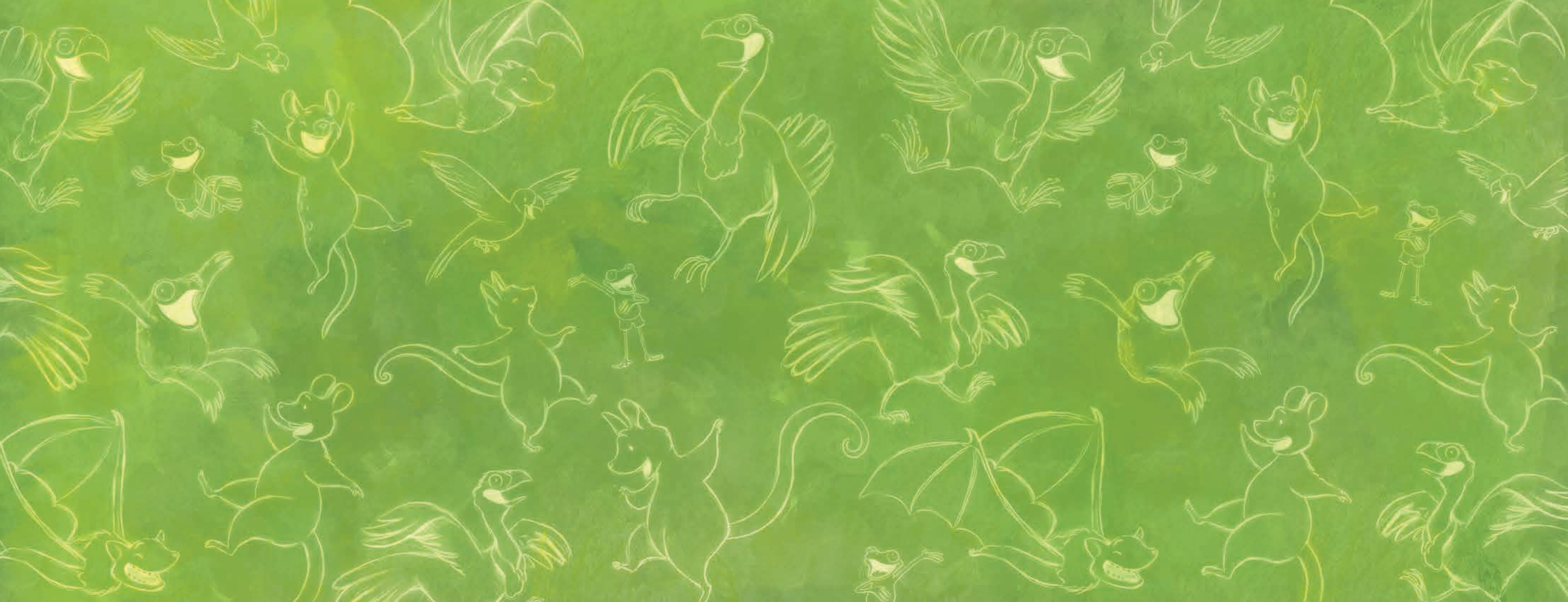


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To my dad, who chose Queensland and wakes to
wallabies beneath his bedroom window.





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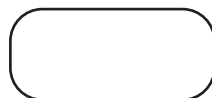
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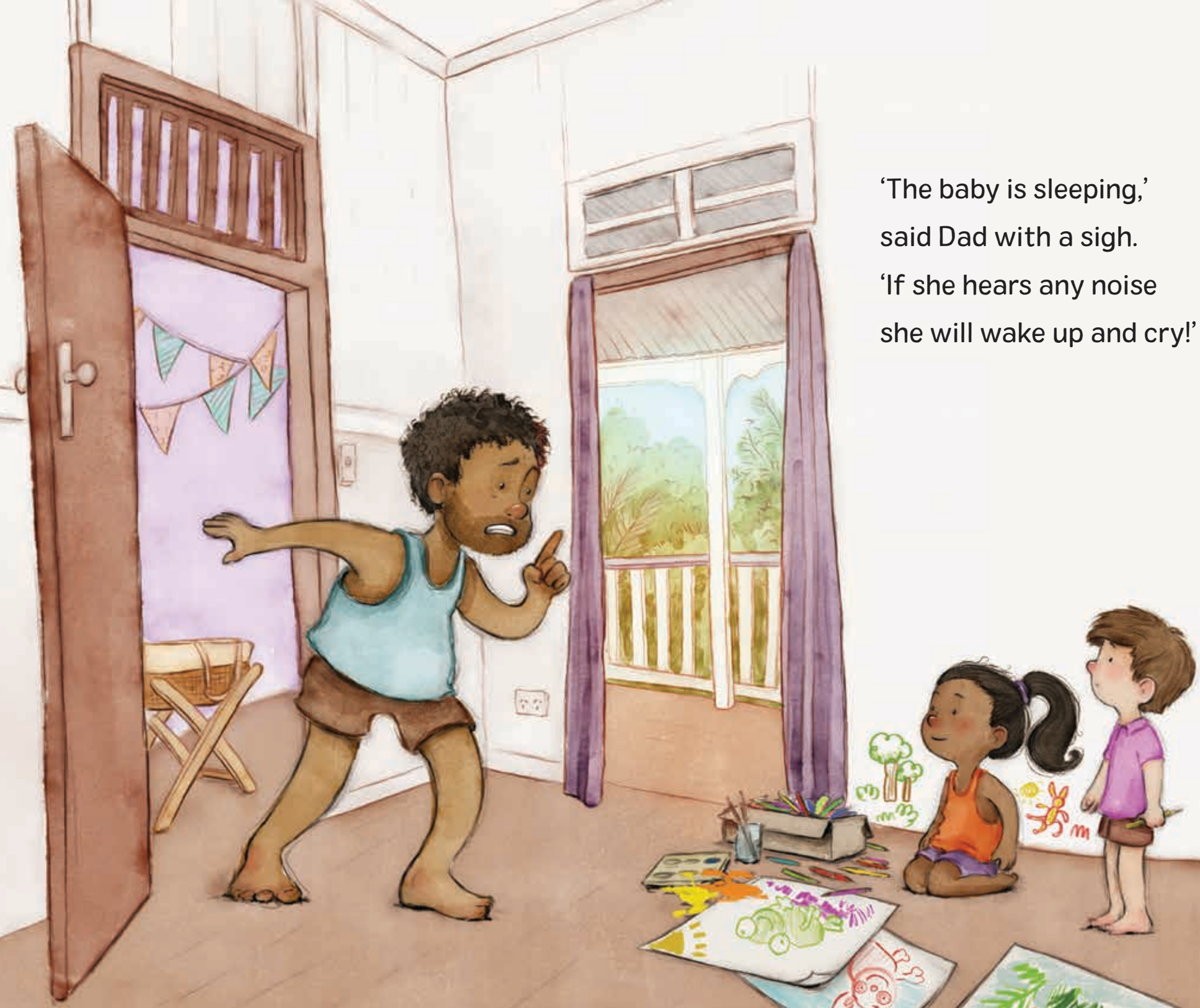


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‘The baby is sleeping,’
said Dad with a sigh.
‘If she hears any noise
she will wake up and cry!’



So the kids stopped their game
but could still hear a-thumping,
and they all went to find who was
BANGING and **BUMPING**.

Outside they saw possums all over the house,
playing football with quolls and a small hopping mouse.
'**SHOOOSH!**' said the children. 'Please try to be quiet.
You might wake the baby with such a loud riot!'



SHOOOSH! SHOOOSH!



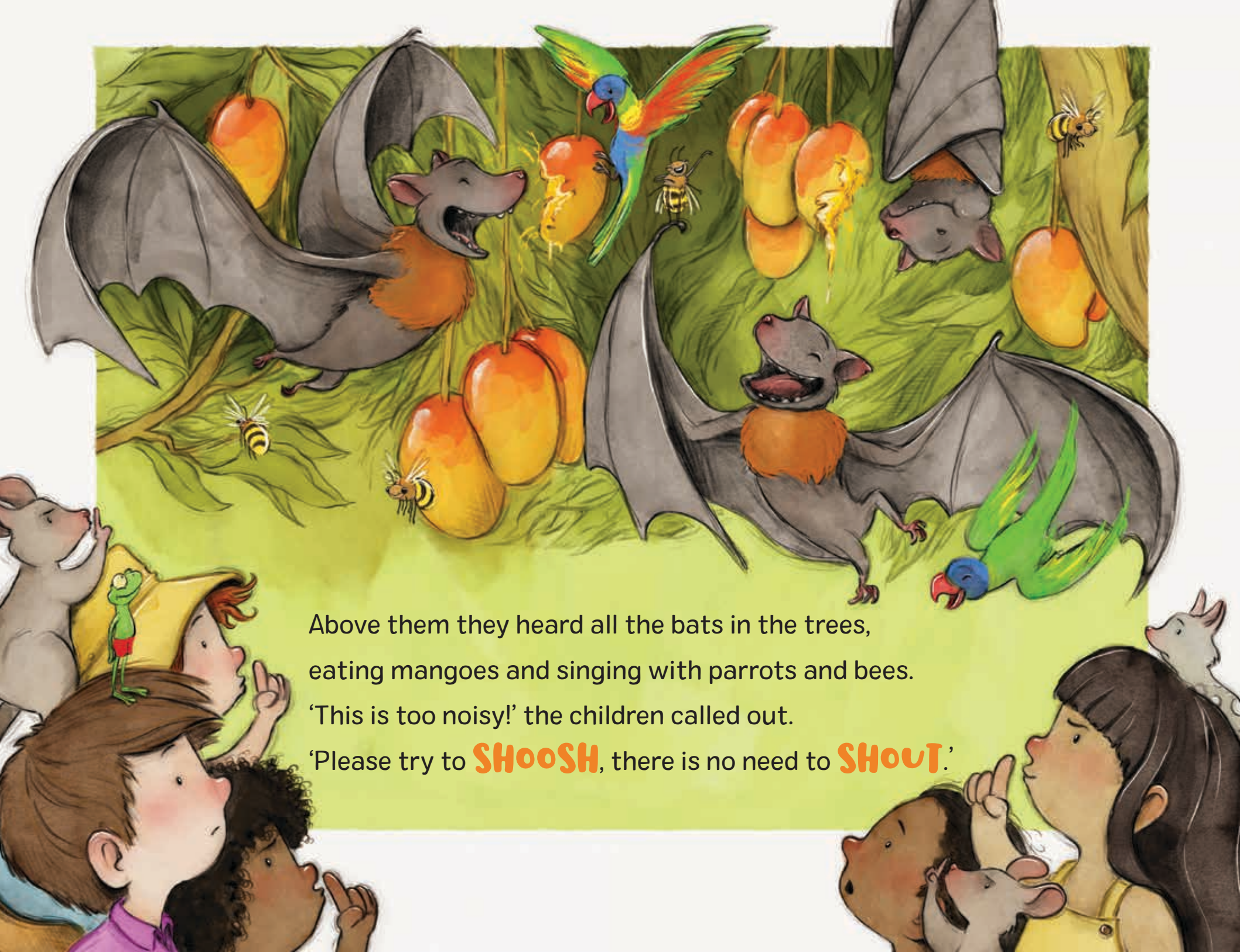
SHOOOSH!





Next they discovered a party of frogs
in a pool wearing sunscreen and matching red togs.
All the **SPLOSHING** and **SPLASHING** made such a loud sound.
'**SHOOOSH!**' said the children. 'Stop messing around!'





Above them they heard all the bats in the trees,
eating mangoes and singing with parrots and bees.

'This is too noisy!' the children called out.

'Please try to **SHOOSH**, there is no need to **SHOUT**.'



The cicadas were laughing and dancing in line
as they kicked up their heels and shuffled in time.

'Must you do all this now?' said the kids in a huff.

'This has gone on all day and **ENOUGH** is **ENOUGH**.'



SHOOOSH!
SHOOOSH!
SHOOOSH!



The cane toads were squealing and having a lark
on a waterslide made from a slippery tarp.
The kids crossed their arms and gave them a frown.
‘This is really too much and you must **KEEP IT DOWN!**’

A rafter of turkeys were cooking some food,
which they scoffed down in gulps — not a single bite chewed!
They **GIGGLED** and **WARBLED** and flapped in the breeze,
and everyone begged them, ‘No more of this, please!’



SHOOOSH!
SHOOOSH!
SHOOOSH!




The last noise they heard was the loudest so far —
a chipper young wallaby playing guitar.


She was **WHOOPING** and **HOLLERING** songs from the bush,
and everyone said to her, '**SHOOSH, SHOOSH, SHOOSH,**

SHOOSH!'






The garden was finally quiet and calm.
All of their **SHOOSHING** had worked like a charm.



But with everything silent, it felt rather odd.
And inside the baby had started to sob.



'She enjoys all the noise!' they called to the crowd.

'If we want her to settle we need to be loud!'

And they knew straight away
that the right thing to do
was to start the most
marvellous

HULLABALOO.

The shindig outside proved a lively event.

But our baby just yawned, feeling **SAFE** and **CONTENT**.

Now the noise from the garden was sounding just right,

she closed both her eyes and **SLEPT THROUGH THE NIGHT**.





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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.

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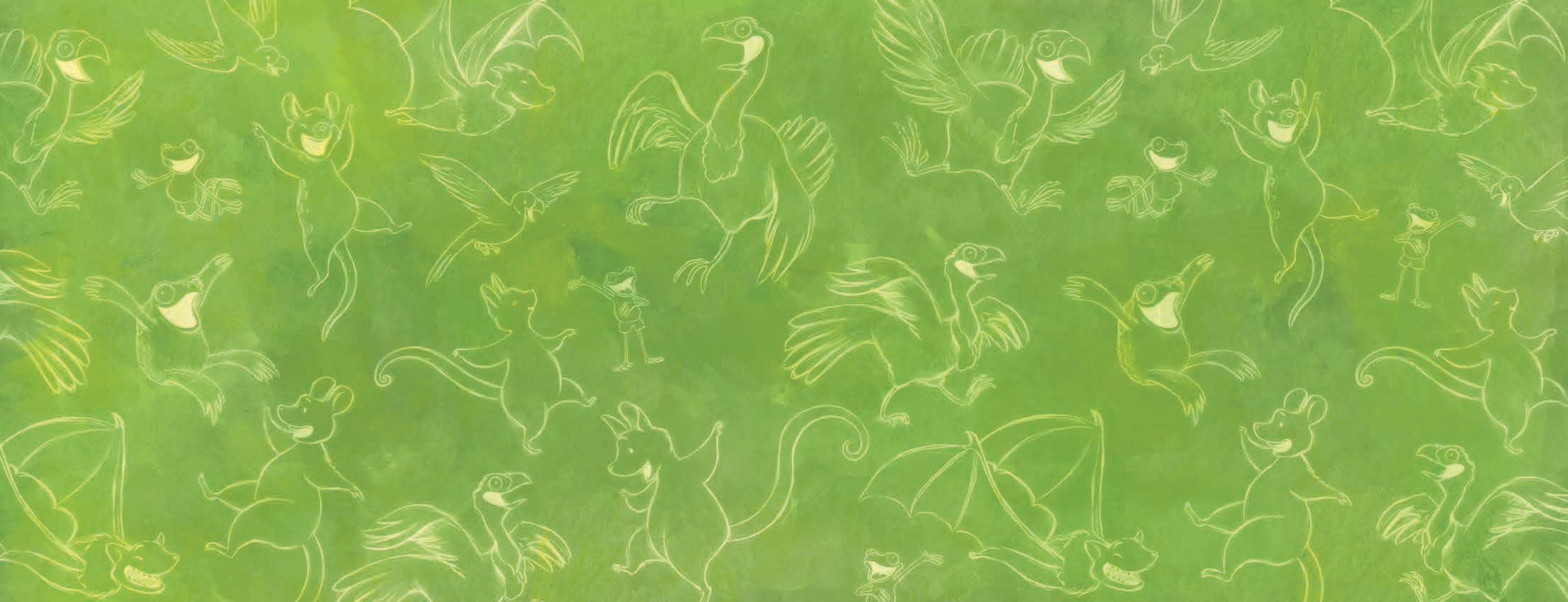
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Produced exclusively for State Library of Queensland and First 5 Forever, this series reflects the diversity of Queensland, celebrates the uniqueness of our state, and aims to inspire a love of reading and discovery in a new generation of little Queenslanders.

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.



Finding quiet with **FOOTBALL-PLAYING** possums,
SINGING bats and **DANCING** cicadas is very hard.

Will they ever keep the noise down?

A joyful, funny and heartfelt tale of bedtime
sounds and adventure.

