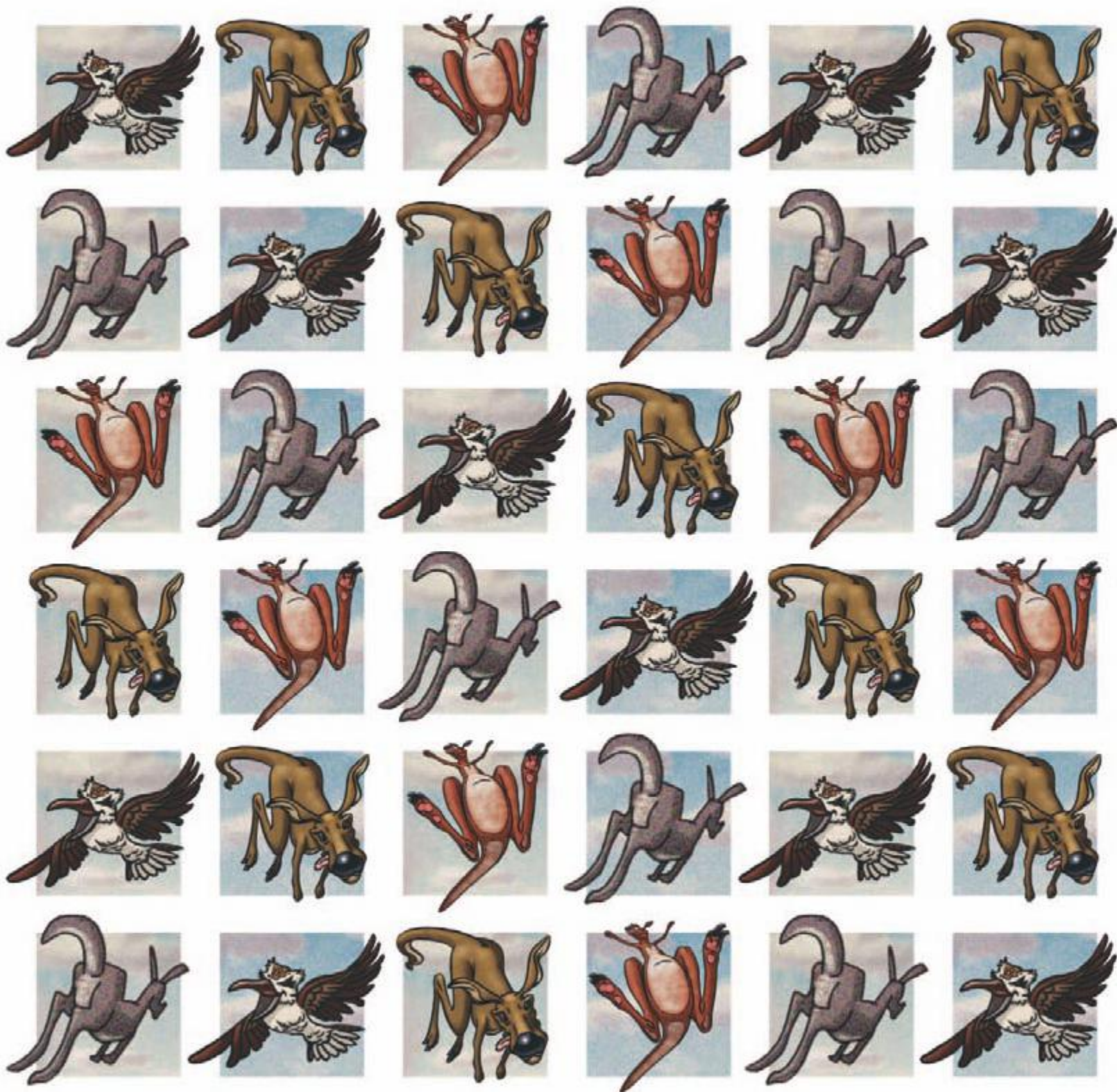




KEVIN

the kangaroo
that **couldn't** hop

written by Jonathan Elabor & illustrated by Jim Tsinganos





the kangaroo that **couldn't** hop

written by Jonathan Elabor & illustrated by Jim Tsinganos

In memory of Claire

Published by Standard Publishing House
Standard Publishing House Australia Pty Ltd
12 Gould Street, Strathfield South, New South Wales 2136, Australia

Story © Jonathan Elabor 2010
Illustrations © Jim Tsinganos 2010

All rights reserved. No part of this book may be reproduced or transmitted by any person or entity, including internet search engines or retailers, in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including photocopying (except under the statutory exceptions provisions of the Australian Copyright Act 1968), recording, scanning or by any information storage and retrieval system without the prior written permission of Standard Publishing House Aust Pty Ltd.

Every effort has been made to trace and acknowledge copyright material, but this has not always been possible. The author, illustrator and publisher would be pleased to hear from any copyright holders who have not been acknowledged.

Printed and bound in Australia by Standard Publishing House Pty Ltd, Strathfield South, New South Wales

ISBN 978 1 921638 14 5

www.sph.com.au
www.sphereshop.com.au

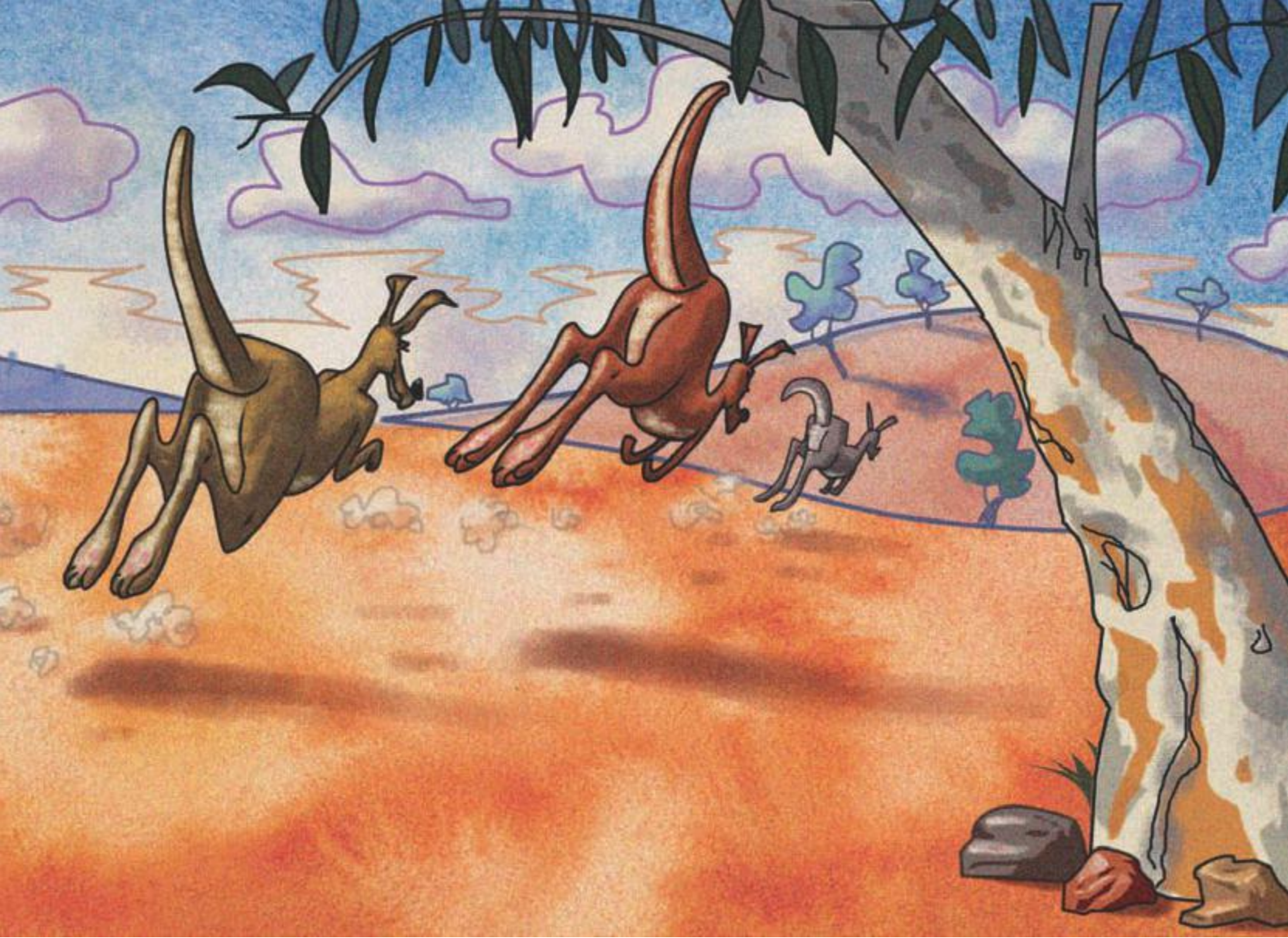


This book belongs to:



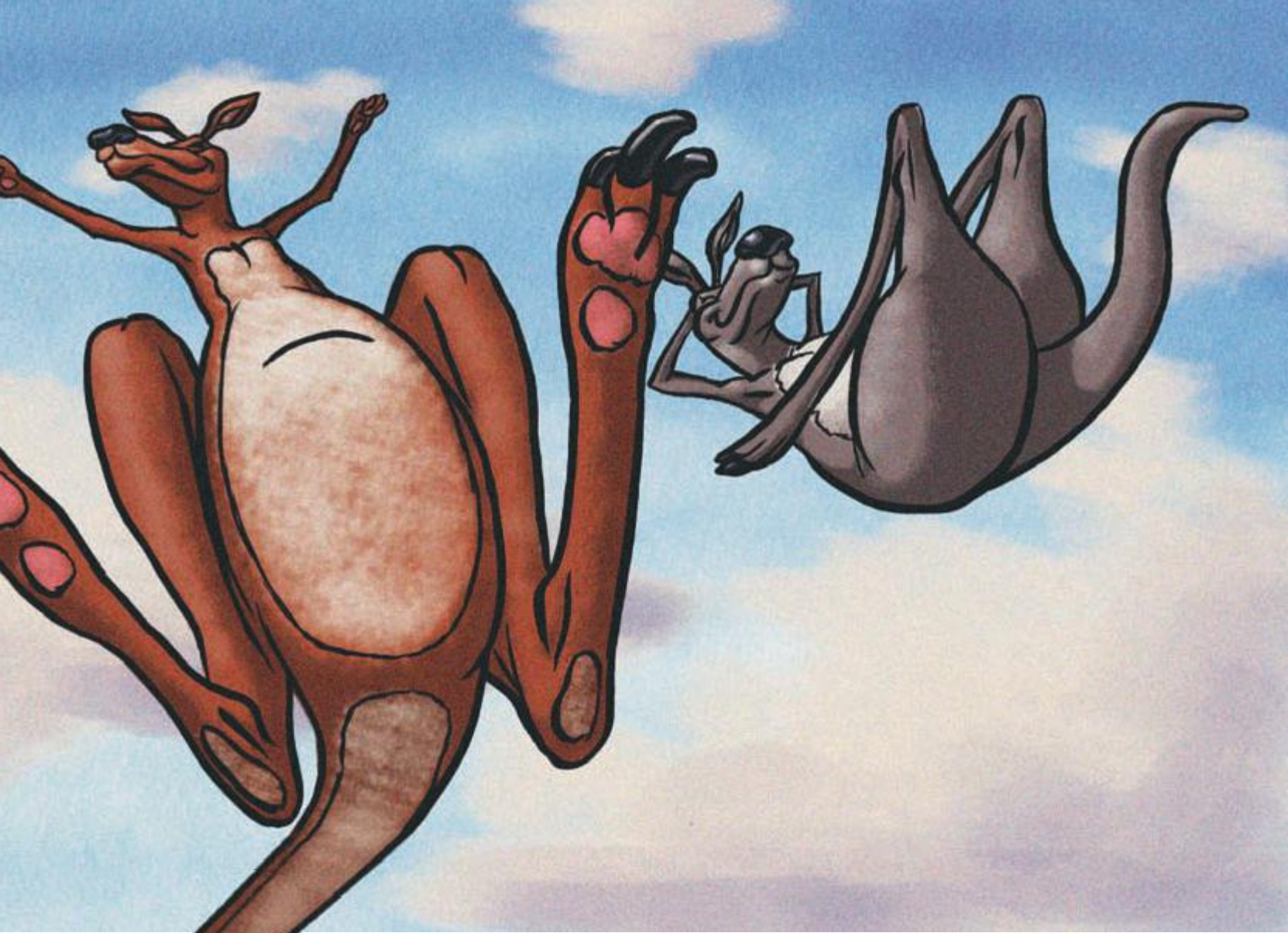


In the middle of Australia, deep in the bush,
lived a kangaroo called Kevin.

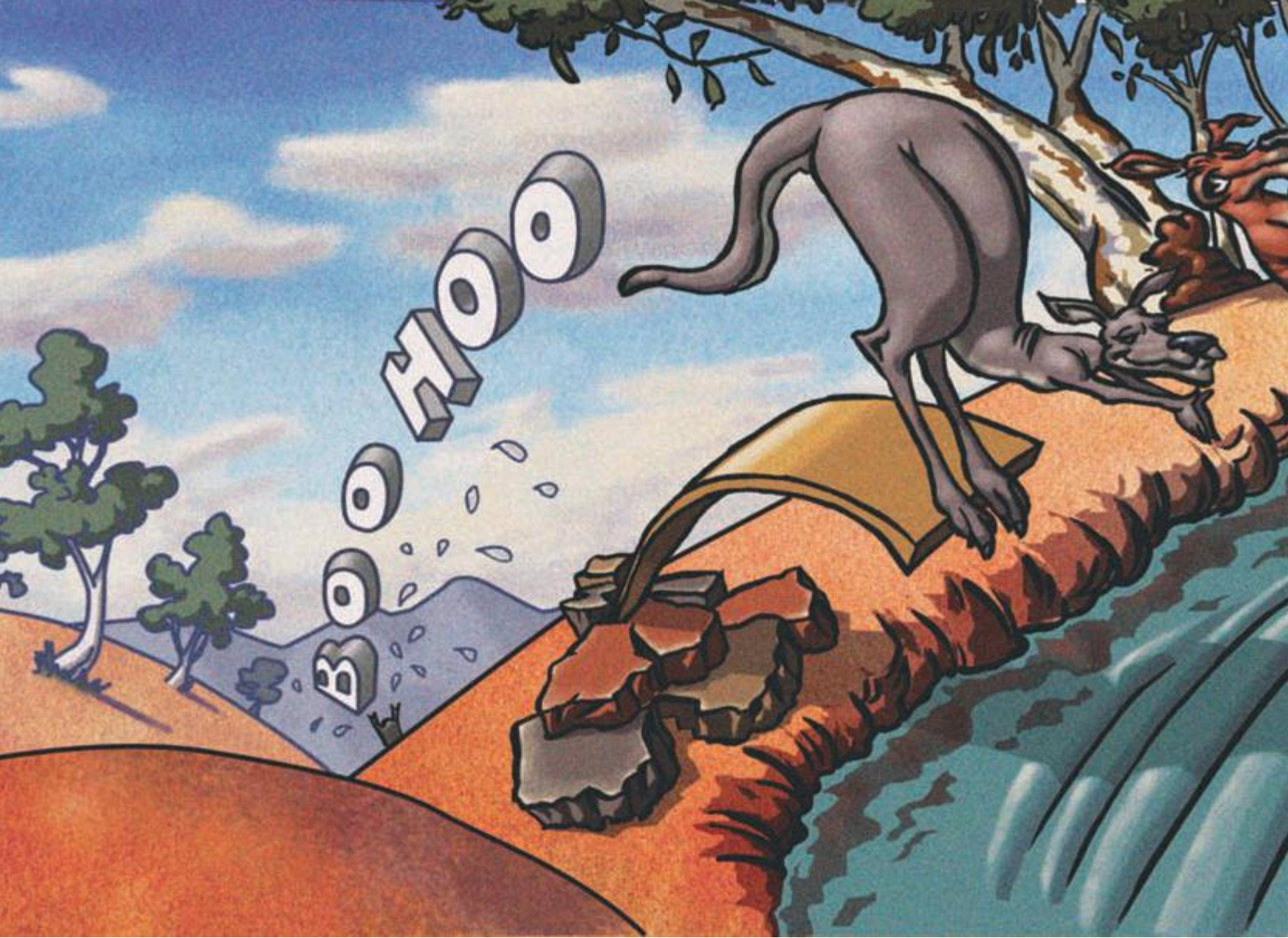


Kevin had lots of friends to play with everyday, but he was still a sad little 'roo. He was sad because whenever his friends went off to play Kevin couldn't keep-up with them.
You see, Kevin couldn't hop!

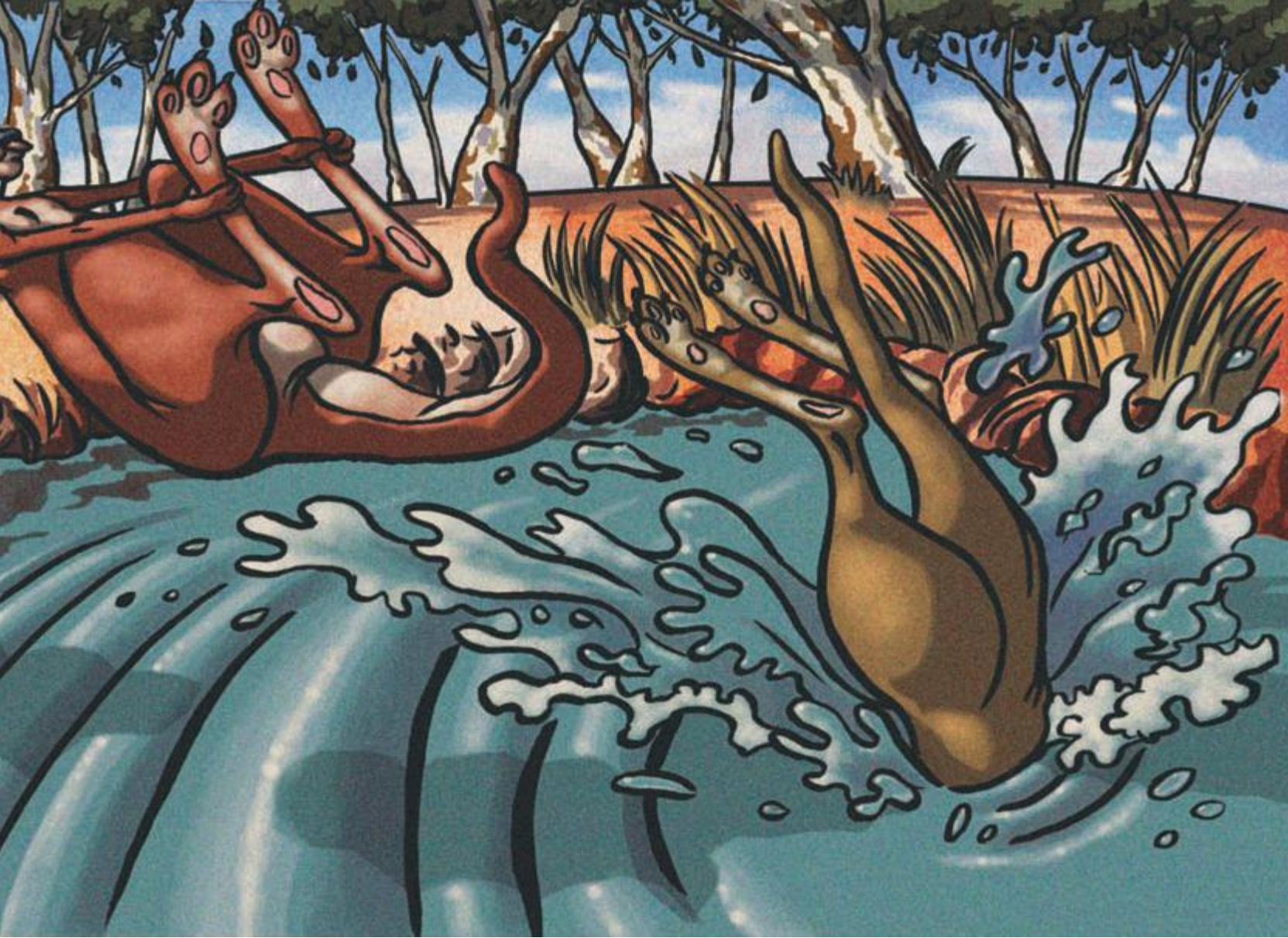




Kevin's best friends were Joey, Wally and Splat. They were all much bigger than Kevin and they could hop very high and very, very fast, which is called bounding. Kevin couldn't bound and that made him feel left out.



Joey, Wally and Splat didn't mind that Kevin couldn't keep-up. They would bound off to play shouting, "Kevin, we'll meet you at the billabong!"



The trouble was Kevin always thought they were saying, "Beat you 'cause you take too long!"; and it made him feel very sad and lonely.