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In a sun-baked dusty desert  
not that far from Uluru  
lies a scrubland where you'll  
find a herd of big red kangaroos.

Here they graze and spend their days  
as happy as can be  
beneath the leafy shelter of  
a tough old Mulga tree.



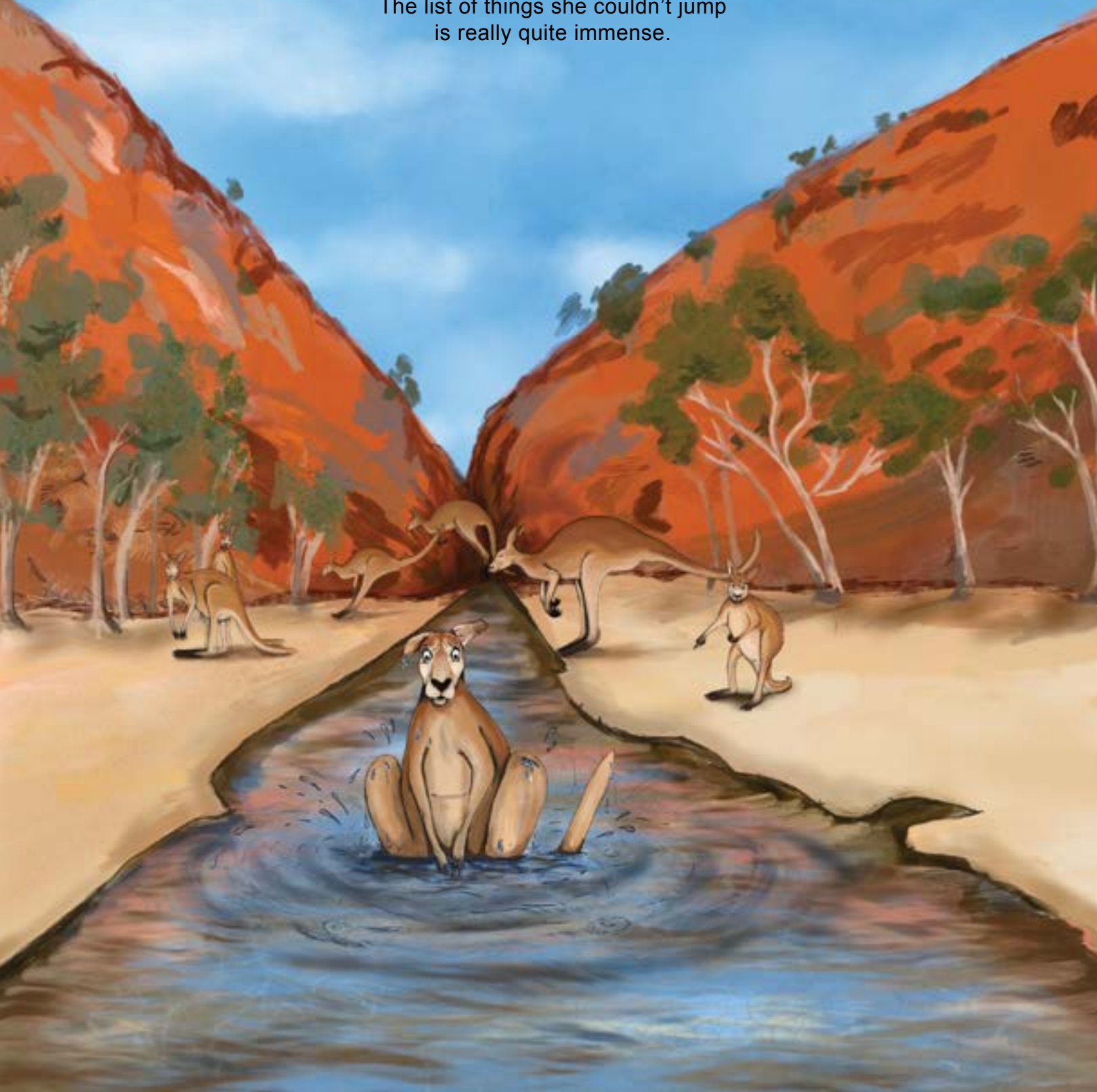
It's true that kangaroos are  
mostly famous for their hopping.  
They bounce along for hours on end  
without the need for stopping.

And it's been found a single bound  
can reach nine metres long  
(I double-checked this on the Net  
to make sure it's not wrong).



But now it's time to tell you  
of a roo that I once knew  
whose hop was such a flop it seemed  
her legs were stuck in glue.

She couldn't leap a tiny creek  
or clear the lowest fence.  
The list of things she couldn't jump  
is really quite immense.



She couldn't vault a grazing sheep  
or clear a garden wall.  
One day she tried but nearly died,  
so nasty was her fall.



And then there was the time she tried  
to jump a fallen gum  
but had a trip and did a flip  
and landed on her bum.



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