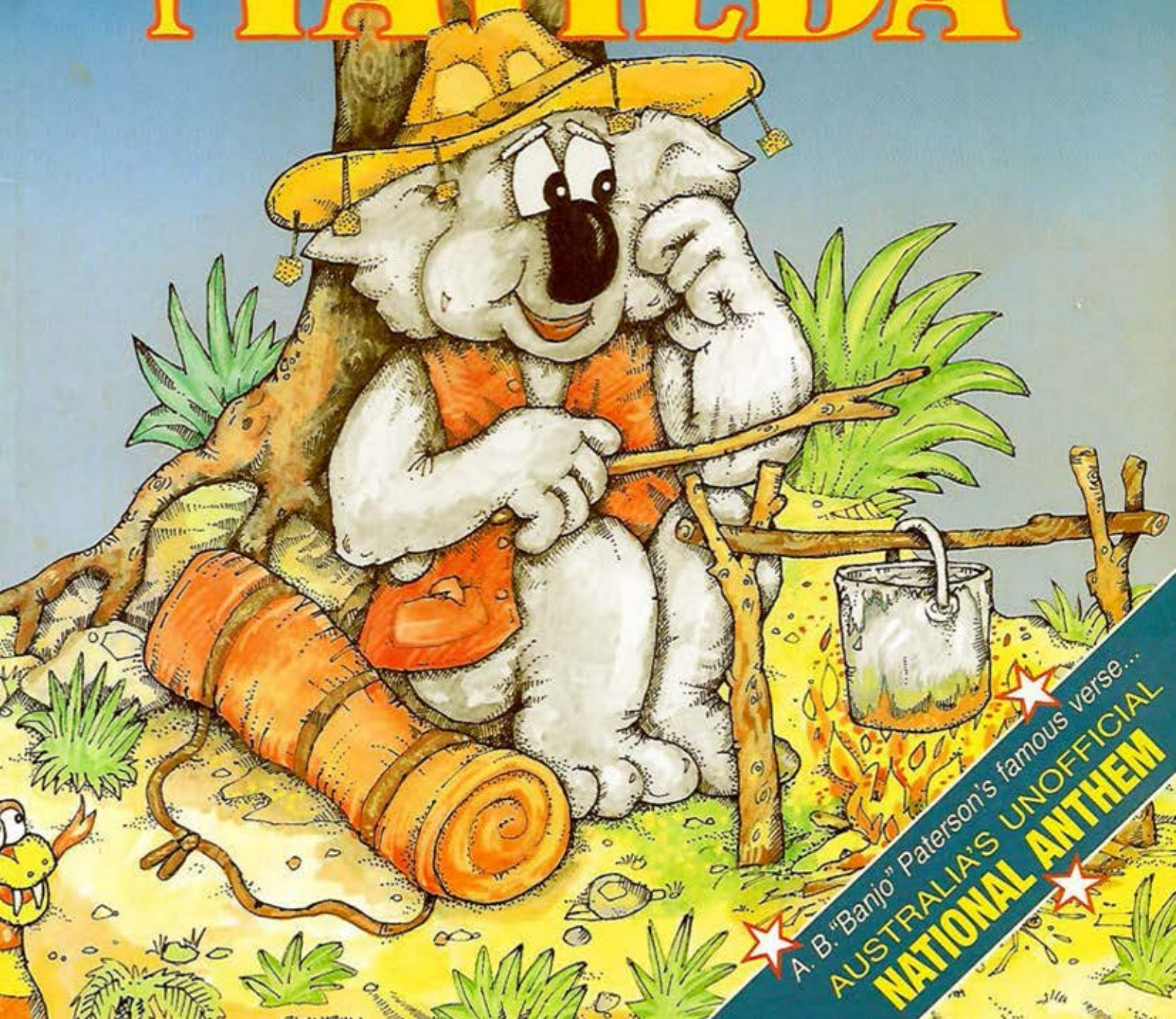


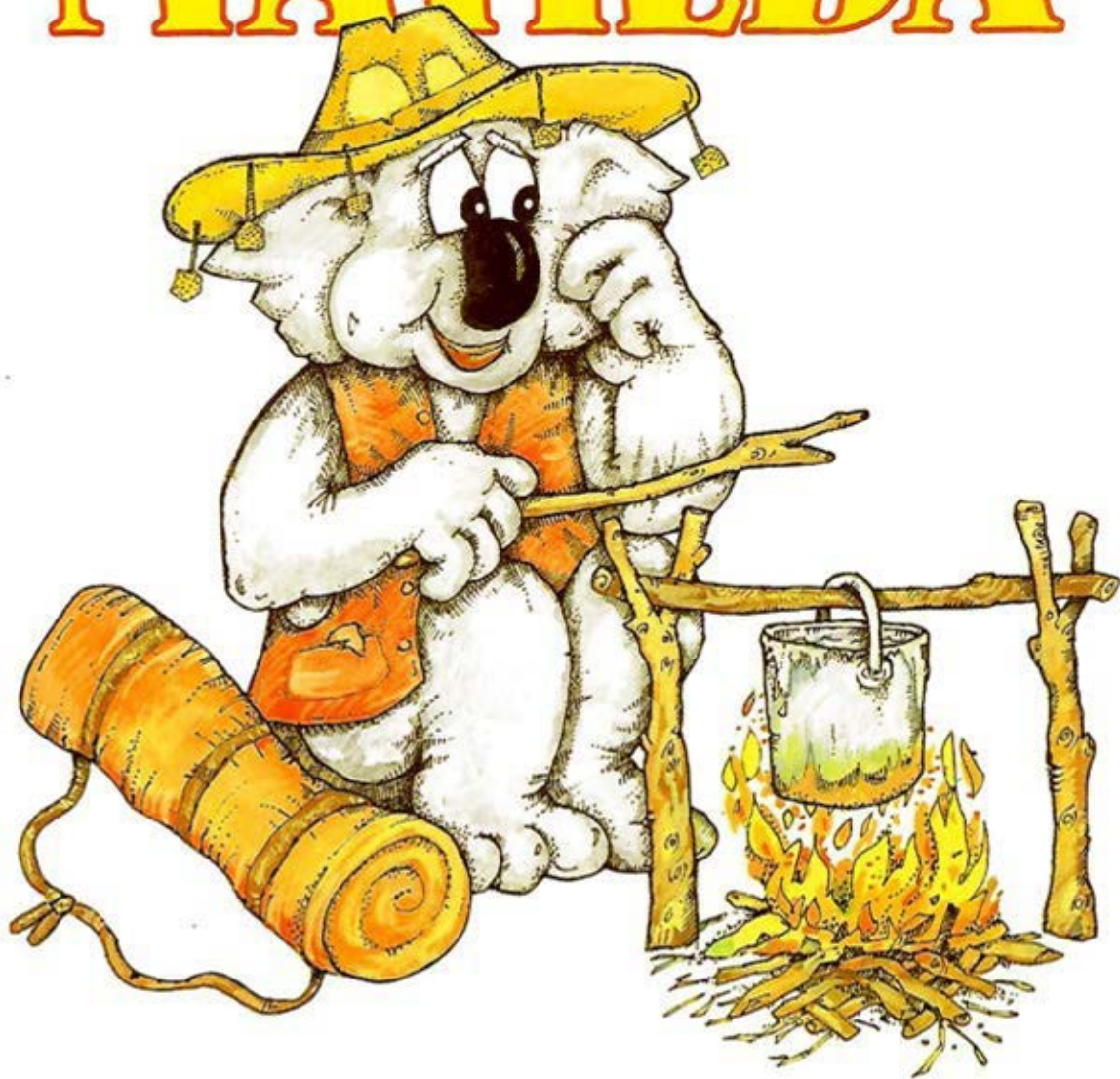
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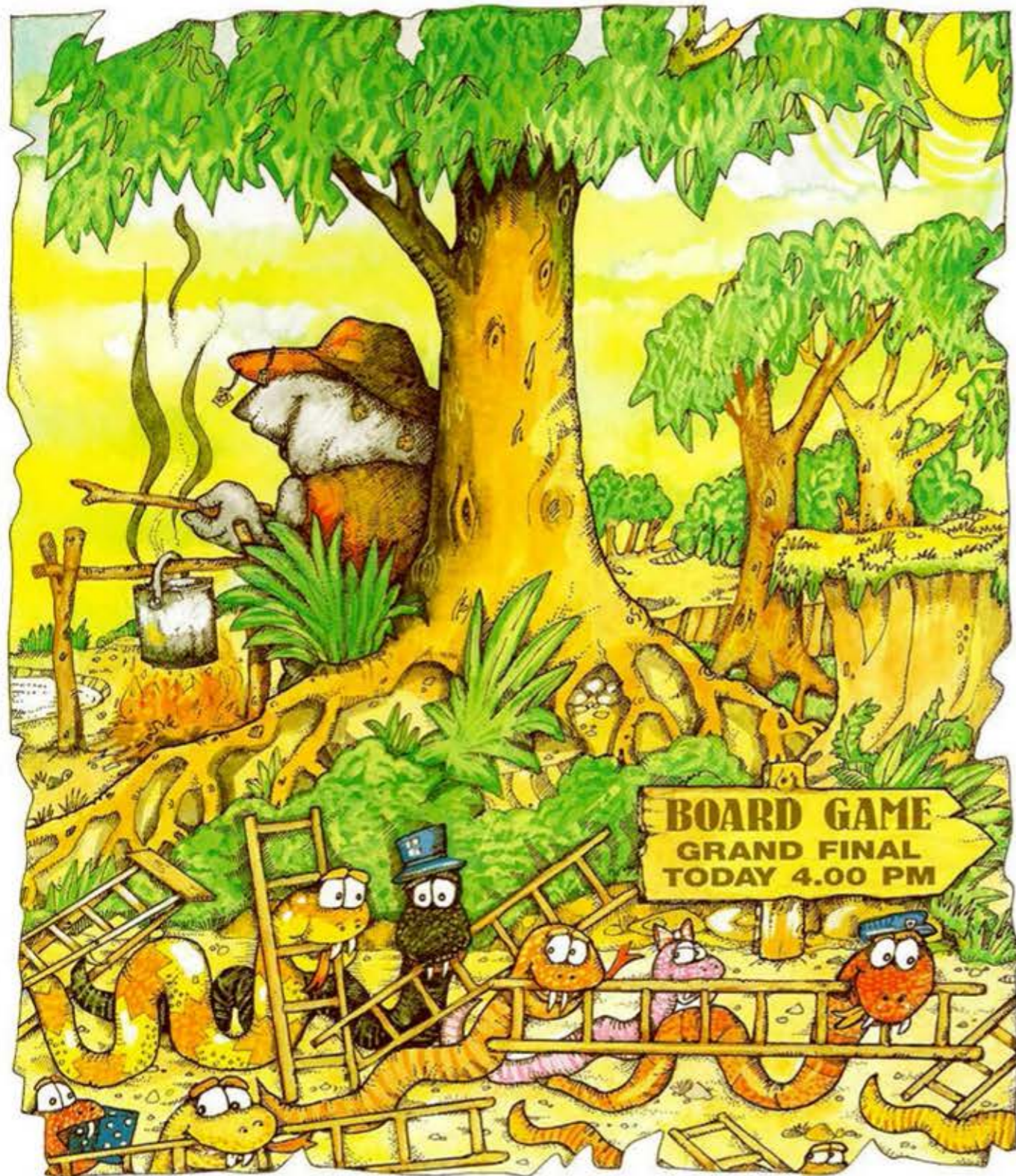
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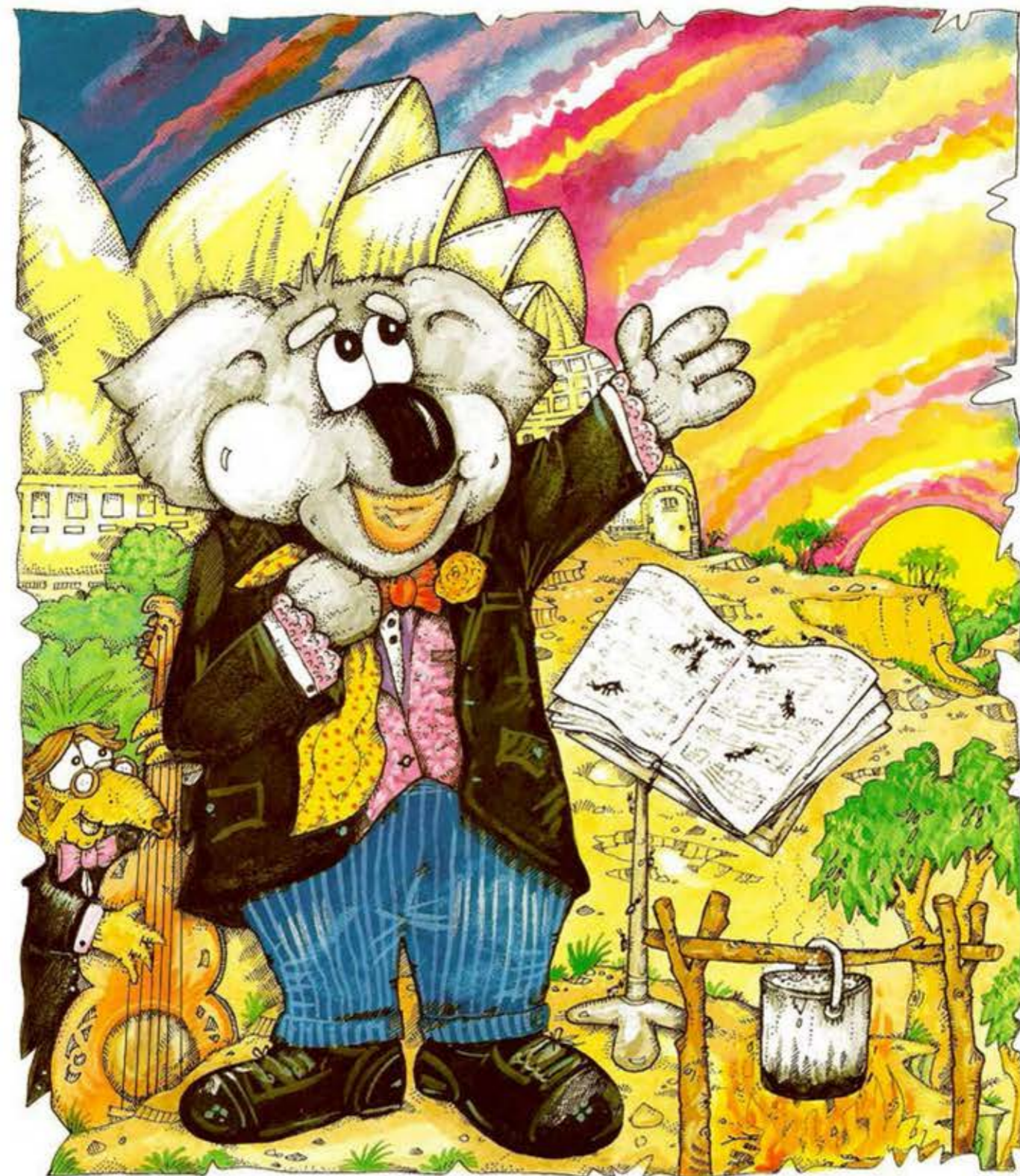


Once a jolly swagman —

camped by a billabong



Under the shade of a coolibah tree,



And he sang as he watched and waited
till his billy boiled,
Who'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me?



Waltzing Matilda,
Waltzing Matilda,



Who'll come a-waltzing
Matilda with me?



And he sang as he watched and waited
till his billy boiled...



Who'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me?

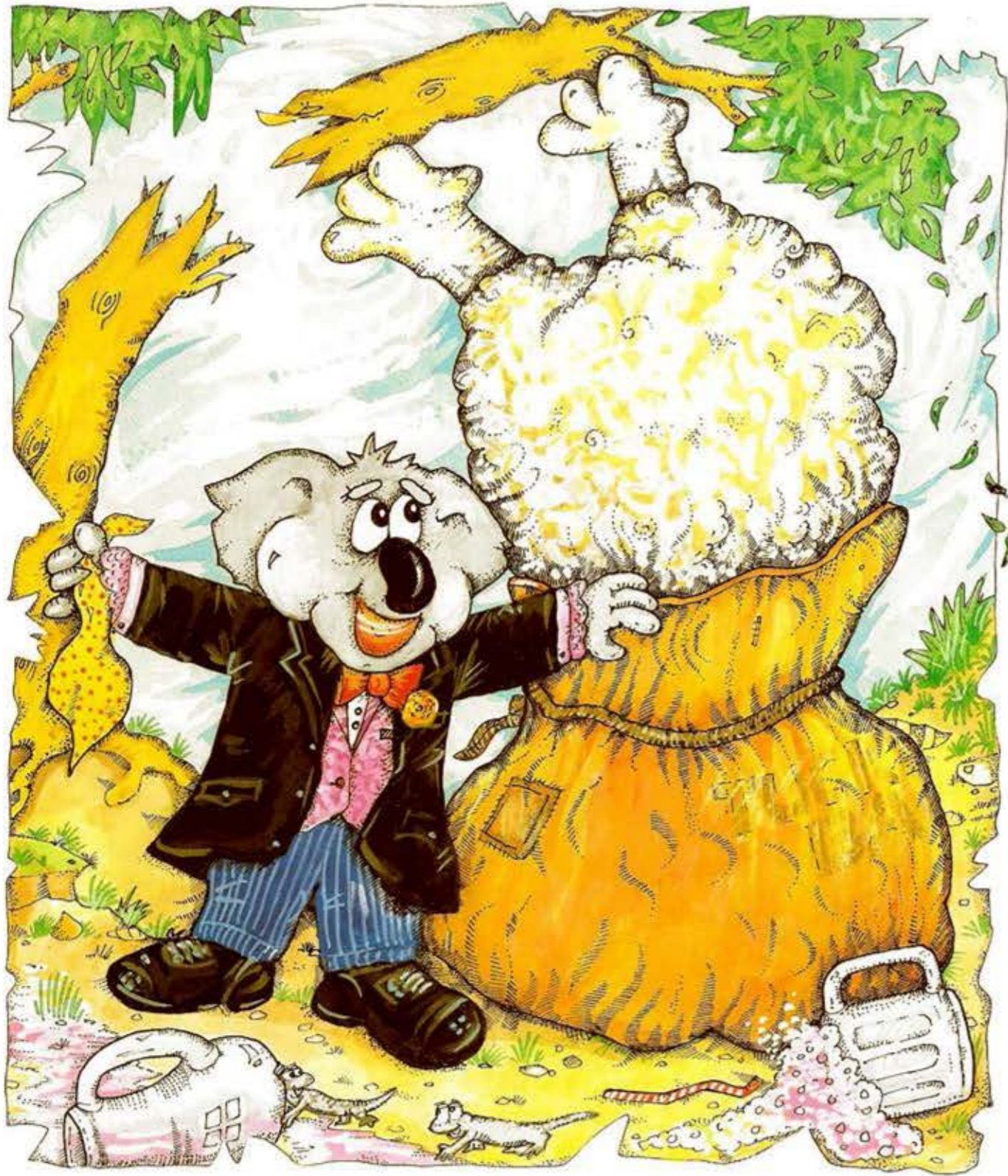


Down came a jumbuck to drink at the
billabong:



Up jumped the swagman —

and grabbed him with glee,



And he sang as he shoved that jumbuck
in his tucker-bag,
You'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me!



Waltzing Matilda,
Waltzing Matilda,



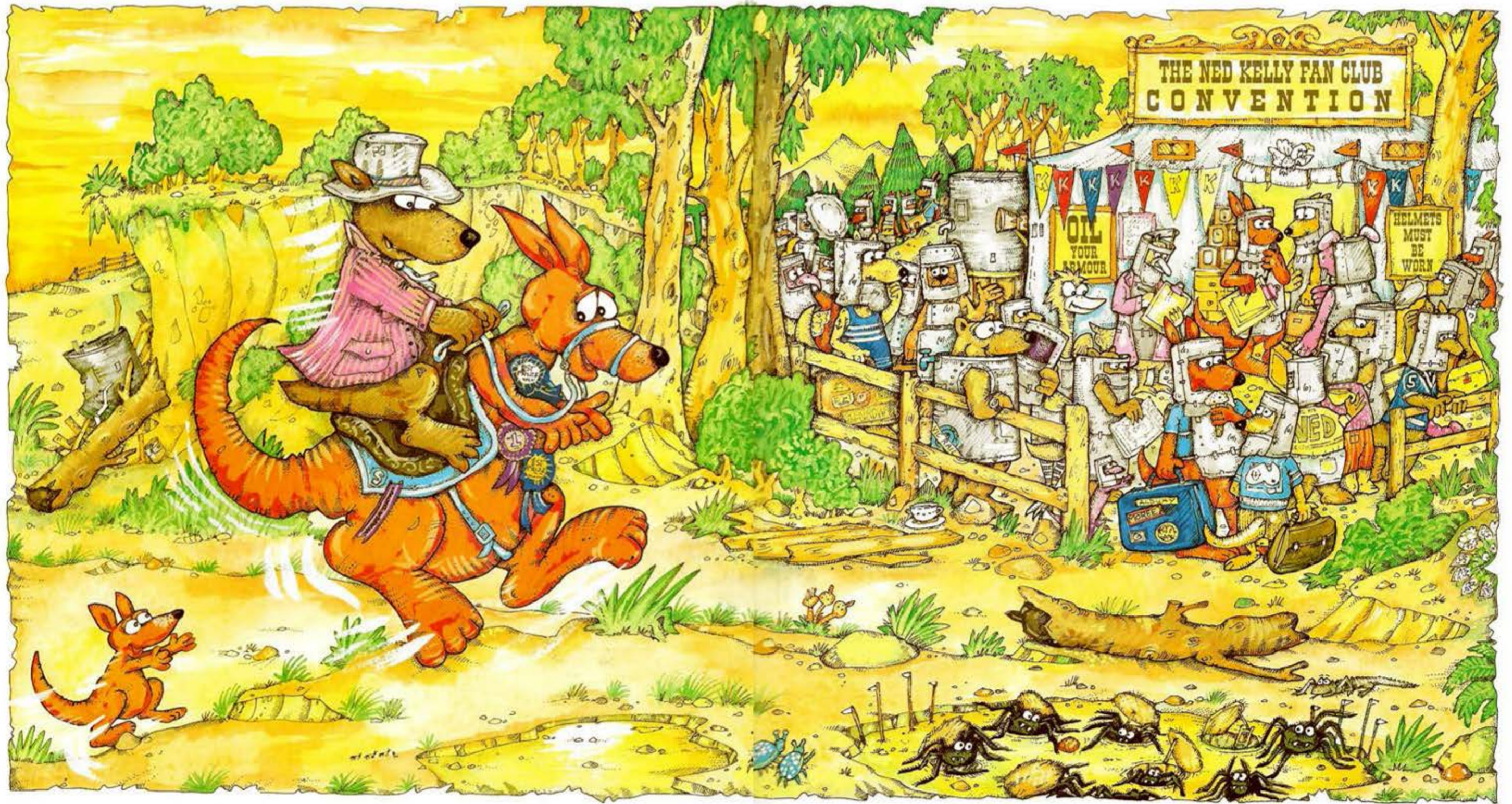
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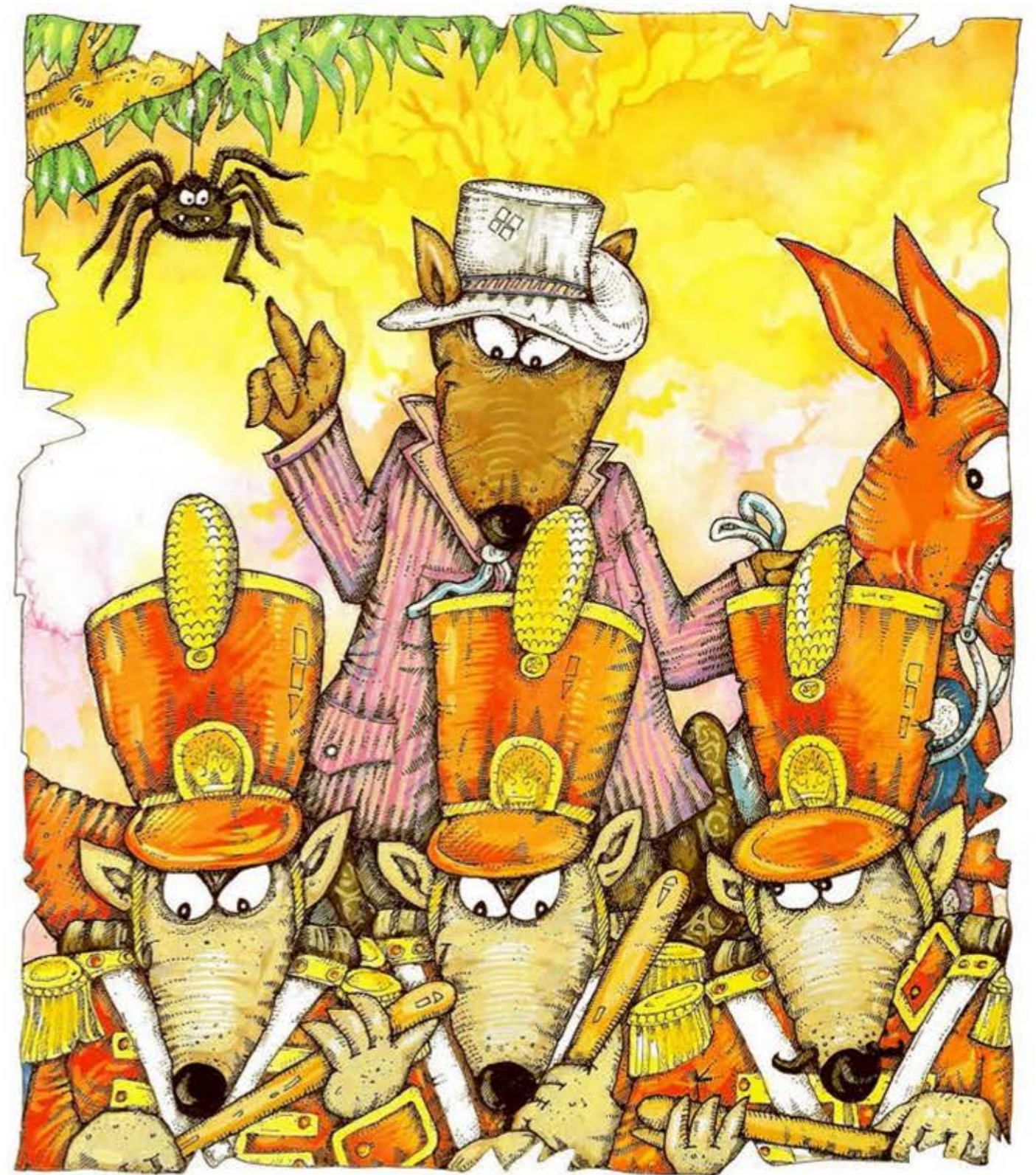


Up rode a squatter —

mounted on his thoroughbred,



Down came the troopers, one, two,
three:



Whose is that jolly jumbuck
you've got in your tucker-bag?
You'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me!



Waltzing Matilda,
Waltzing Matilda,



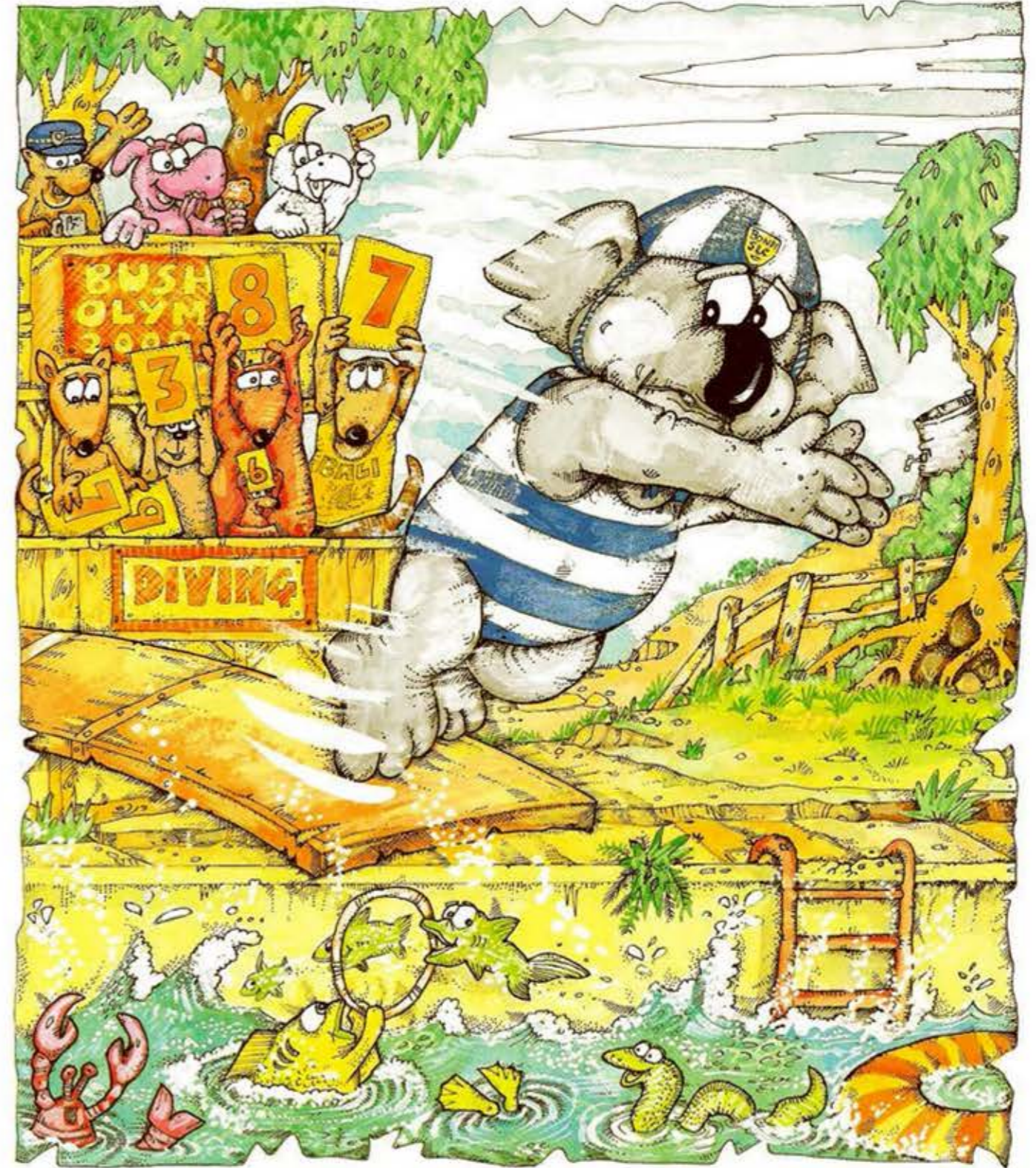
You'll come a-waltzing
Matilda with me.



Whose is that jolly jumbuck you've got
in your tucker-bag?



You'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me!



Up jumped the swagman
and sprang into the billabong,



You'll never take me alive! said he.

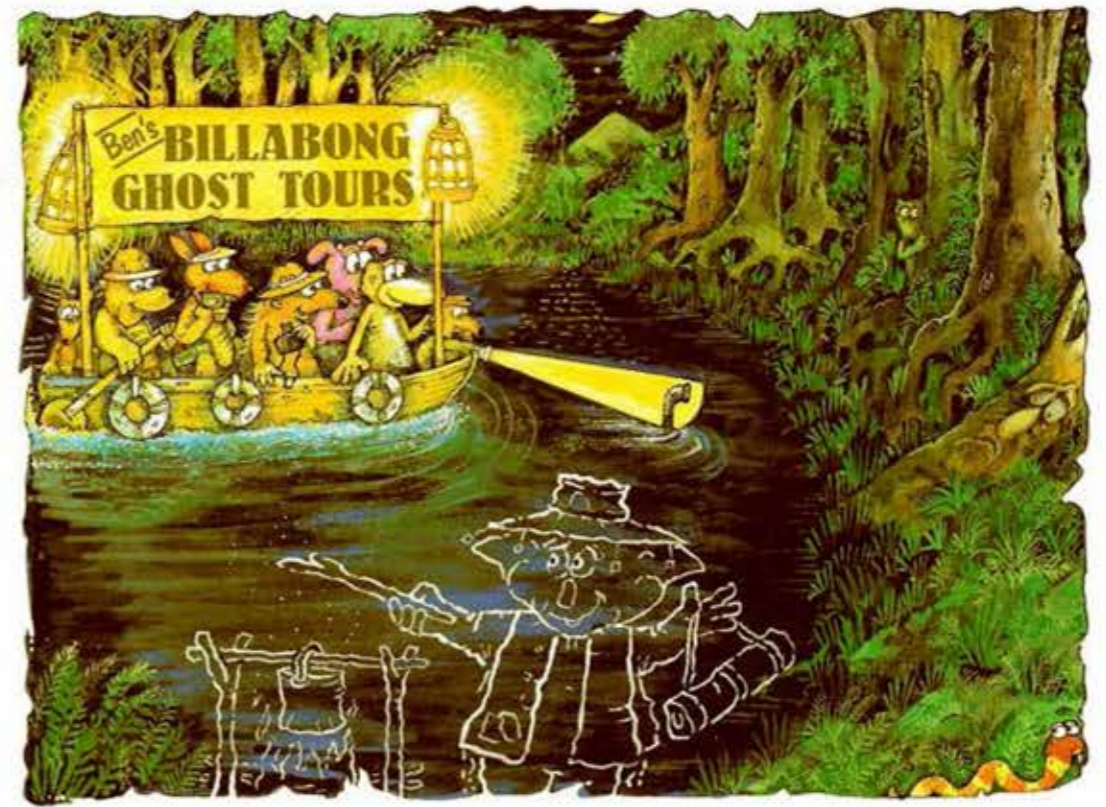


And his ghost may be heard as you pass
by that billabong

Who'll come a-waltzing Matilda with
me?



Waltzing Matilda,
Waltzing Matilda,
Who'll come a-waltzing
Matilda with me?



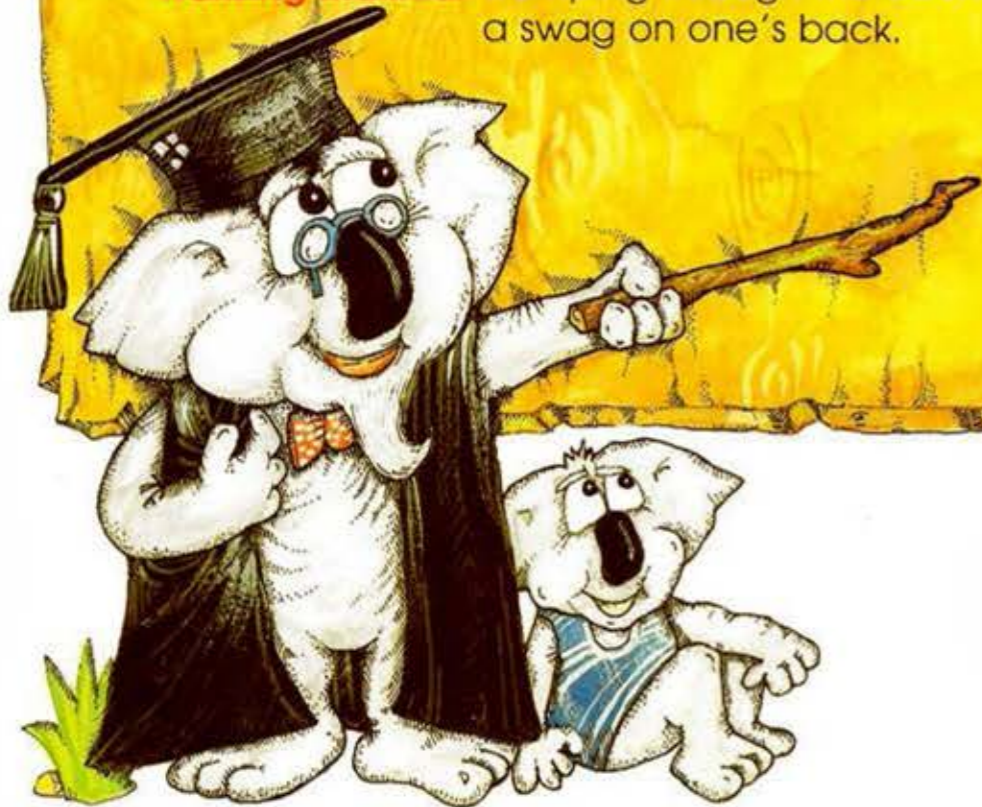
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Who'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me?

GLOSSARY

- Coolibah Tree:** A kind of eucalyptus gum tree.
- Billabong:** A river branch that forms a backwater or stagnant pool.
- Billy:** A can for boiling water over a camp fire.
- Jumbuck:** A sheep or lamb.
- Squatter:** A person who leases pastoral land from the government in order to run stock, especially sheep.
- Swag:** A bundle of personal belongings usually rolled up in a blanket.
- Swagman:** A man who travels about the country on foot carrying a swag, living on his earnings from occasional jobs or gifts of food or money.
- Trooper:** Policeman/soldier.
- Tucker-bag:** A bag used for carrying food.
- Waltzing Matilda:** Tramping through the countryside with a swag on one's back.



A. B. "Banjo" Paterson

Born Andrew Barton Paterson in 1864, A. B. "Banjo" Paterson took his pen-name from an old racehorse. Although trained as a lawyer, his lively verses were an instant hit when they were first published at the turn of the century, and he soon became one of Australia's most loved poets and ballad writers. His best-known works include *The Man from Snowy River*, *Clancy of the Overflow*, and *Mulga Bill's Bicycle*, but none can match the popularity of *Waltzing Matilda*, Australia's much-loved and much-sung, unofficial national anthem.

This new book, illustrated by Michael Salmon, has been adapted from A. B. "Banjo" Paterson's original verse.

