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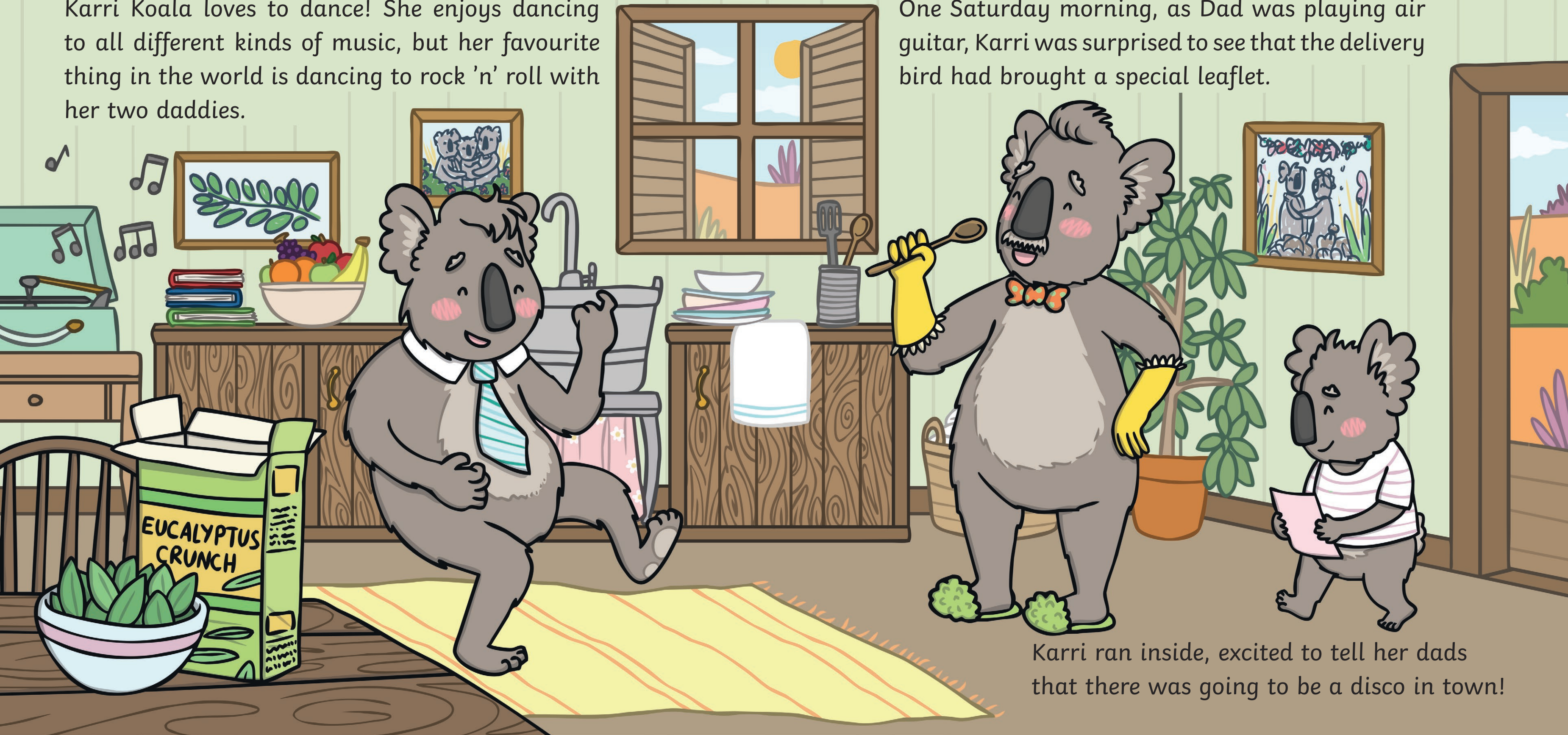
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Karri Koala loves to dance! She enjoys dancing to all different kinds of music, but her favourite thing in the world is dancing to rock 'n' roll with her two daddies.



One Saturday morning, as Dad was playing air guitar, Karri was surprised to see that the delivery bird had brought a special leaflet.

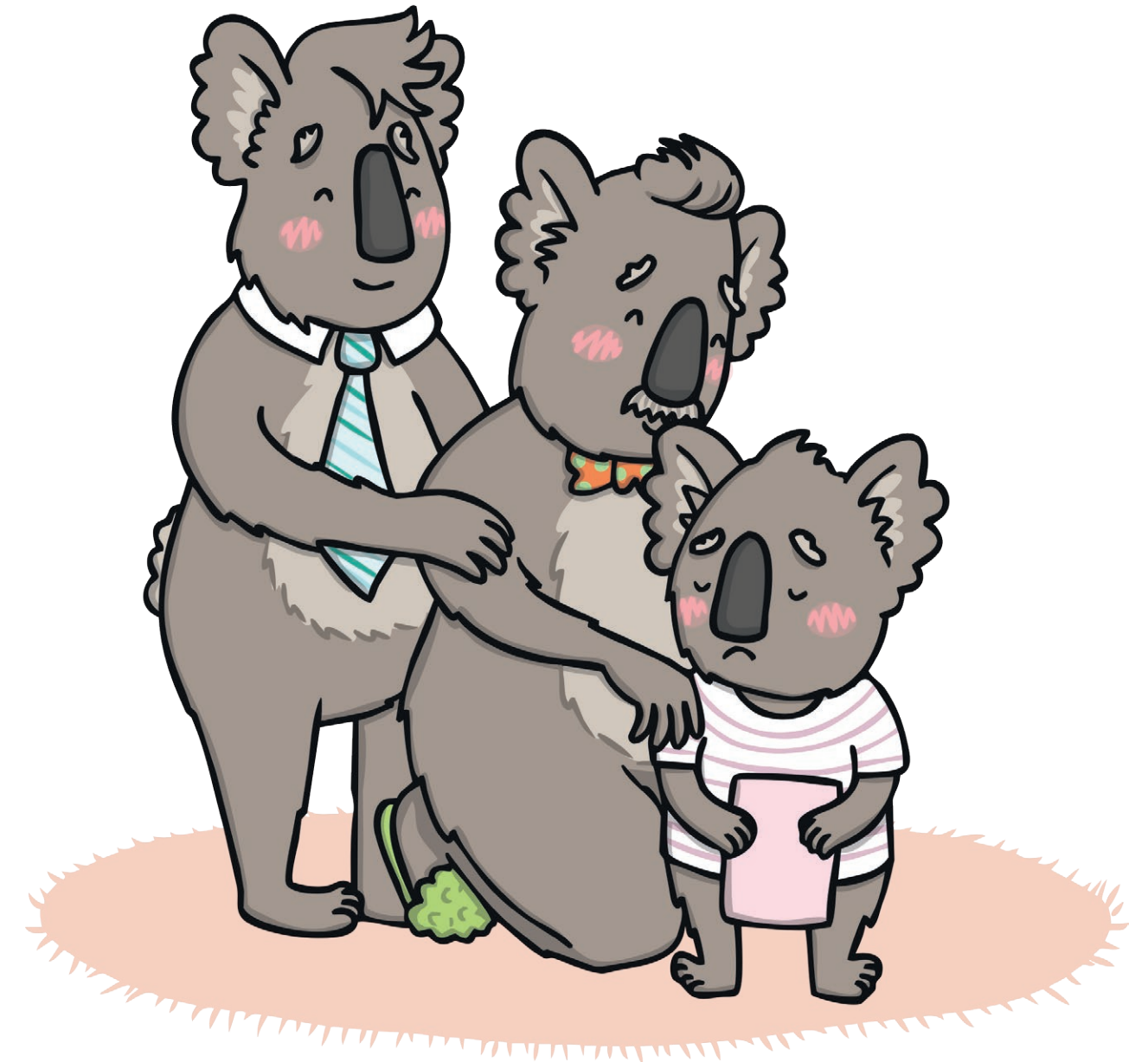
Karri ran inside, excited to tell her dads that there was going to be a disco in town!

Karri's smile faded as she read the words out loud.



"But I don't have a mummy in my family," she said.
"Does that mean I can't go?"

"I'm sure Mayor Emu wouldn't want you to miss the disco," said Daddy, with a kind voice.



"Maybe Dad and I could come and boogie with you. Why don't you go and see Katy? I bet she will want to take her grandma."



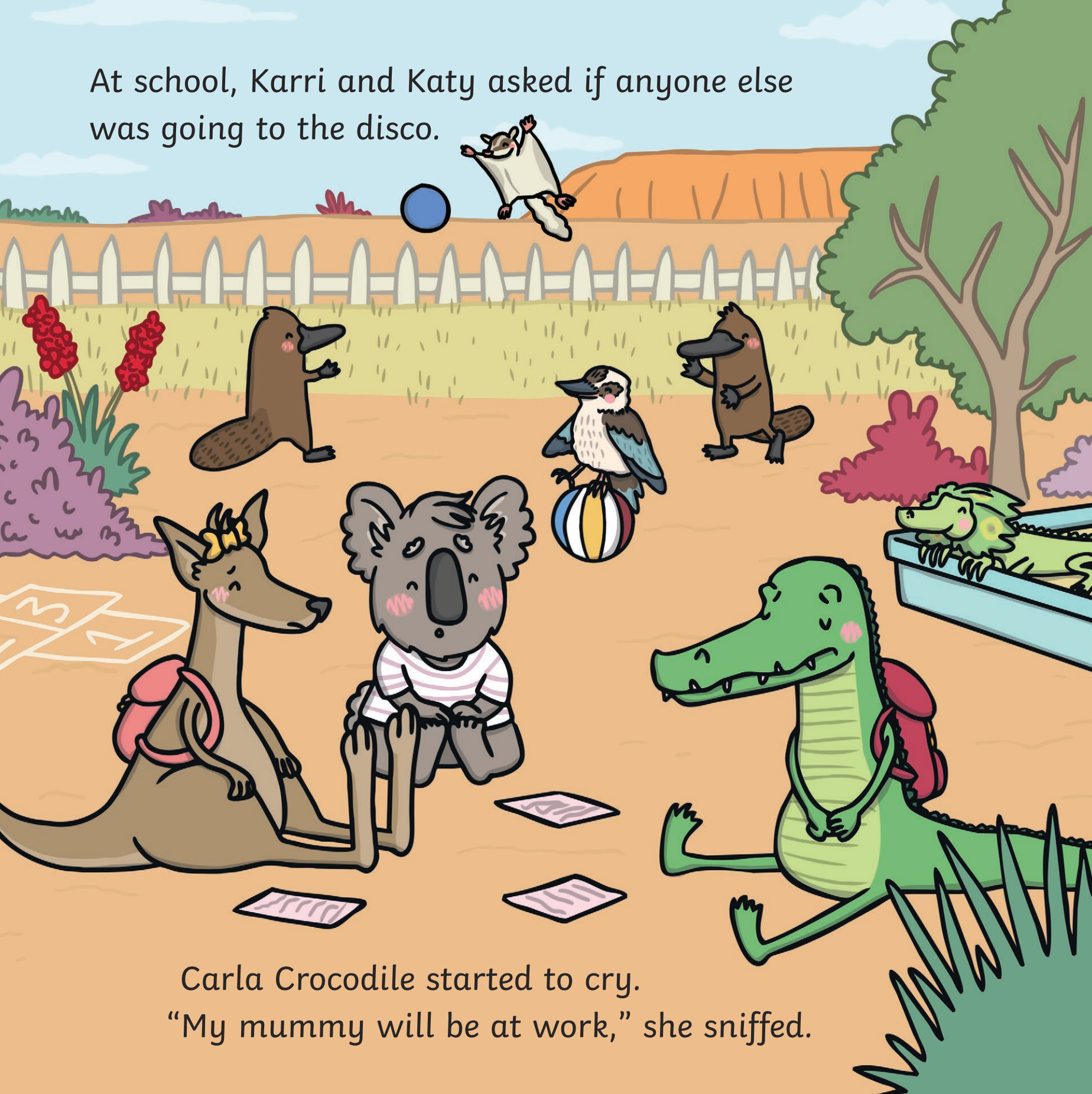
Karri went next door to see her best friend, Katy Kangaroo. Katy lived with her grandma and loved to dance as much as Karri did.



"I definitely want to go," said Katy excitedly.

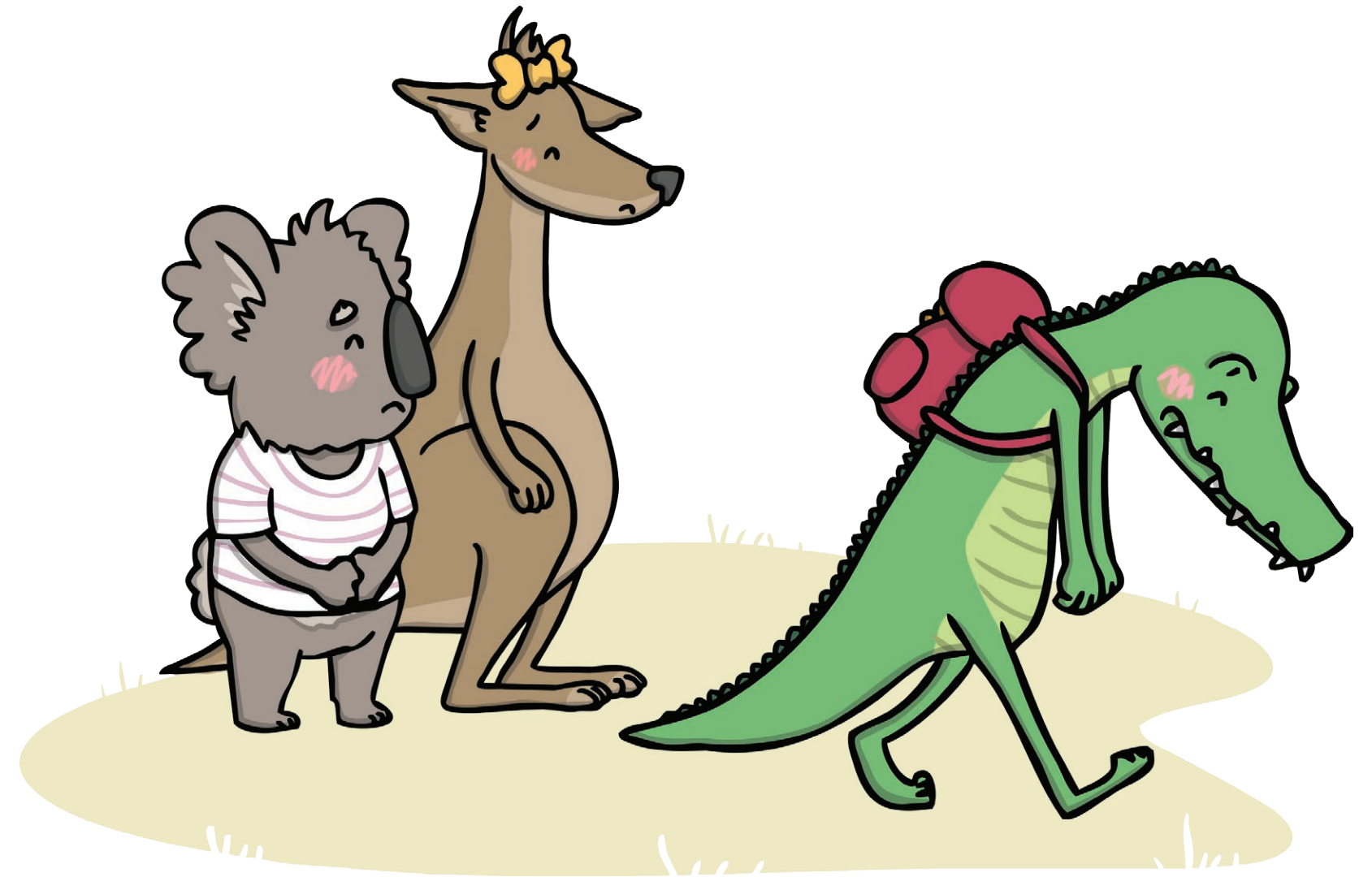
"My gran has some amazing dance moves. It shouldn't matter that she's not my mum!"

At school, Karri and Katy asked if anyone else was going to the disco.



Carla Crocodile started to cry.
“My mummy will be at work,” she sniffed.

“Don’t be sad,” said Karri. “What if your big sister could take you?”



“But the leaflet says it’s for mummies,” said Carla,
and she walked away sadly.



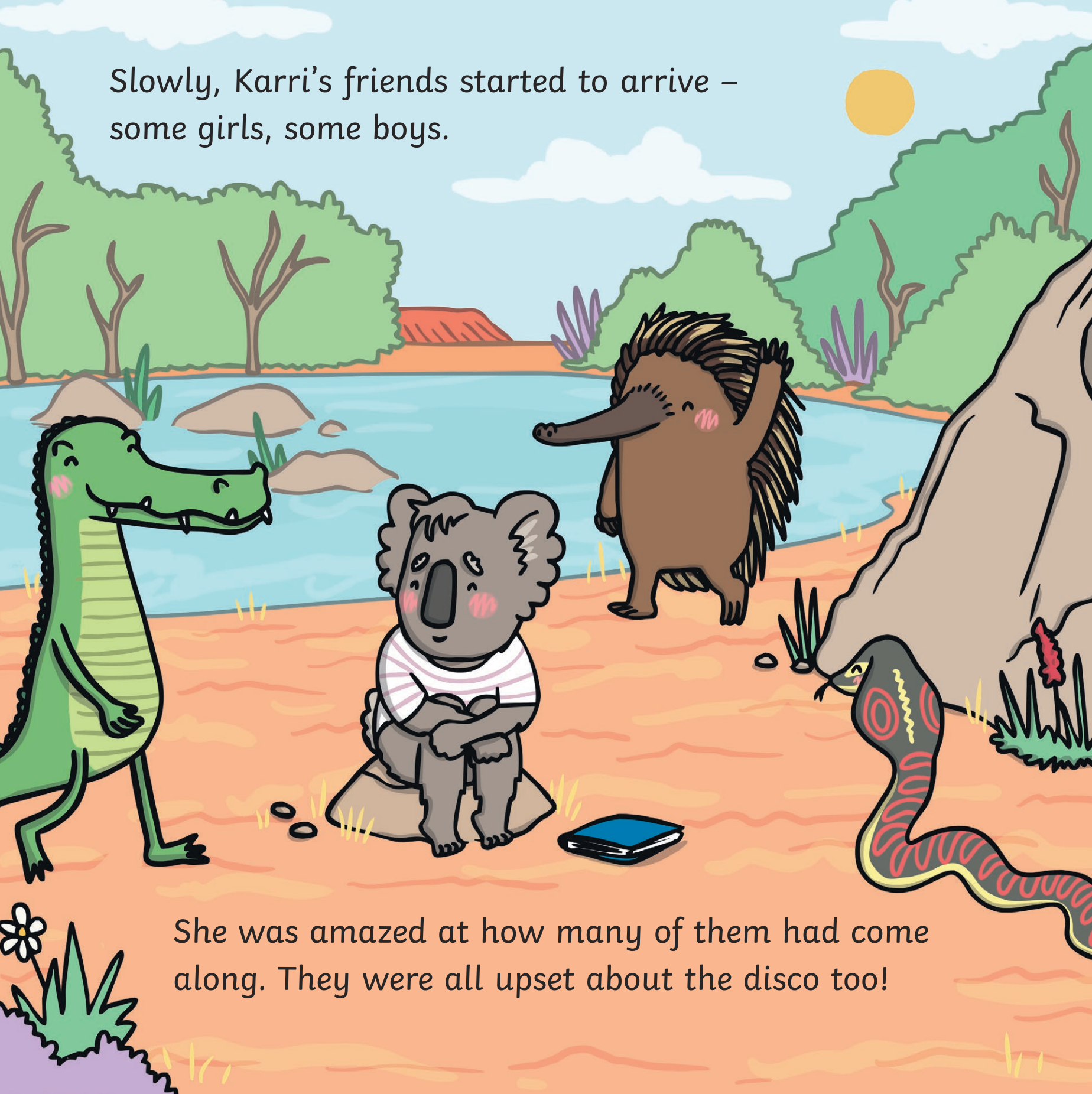
That night, Karri went to her room feeling cross that the disco leaflet had made her, Katy and Carla feel so unwelcome. She wondered if anyone else would be feeling the same.

The next day, she decided to call a meeting for anyone who was also feeling left out.



She spread the word and then waited by the lake for them to turn up.

Slowly, Karri's friends started to arrive – some girls, some boys.



She was amazed at how many of them had come along. They were all upset about the disco too!

The platypus twins, Pablo and Paula, just loved discos and they wanted to take their mummy dancing together. “It’s not fair that it’s only for daughters!” Pablo said. “What about sons?”



“Yeah, what about us?” said Eric Echidna and Levi Lizard.



Wanda Wombat was looked after by her dad and didn't have a mum. She wanted to take her dad to the disco to celebrate their happy little family!

Deborah Dingo was confused about whether she would be allowed to bring both of her mummies.



"I can't choose just one," she said anxiously,
"I love them both so much!"

Keeley Kookaburra had been adopted by a family of galahs and lived with her mum, dad, two grannies, grandpa, four aunties, five uncles and twelve cousins.



“But everyone in my family loves and helps me. I want to bring them all!” she said.



Karri went home feeling determined to make sure that all her friends and their families could be part of the party.

She told Dad about the meeting and all of her friends who wanted to come too.



“Why don’t you write a letter to the Mayor?” suggested Dad.

Karri sat down and wrote a letter, telling the Mayor about all of the different families who would not be included at his disco.

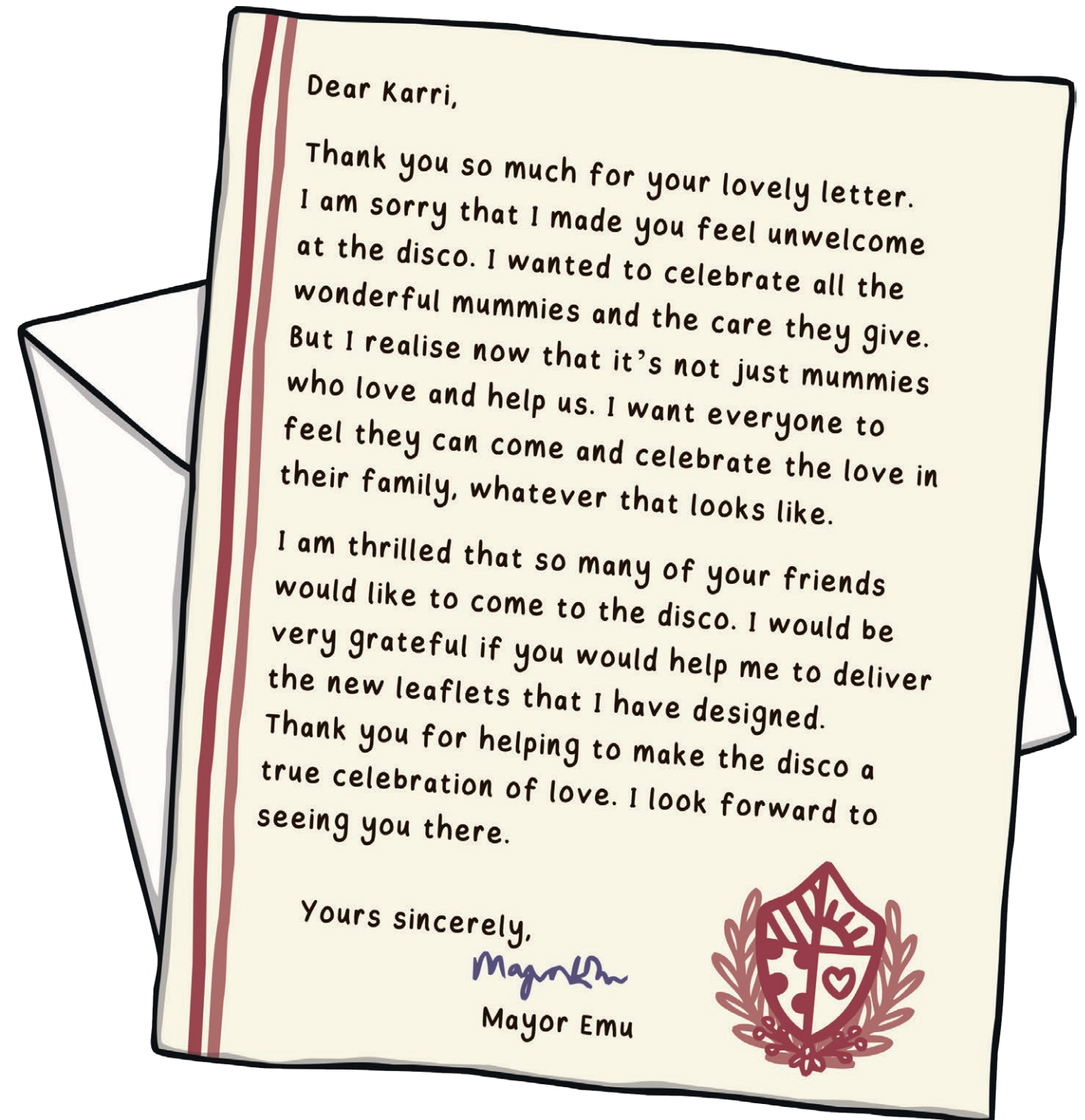


She posted the letter and waited.



A few days later, an envelope arrived addressed to Karri. It had the official stamp of the Mayor's office.

Karri felt very nervous, but with Dad and Daddy by her side, she opened the letter.



Dear Karri,

Thank you so much for your lovely letter. I am sorry that I made you feel unwelcome at the disco. I wanted to celebrate all the wonderful mummies and the care they give. But I realise now that it's not just mummies who love and help us. I want everyone to feel they can come and celebrate the love in their family, whatever that looks like.

I am thrilled that so many of your friends would like to come to the disco. I would be very grateful if you would help me to deliver the new leaflets that I have designed. Thank you for helping to make the disco a true celebration of love. I look forward to seeing you there.

Yours sincerely,

Mayor Emu

Mayor Emu



Karri handed out the leaflets to all of her friends.



Dad and Daddy felt proud of their kind and thoughtful little koala.



All that was left to do was choose which disco outfits to wear and for Karri, Dad and Daddy to practise their dance moves.



That night, the town was lit up with disco lights and the sound of party music floated through the air.

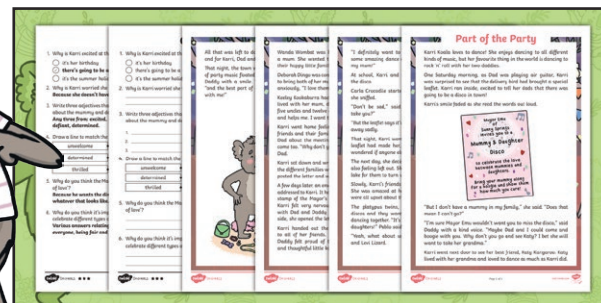
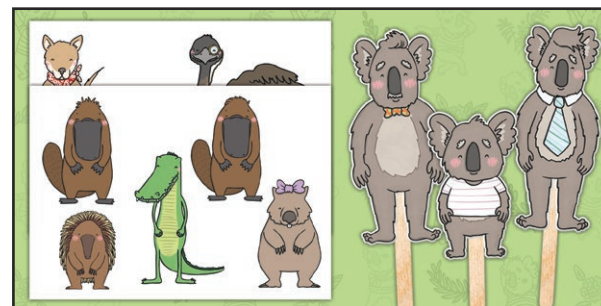
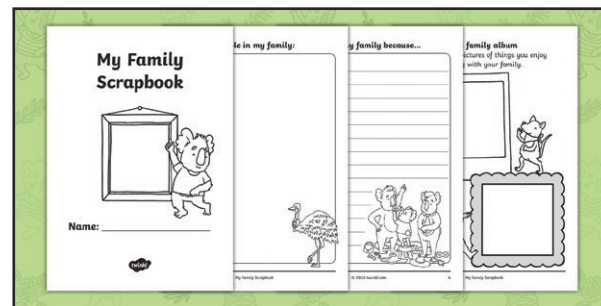
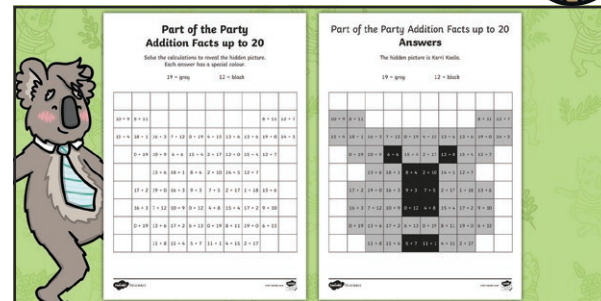
Karri looked at Dad and Daddy with a smile.

“This was the best disco ever,” she said, “and the best part of all was having you both here to share it with me!”



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Karri really wants to go to the Mummy and Daughter Disco in town.

“But I don’t have a mummy in my family,”
she said. “Does that mean I can’t go?”

Follow one brave koala as she sets out on a mission to
make every family feel part of the party.



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