

# Chuditch the Native Cat and the Feral Cat

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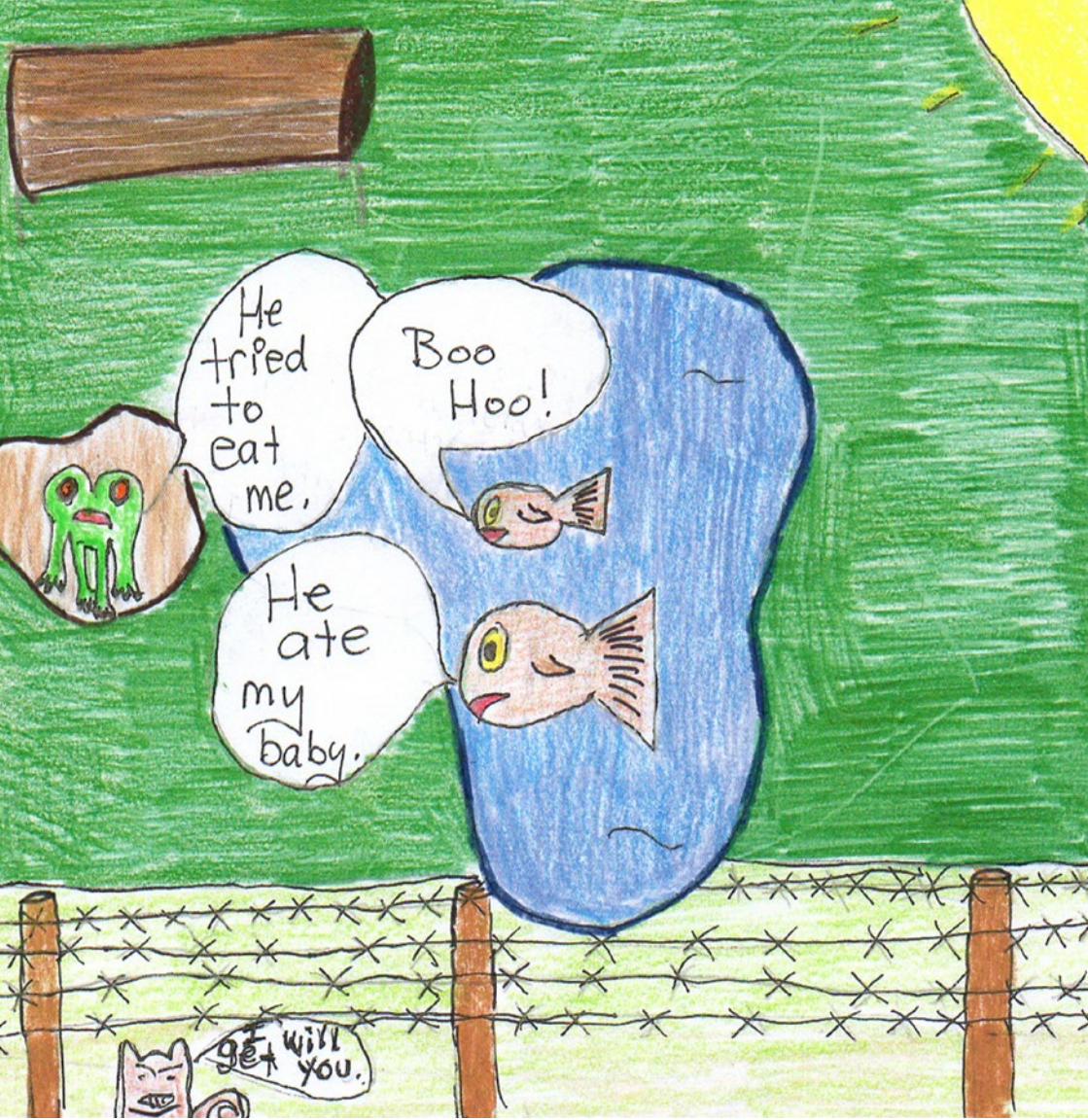
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Chuditch the native cat was irritated. Someone had been hunting the native animals and he was sure he knew who the culprits were. Chuditch called in all the bush animals.



“I am angry!” said Chuditch.  
“We need to get rid of feral cats.”



“I agree,” said Koolbalong the frog. “One almost caught and ate me. I am now scared for my life”



Djili Djit the fish sobbed, "A feral cat ate all my baby fingerlings."



“Feral cats can eat everything, all of us are in danger,” added Karda the lizard.

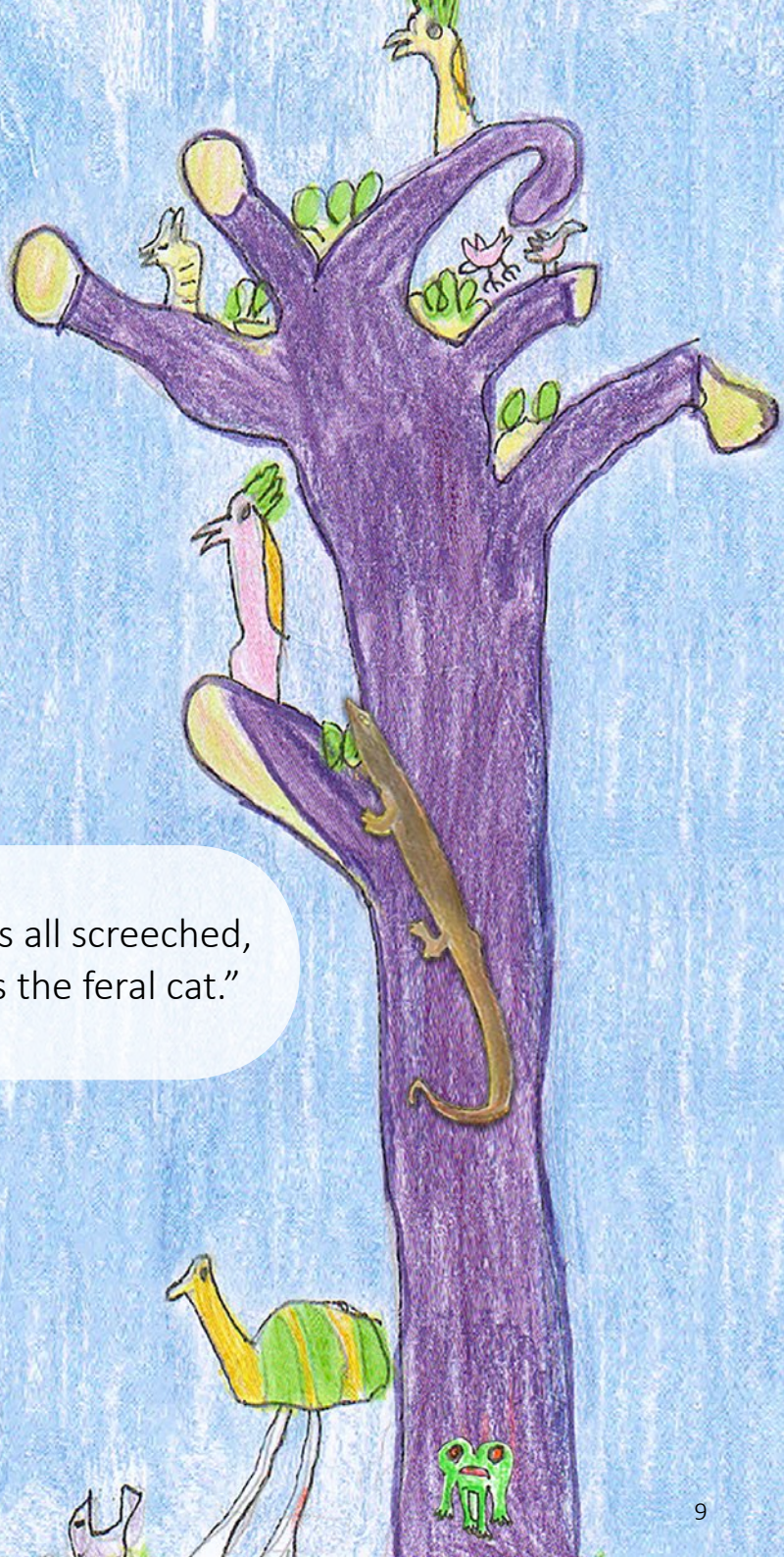




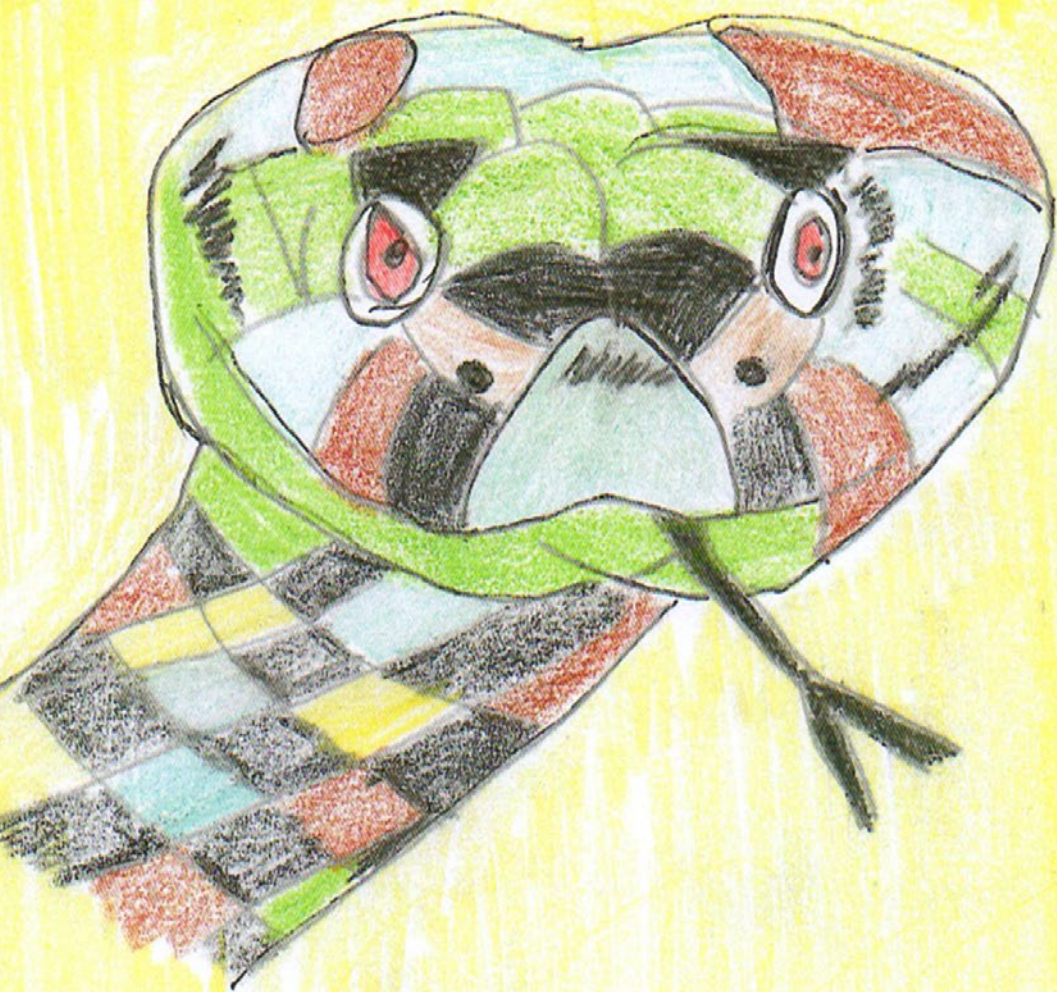
Yonga Kangaroo said to Noorn the snake, "Feral cats cover a huge territory and eat too much food."



The monarchs all screeched,  
“Nothing eats the feral cat.”



Noorn spat angrily, "It's all mans fault. He cuddles them as pets!"





“Cats also have too many kittens. They can have eighteen babies a year,” Noorn continued.

Chuditch went to find Wadjellah (man).  
“Hey Wadjellah! We need to talk.”





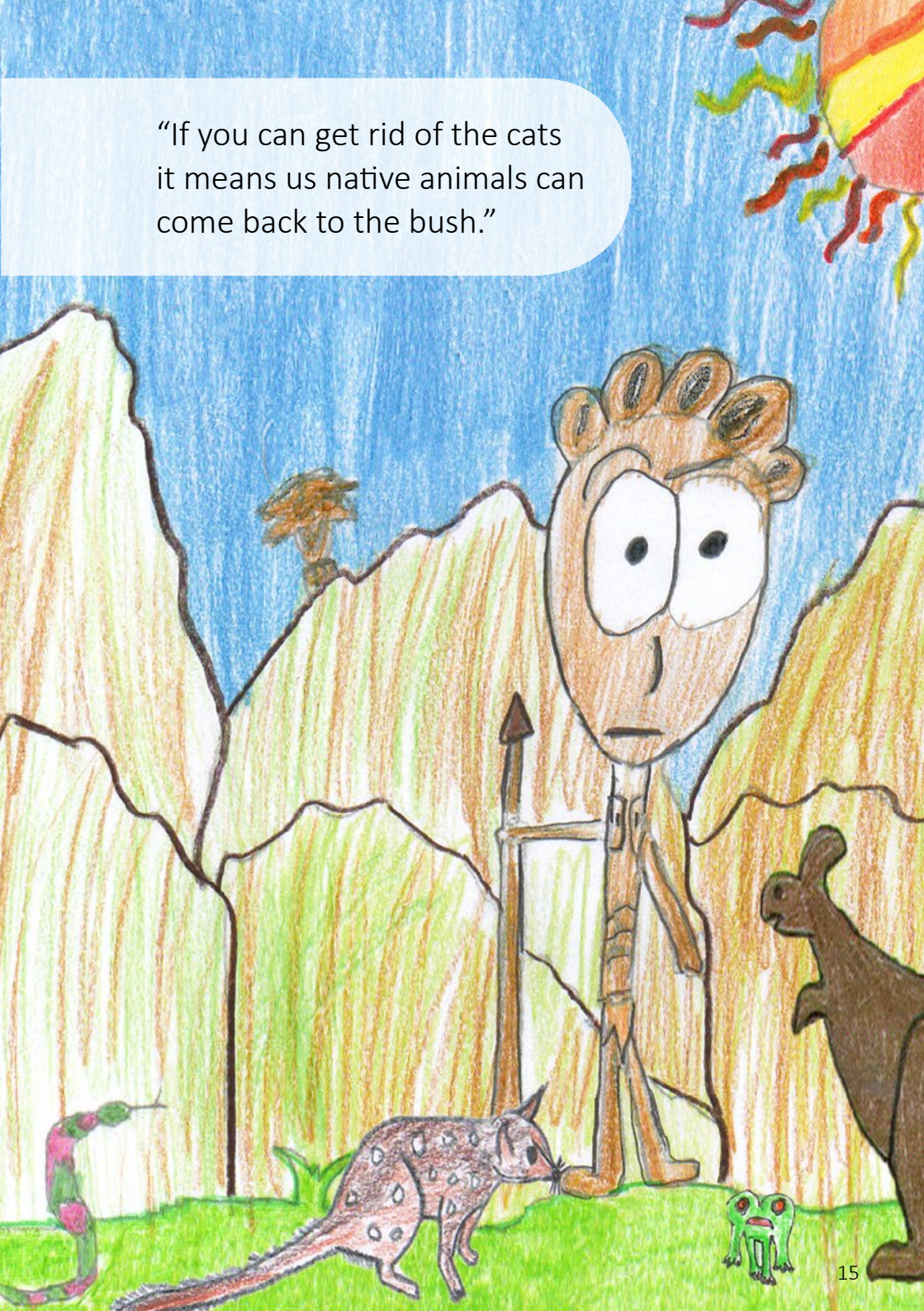
“Stop dumping kittens in the bush. And look after your pets so they don’t run away.”



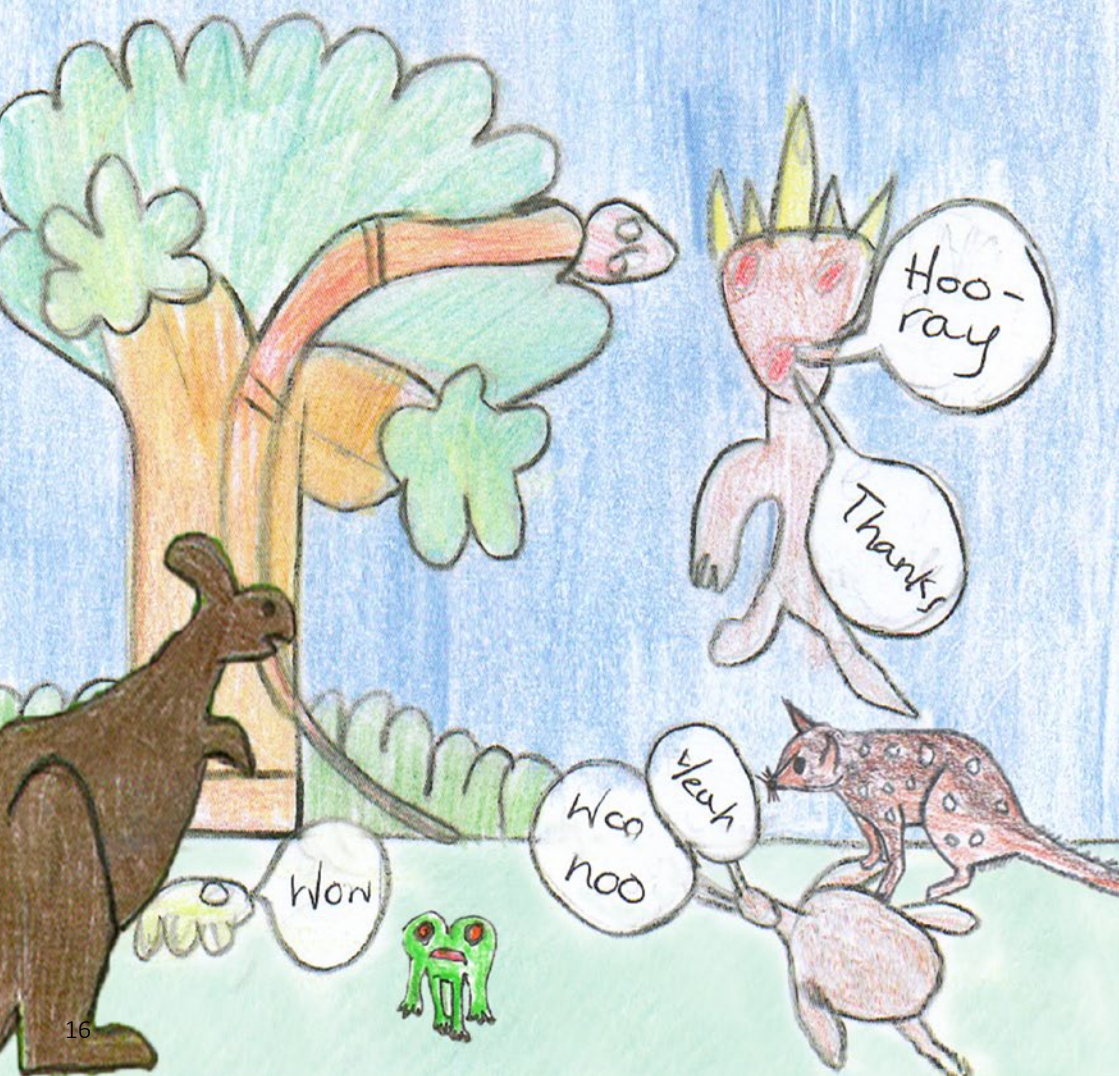
Wadjellah thought about their problem and told them, “Feral cats can be trapped or we can have people shoot them to reduce the numbers.”



“If you can get rid of the cats  
it means us native animals can  
come back to the bush.”



“Then we all will be safe and happy in our homes in the bush.”







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