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For my family,
who are koala-ty people! **SM**

For my most beloved:
Renee, Scout and Juni. **BW**



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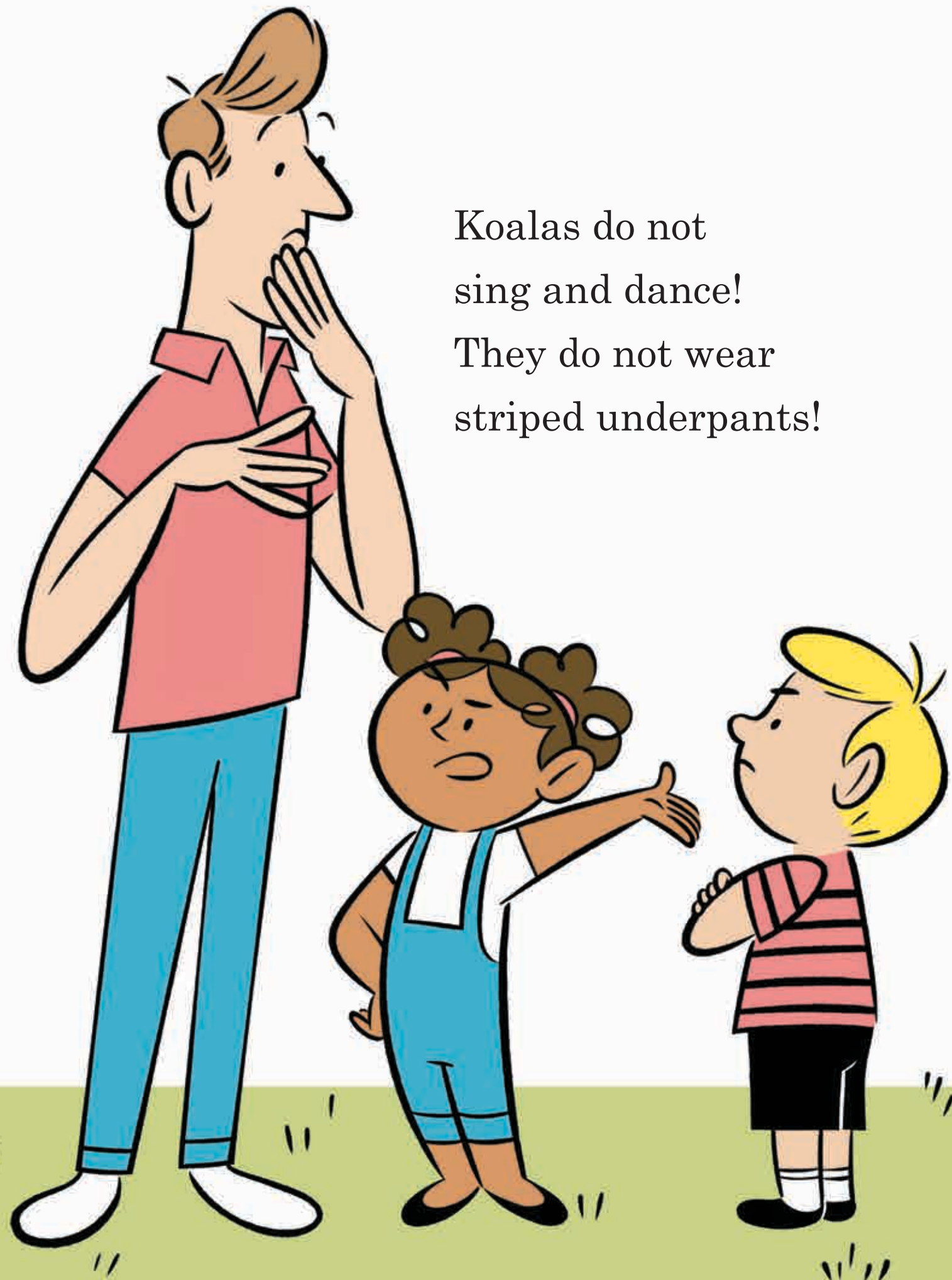
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Koalas like to sleep in trees.
Koalas like to eat gum leaves.



Koalas like to
sing and dance.
Koalas wear
striped underpants.



Koalas do not
sing and dance!
They do not wear
striped underpants!



I will start again for you.
This time it will all be true.



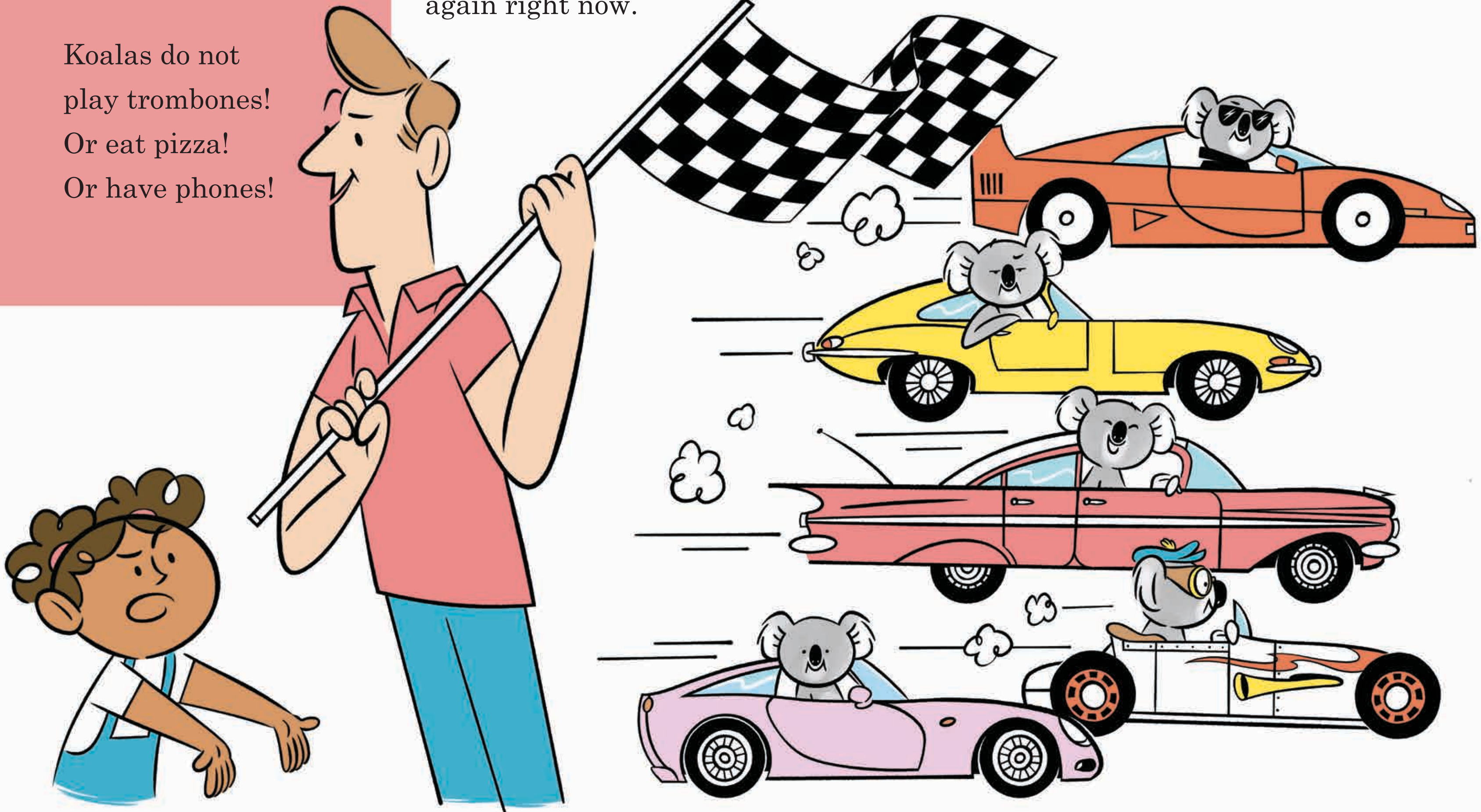
Koalas like to sleep in trees.
Koalas like to eat gum leaves.
Koalas like to play trombones.

And call for pizza on their phones.

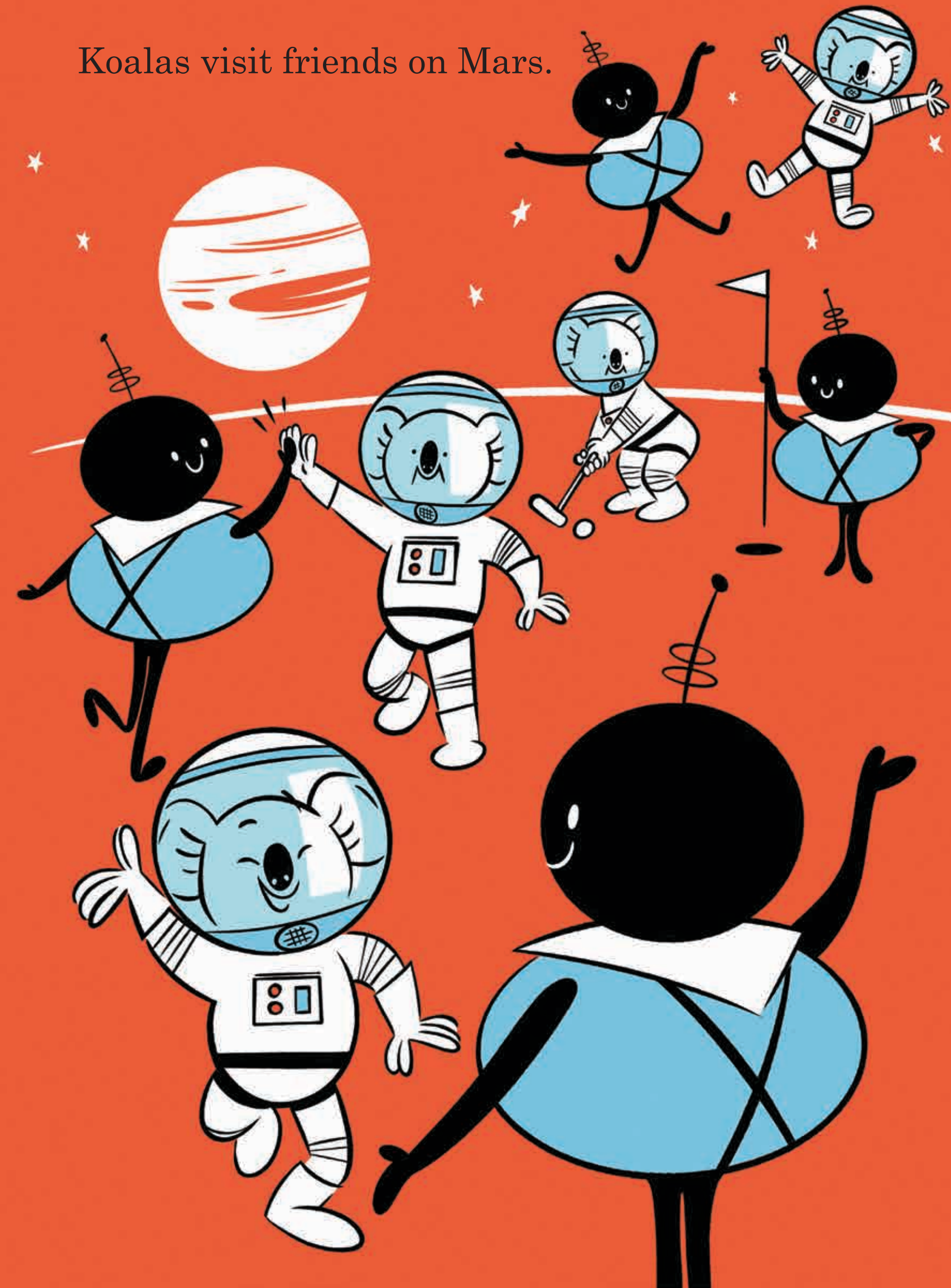
Oh no! I got it
wrong somehow.
But I will try
again right now.

Koalas do not
play trombones!
Or eat pizza!
Or have phones!

Koalas like to sleep in trees.
Koalas like to eat gum leaves.
Koalas like to drive fast cars.



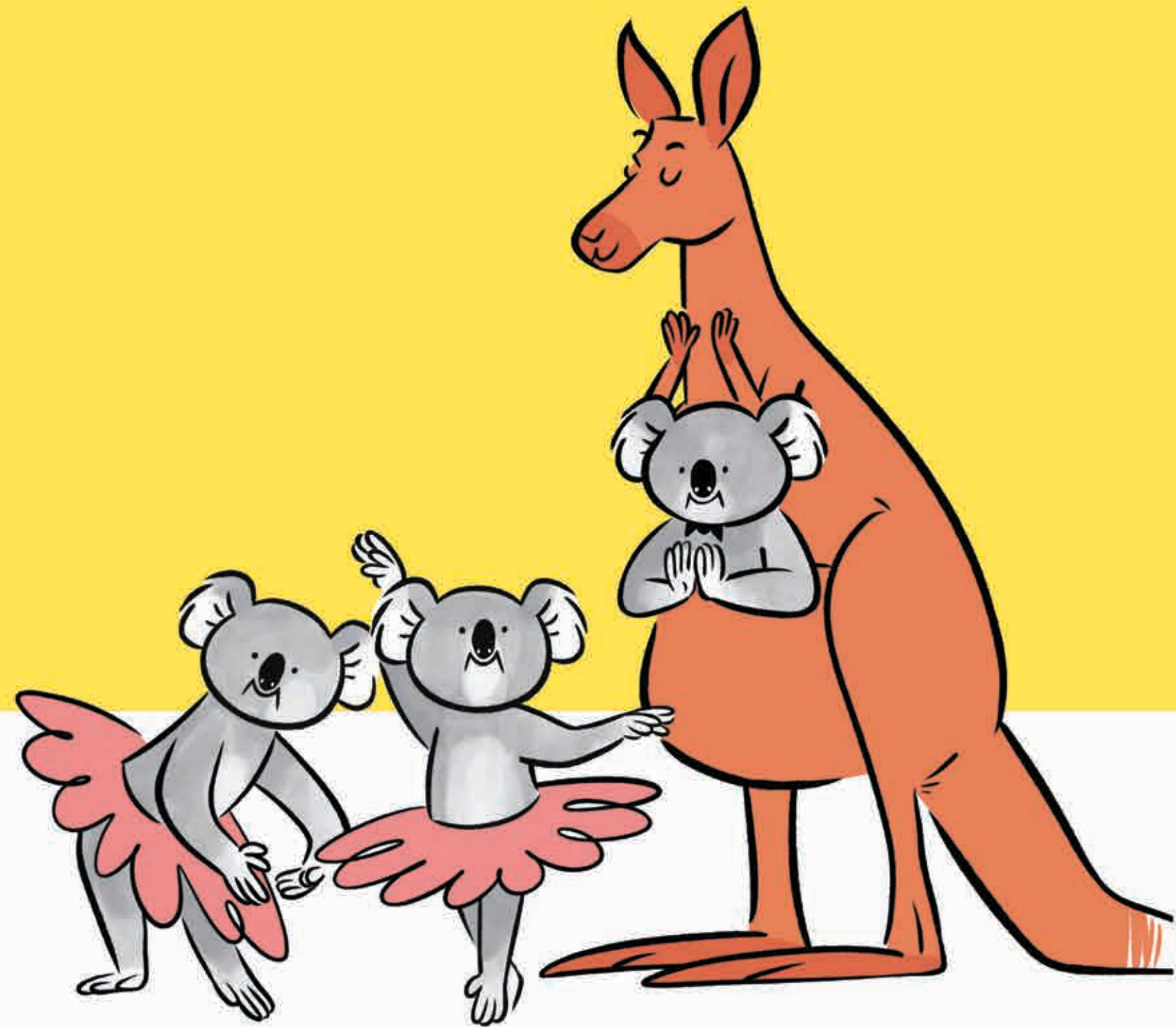
Koalas visit friends on Mars.



Koalas do not
drive fast cars!
They do not visit
friends on Mars!

Calm down.
It will all be fine.
I will get it right
this time.





Koalas like to sleep in trees.
Koalas like to eat gum leaves.
Koalas like to wear tutus.

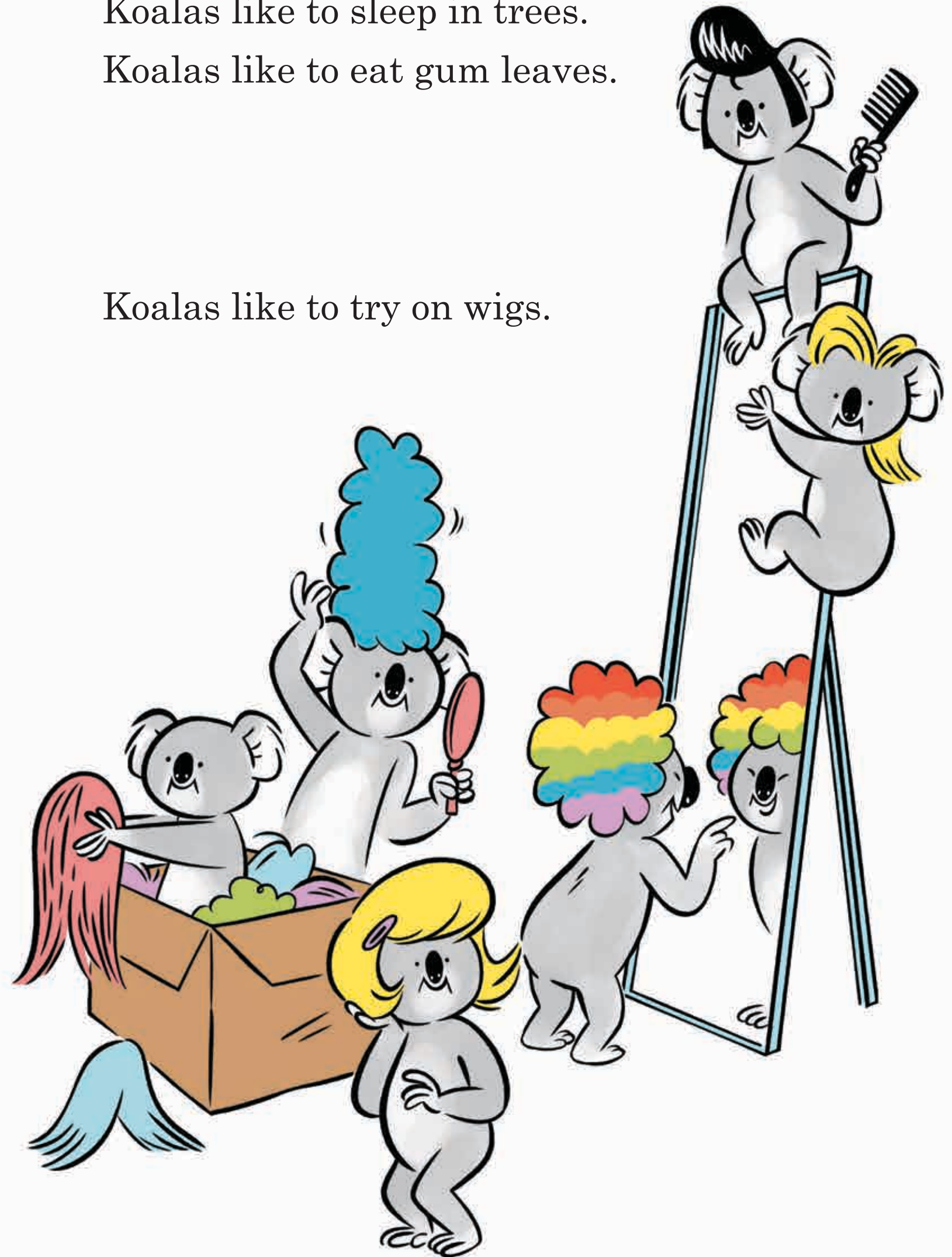
And ride around in kangaroos.

Koalas do not
wear tutus!
They do not ride
in kangaroos!

Sorry, I was
wrong. But wait!
I will fix up my
mistake.

Koalas like to sleep in trees.
Koalas like to eat gum leaves.

Koalas like to try on wigs.



And roll around in mud with pigs.

Did I get it wrong?
Oh no!
I will have
another go.

Koalas do not
try on wigs!
Or roll around
in mud with pigs!



Koalas like to sleep in trees.
Koalas like to eat gum leaves.

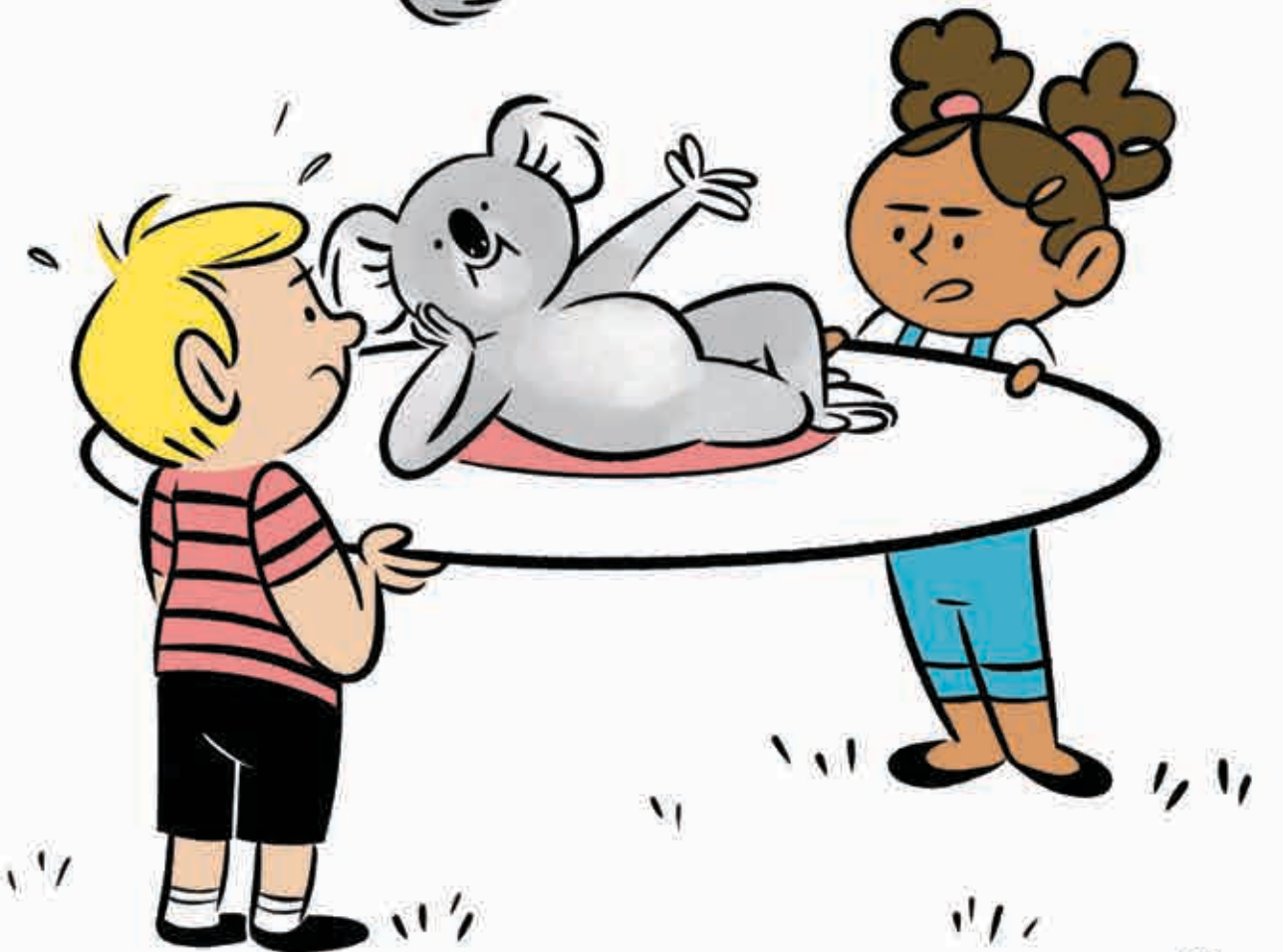
Koalas do not bounce up high!

Koalas like to
bounce up high.

They have no wings!
They cannot fly!



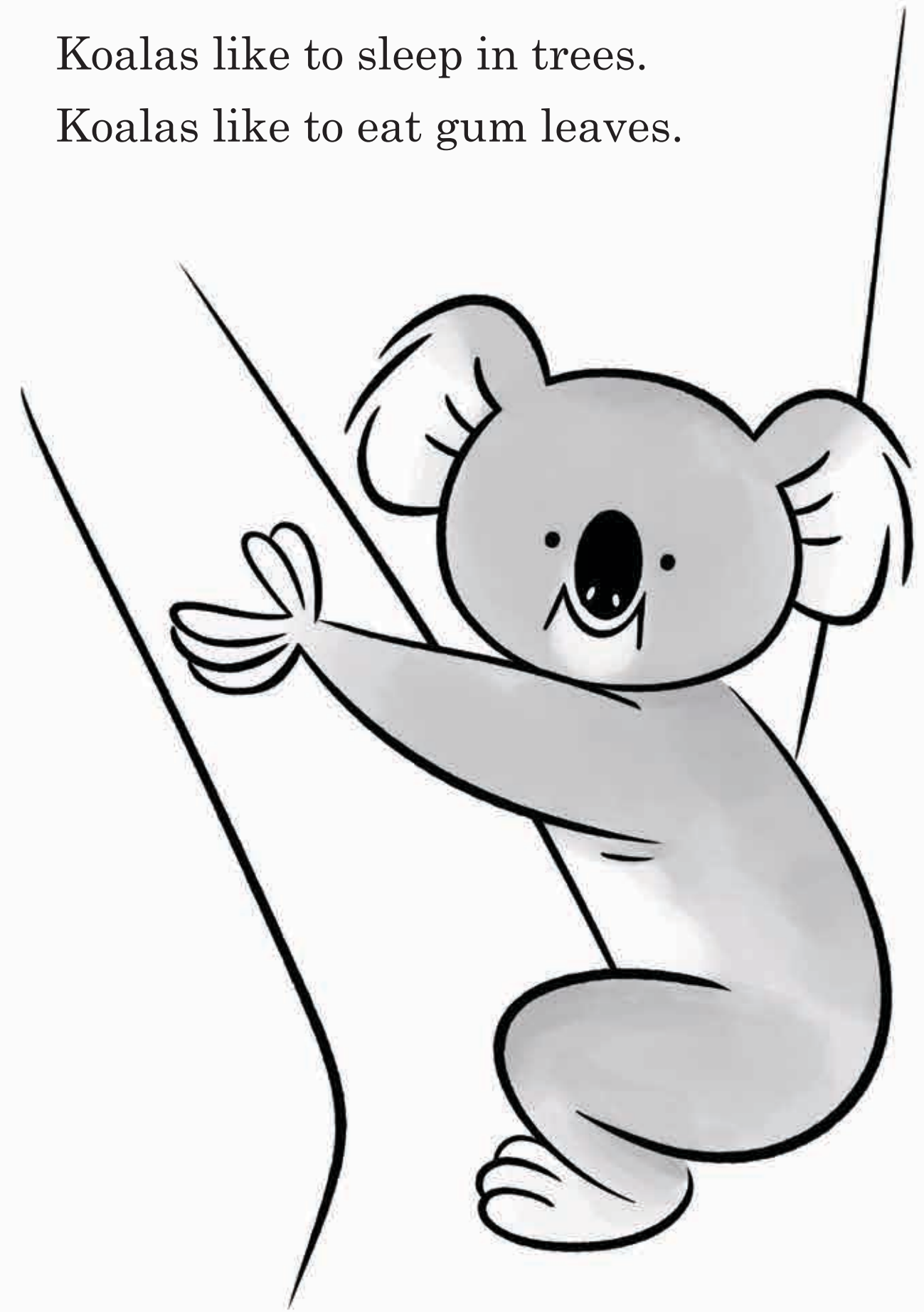
They flap their wings
like birds and fly.



Do not worry.
Just relax.
This time
I will state the facts.



Koalas like to sleep in trees.
Koalas like to eat gum leaves.



And this is what I know for sure:
they have two thumbs on each front paw!



You are right! They really do!
What else do you know is true?

My favourite fact is such a beaut:
Koalas ...

They are very



CUTE!



DID YOU KNOW?

Koalas are native to Australia.



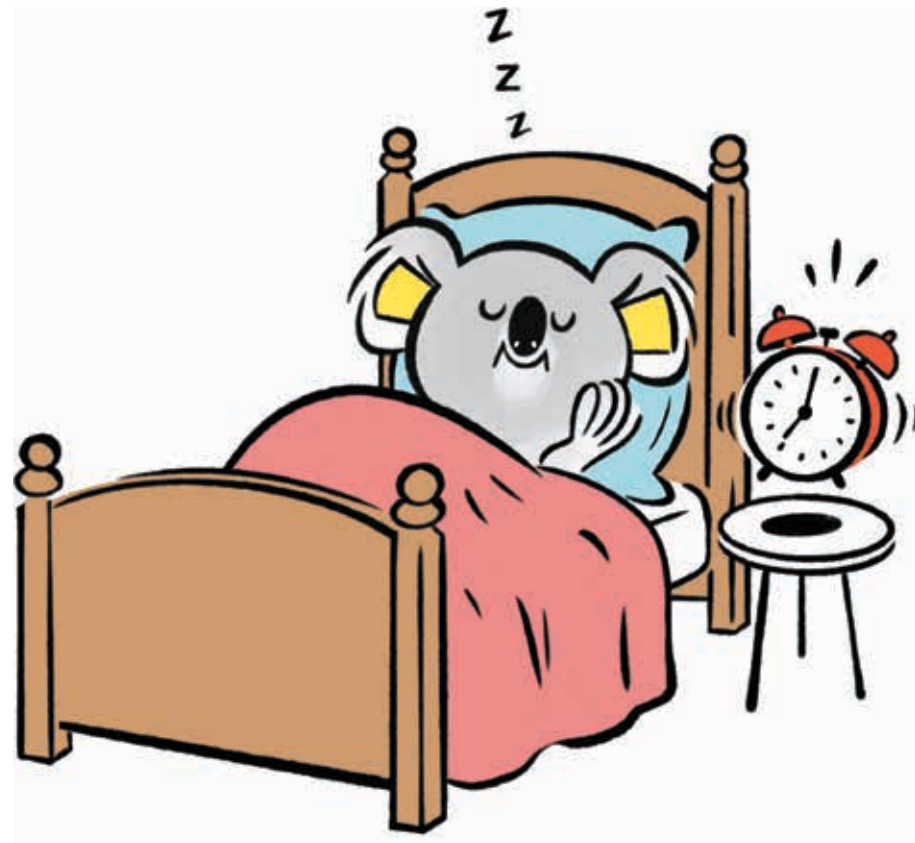
Koalas mostly eat *eucalyptus* (YOO-KAH-LIP-TUS) leaves.



They are *nocturnal*. This means they are more active at night.



Their bottoms have extra thick fur, which provides padding for the many hours they spend sitting in trees.



They can sleep for up to 22 hours a day.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

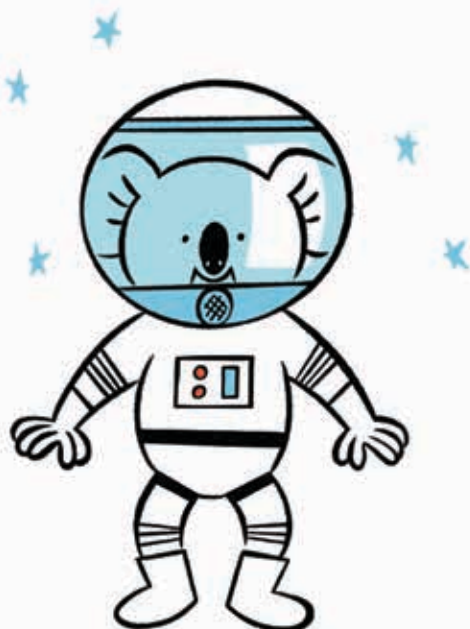
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ABOUT FIRST 5 FOREVER

In the first five years, little moments make a big difference.

Children learn best from those closest to them – and by talking, reading, singing and playing together every day, families support their child's brain development and help them build a lifelong love of learning and discovery.

First 5 Forever is an early literacy program supporting families to make the most of this time. The program offers free sessions for children 0–5 and their families throughout Queensland's public library and Indigenous Knowledge Centre network, and provides fun, informative and hands-on tips and advice online.

First 5 Forever is an initiative of the Queensland Government, coordinated by State Library of Queensland and delivered in partnership with local government. Each year, public libraries and Indigenous Knowledge Centres across Queensland welcome thousands of families to First 5 Forever activities.

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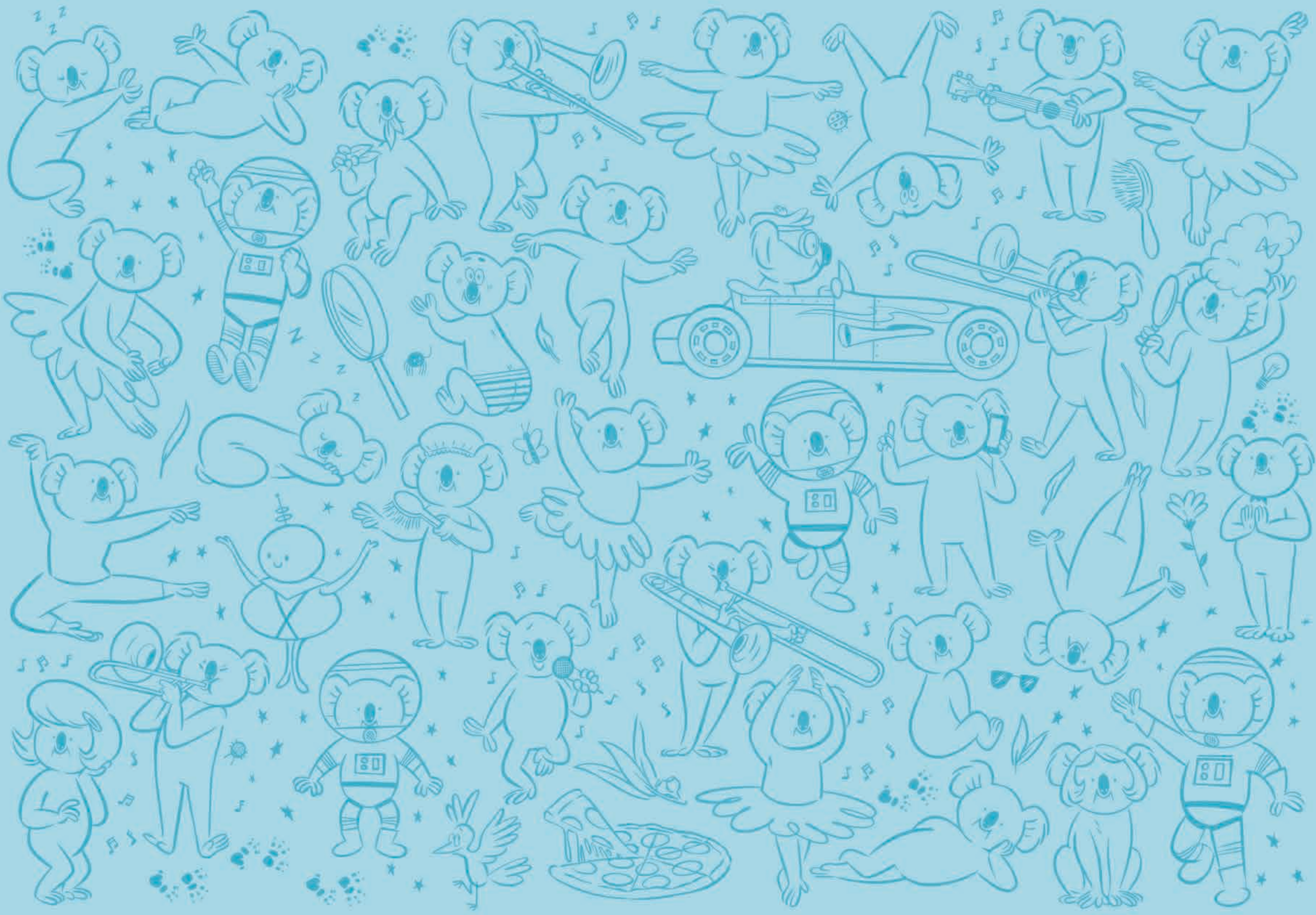
ABOUT THIS SERIES

State Library of Queensland has published twelve new children's picture books for Queensland's littlest readers as part of First 5 Forever. The books promote strong early literacy foundations through a range of subjects and styles: the amusing antics of Queensland's faunal emblem, the koala; educational aids such as counting and alphabet books; stories of belonging; journeys of discovery; true-life tales; and much more.

Produced exclusively for State Library of Queensland and First 5 Forever, this series reflects the diversity of Queensland, celebrates the uniqueness of our state, and aims to inspire a love of reading and discovery in a new generation of little Queenslanders.

The books also showcase writers and artists with a Queensland connection who are based throughout the state. They feature emerging and established talent, as well as First Nations writers and artists whose books were developed with State Library of Queensland's black&write! editorial team.





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They also like to try on wigs.

And roll around in mud with pigs.

You will be surprised what these
koalas get up to!

