

The Dying Forest



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Enviro-Stories Education Program

Enviro-Stories is a competition based education program for primary schools that was developed by PeeKdesigns.



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This program provides an education experience for kids through learning about the environment. The final product is a published story written about local issues, by local kids, for local kids and future generations.

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This “Save Our Species” Enviro-Stories Education Program consists of the following books:

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- The Purple Copper Butterfly
- The Dying Forest
- Jimmy the Jacky Dragon
- Brushy the Squirrel Glider
- Save Our Friends

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- Bobby and Alex’s new place to call home
- The Survival of Bob the Frog
- Kevin the Baby Koala
- The Adventures of Squirt the Malleefowl
- Mia the Malleefowl’s Rescue

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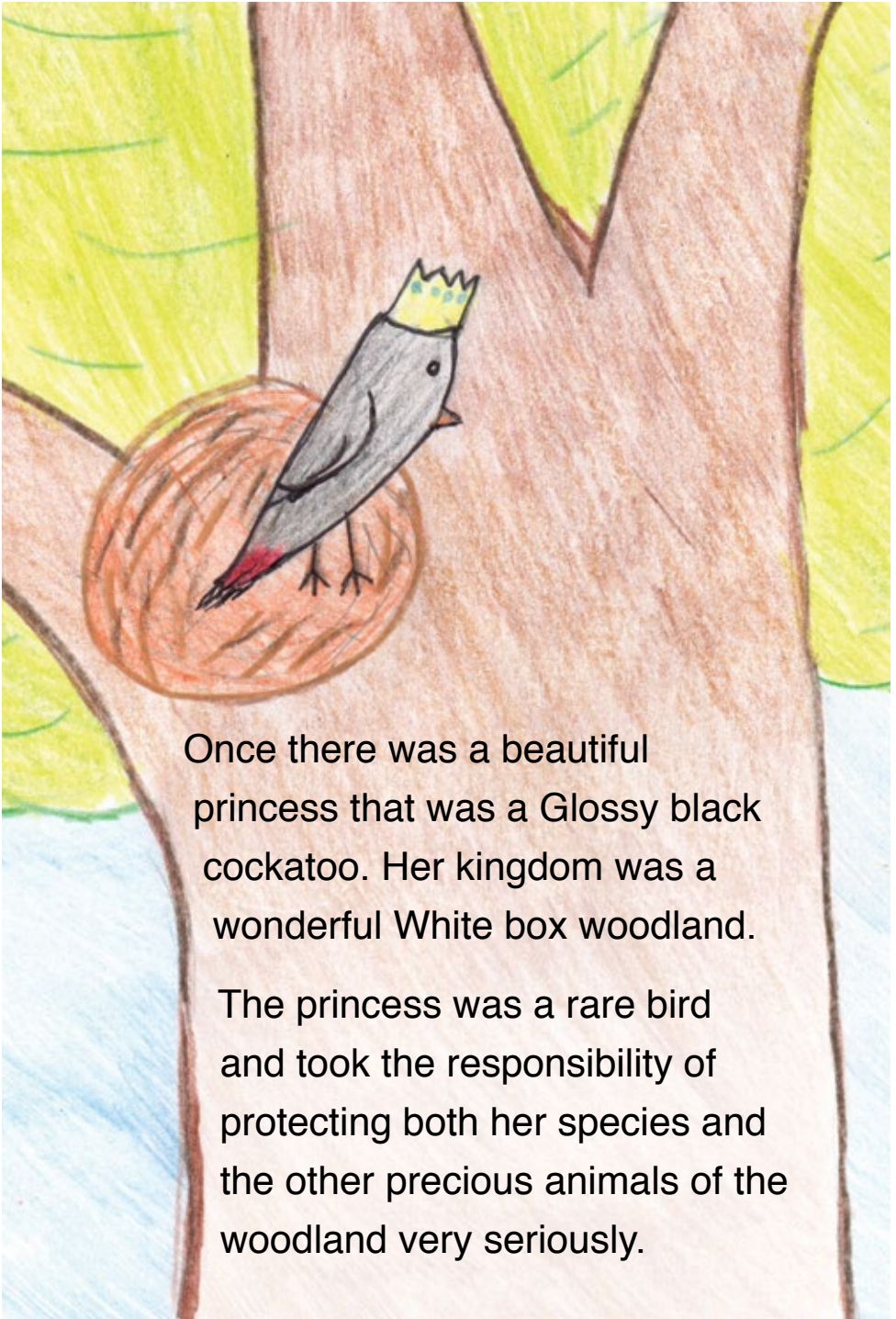
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Once there was a beautiful princess that was a Glossy black cockatoo. Her kingdom was a wonderful White box woodland.

The princess was a rare bird and took the responsibility of protecting both her species and the other precious animals of the woodland very seriously.

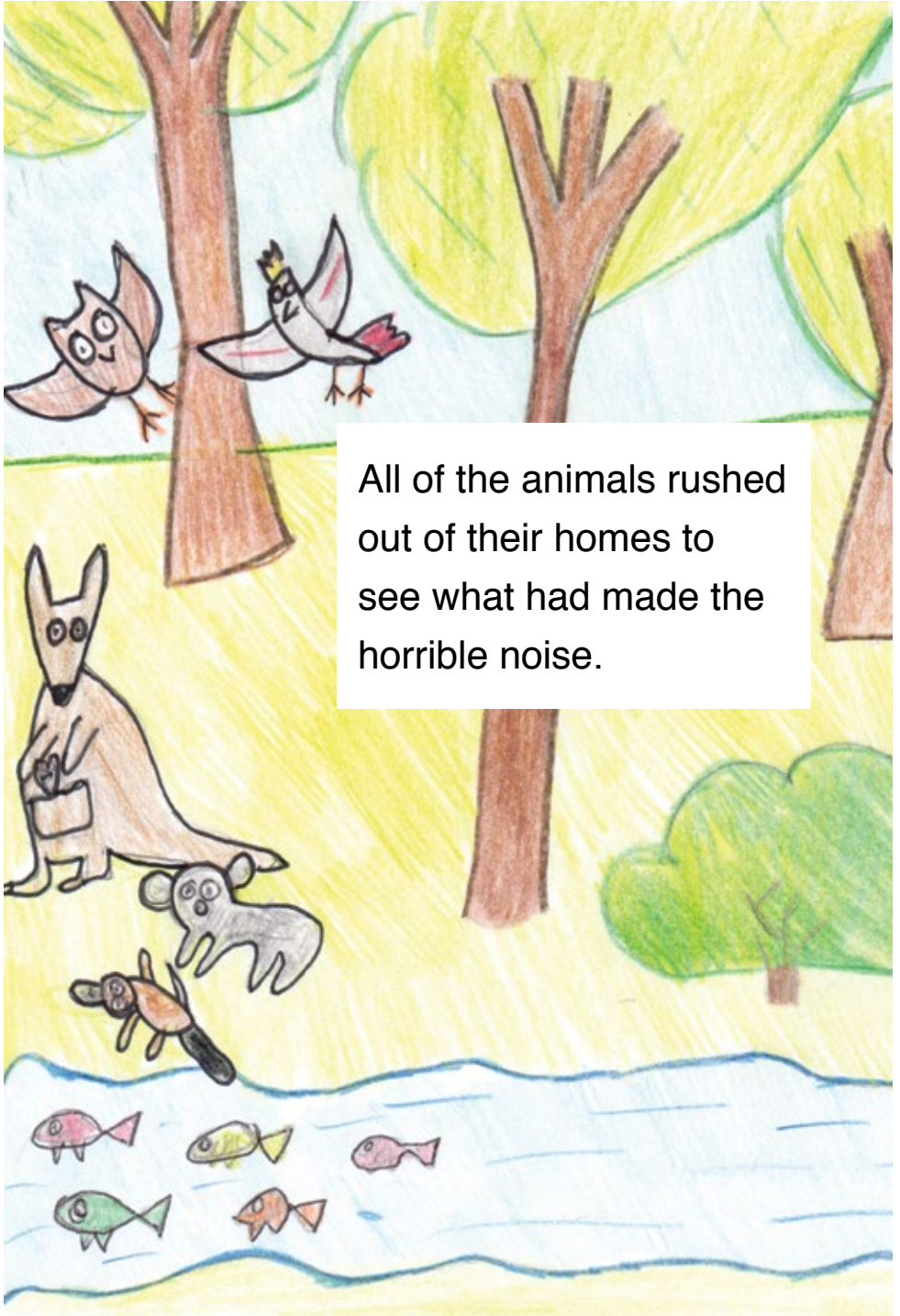


There was plenty of food and water for all of the animals that lived in her kingdom. They flocked to this fantastic place to live.

There were wombats, kookaburras, platypuses, owls, rock wallabies, koalas and many more.

One day, when the princess was having breakfast, with her friend the platypus, there was a horrible noise.





All of the animals rushed out of their homes to see what had made the horrible noise.

Mrs. Owl's tree had been cut down!





All the animals were very sad. They put some rocks around the stump and made a little nest for Mrs. Owl to live in for a while.

The following day the horrible noise came back again.

Br Br Br
Br Br.....





This time there were three trees that were cut down.

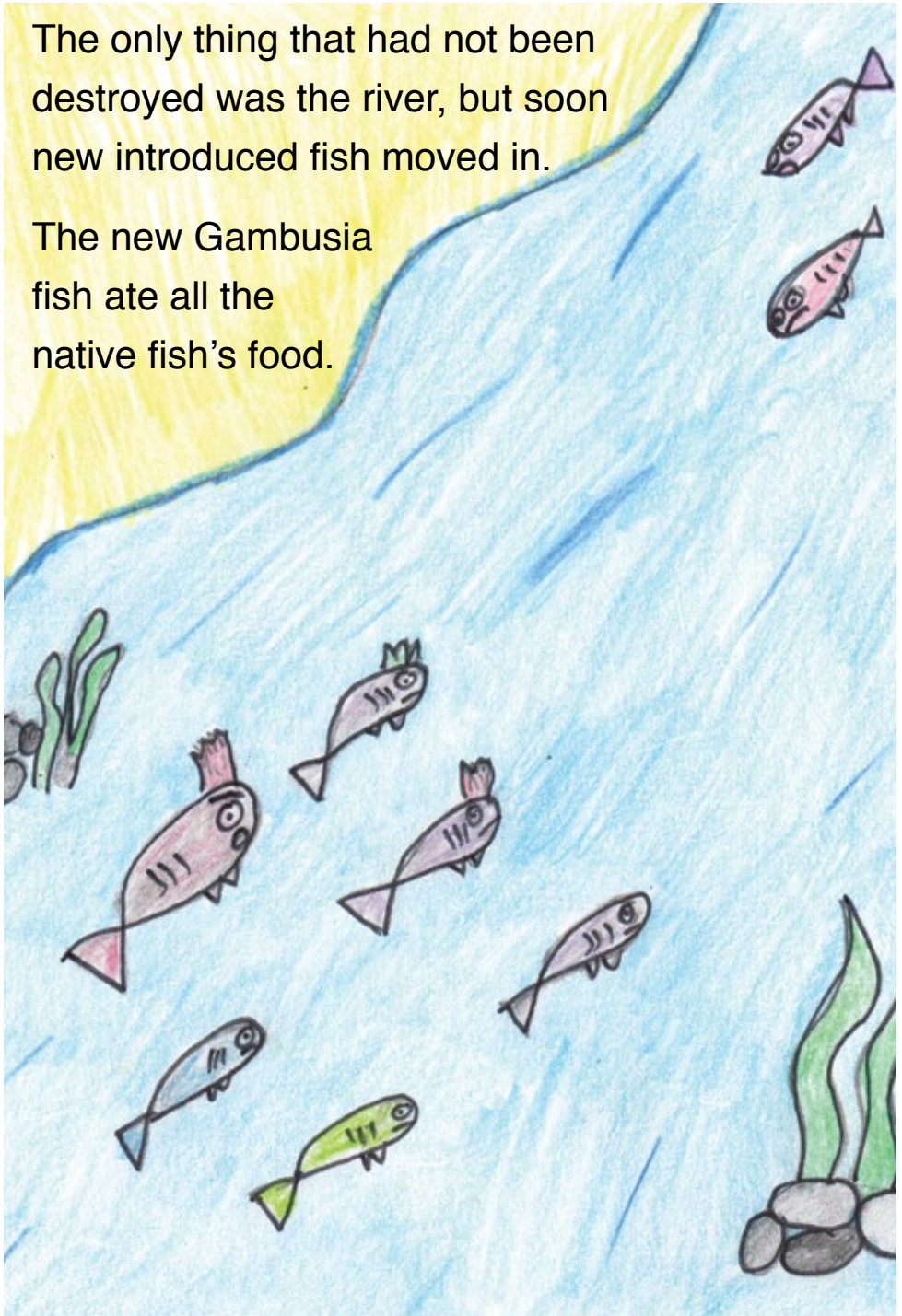
Mrs. Magpie's tree, Miss Koala's tree and the tree where little wombat had built his burrow underneath were now gone.

The princess did not know what to do. In one week, more than half the woodland had been cut down. Most of the animals had no homes and it was hard to find food.



The only thing that had not been destroyed was the river, but soon new introduced fish moved in.

The new Gambusia fish ate all the native fish's food.

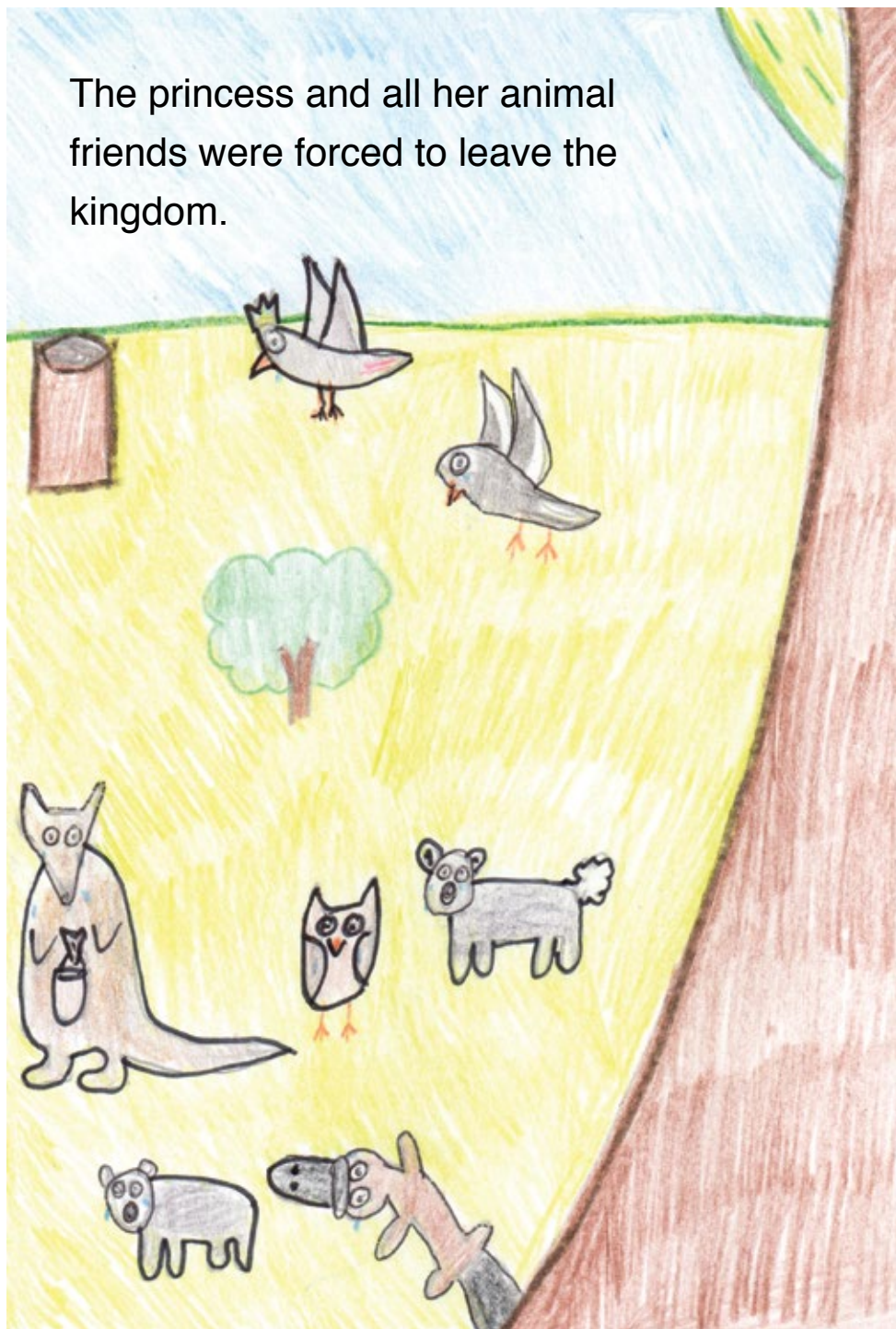




When a new bird, named Indian myna, moved into what was left of the woodland, he invited all his friends and family to stay.

Soon all the food was gone and all the animals were hungry.

The princess and all her animal friends were forced to leave the kingdom.





One day, some great people came to visit the broken woodland. They were an action group organised by the Central West Catchment Management Authority. They saw the damage that had occurred in the white box woodland and decided to act to preserve it for the native animals.



They planted trees, made little boxes for the birds and little homes for the other animals. They set traps for the Indian mynas and worked to get rid of the Gambusia fish from the river.

All the native animals were able to come back home to their woodland. Princess Glossy black cockatoo led them into her now rehabilitated kingdom. They lived happily ever after in peace, thankful for the people saving them.



Please remember to look after our beautiful native woodlands, birds, fish, reptiles, insects and other animals. By helping them you are making a precious kingdom for all to enjoy.



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