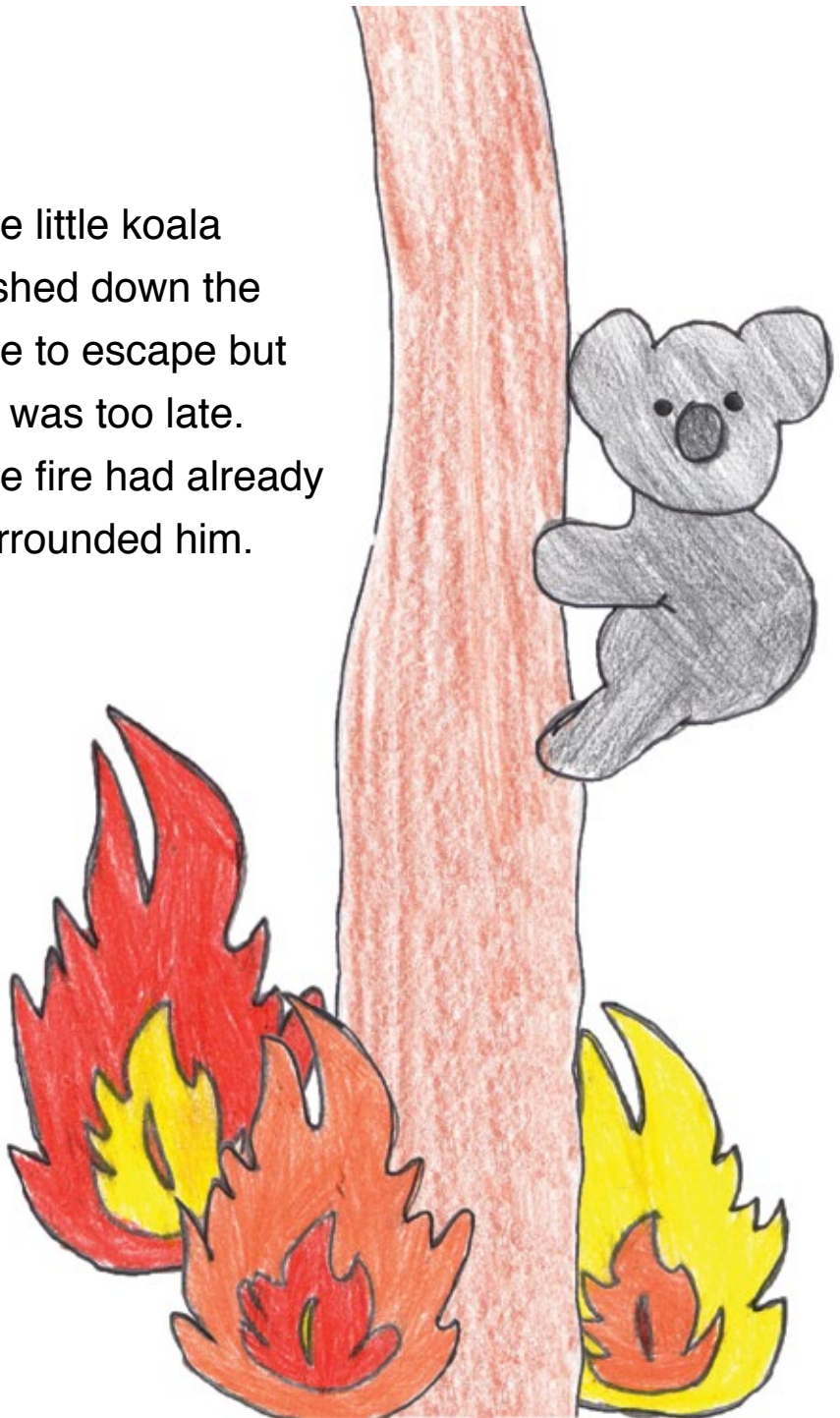


During the night Kipper woke up to the sound of crackling. He became worried when he could smell smoke.

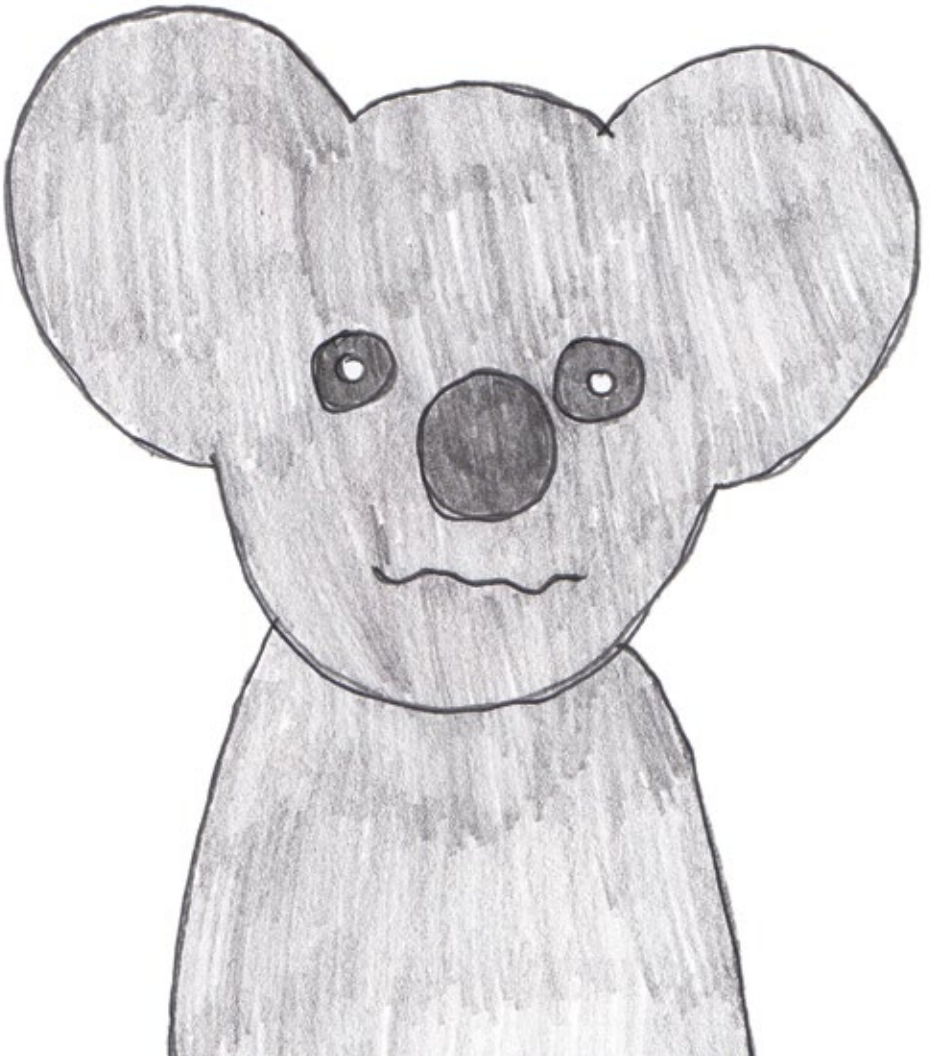


Kipper looked around and saw a glowing light among the trees. It was a bush fire that had red flames flickering as tall as the trees themselves.

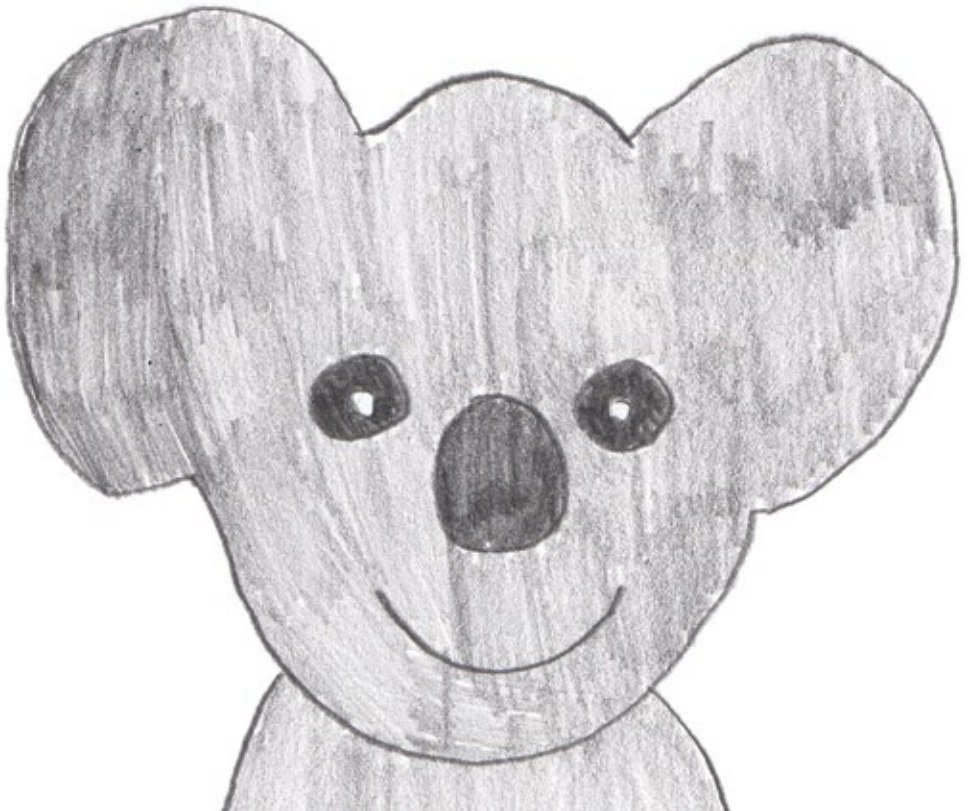
The little koala
rushed down the
tree to escape but
he was too late.
The fire had already
surrounded him.

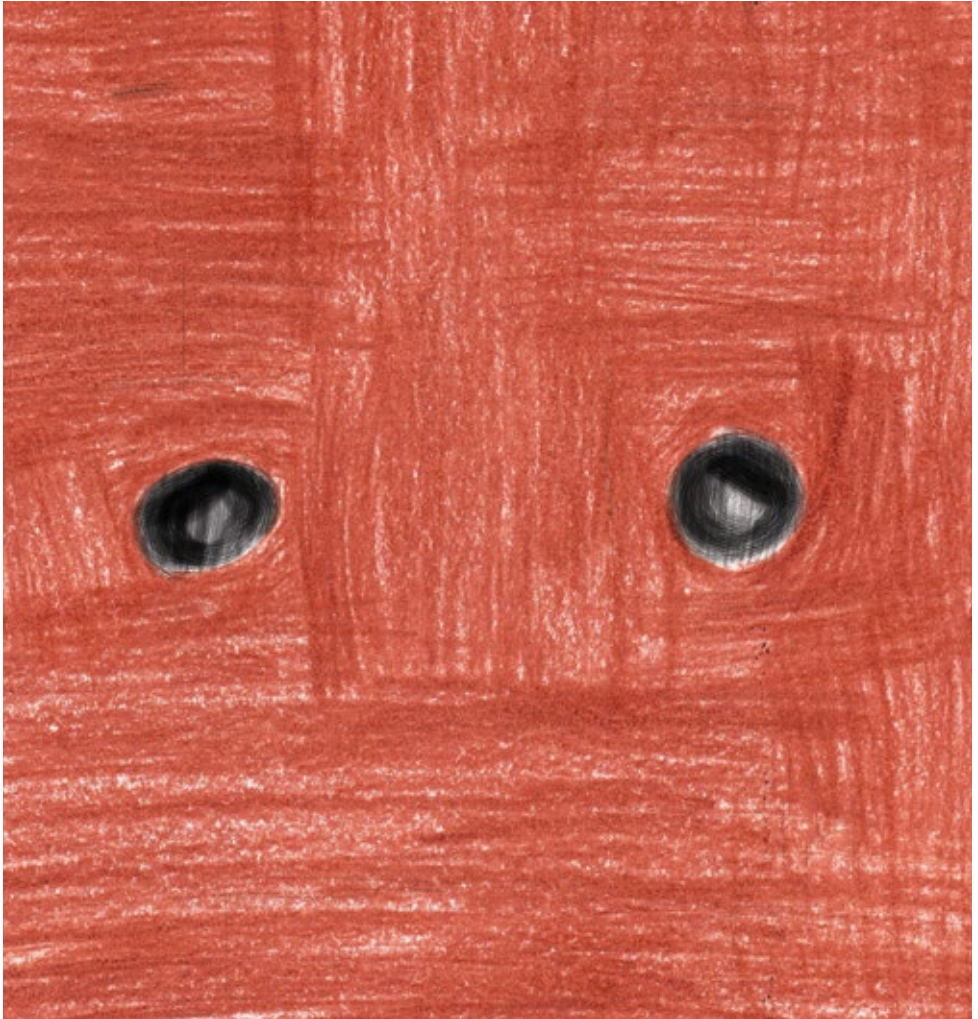


The fire was red hot and getting closer.
Kipper began to sweat, frantically trying to
find a way out.

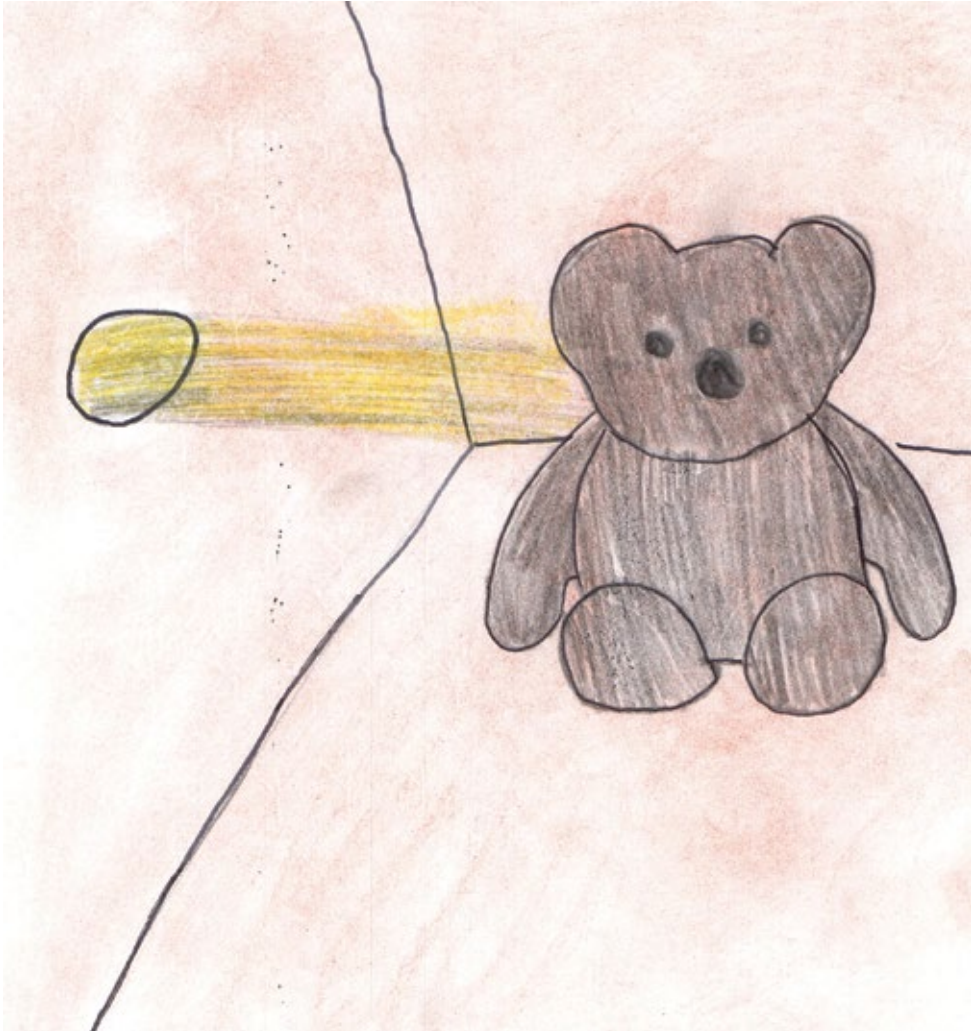


Suddenly out of the blue came a person in a red suit and strange mask. The person picked Kipper up and took him away.

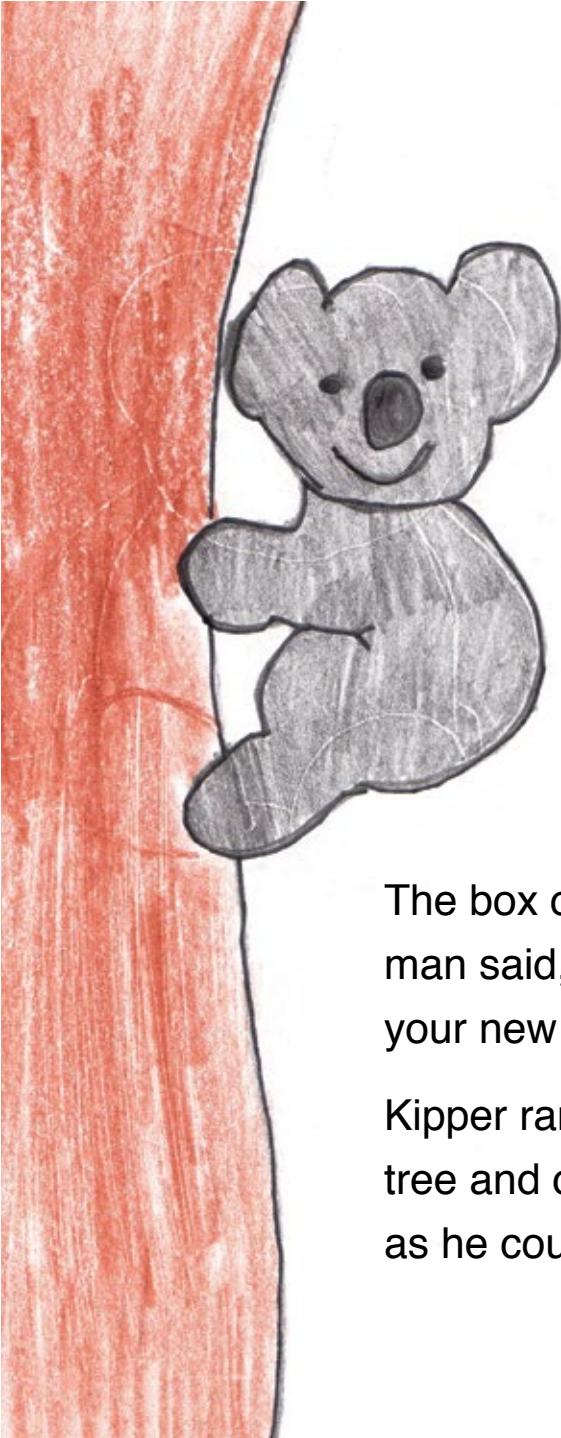




Kipper was placed in a very dark box and the little koala thought he was going to die. Tired with exhaustion he slowly but surely fell to sleep.



The box came to a standstill and sun shone through the cracks. Kipper became excited when he could hear the grunting sounds of other koalas and the smell fresh gum leaves.



The box opened and the man said, “Welcome to your new home Kipper.”

Kipper ran to the nearest tree and climbed as high as he could go.



Kipper looked out over a beautiful cotton farm. He had been relocated and released into a nature corridor that ran beside the farm and stretched as far as the eye could see. This nature corridor would provide him a safe place to live and move through the farmland. Kipper lived happily in this reserve with the other koala's that had been saved.



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