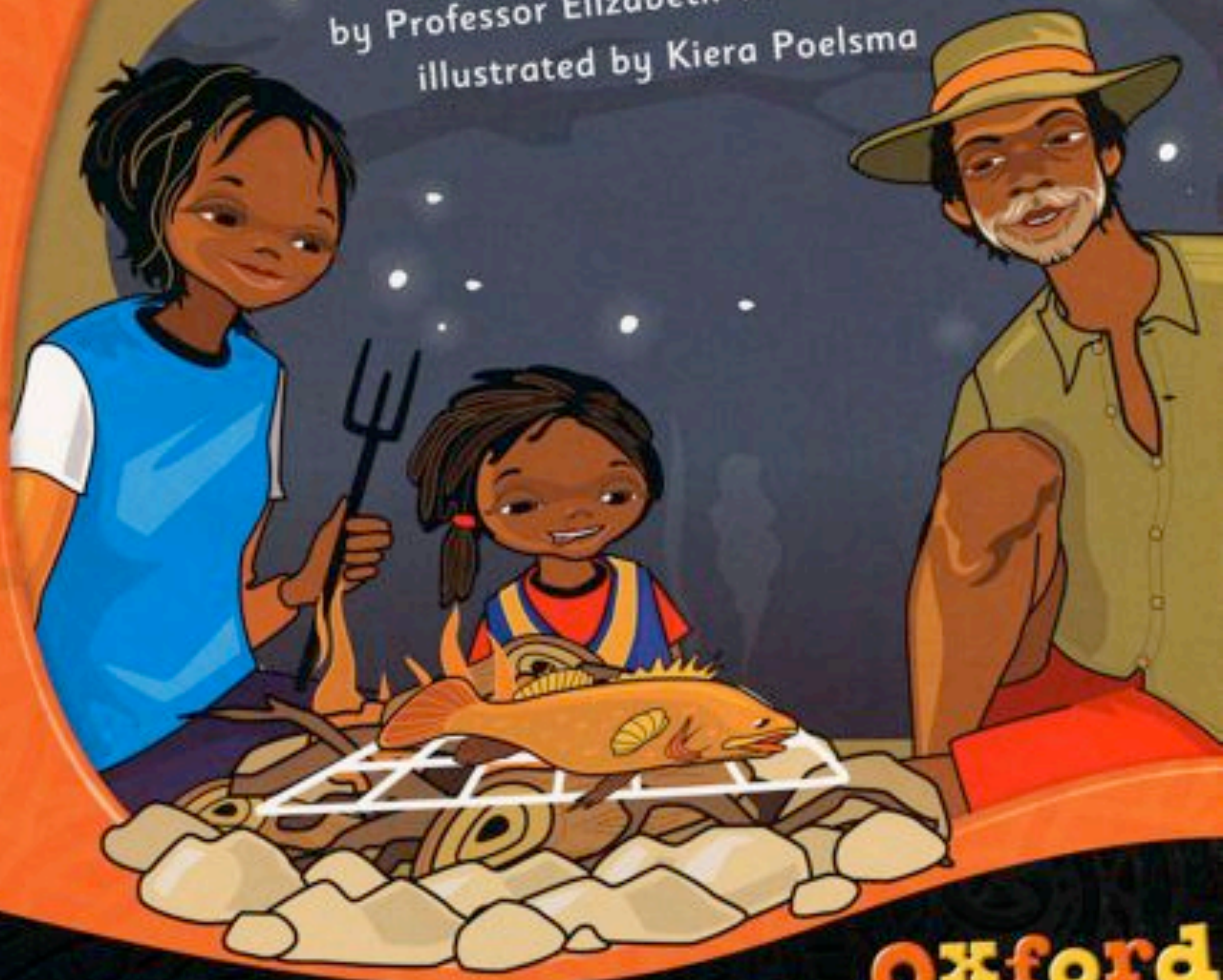


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Key visual communicator: illustrations

Purpose of the visuals: to enrich and support the narrative structure and mathematical concepts

Focus on mathematics

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On the weekend, Tess and Mum
went to visit Uncle Willie.

Uncle Willie lived in the bush,
a long way from Tess's home.





"I've got the train tickets," said Mum.

"Let's go!" said Tess.

"We don't want to miss the train."

Tess and Mum waited for the train.

“I can’t wait to see Uncle Willie!” said Tess. “We haven’t seen him in a long time.”

“Uncle Willie can’t wait to see you, too,” said Mum.







It was a very long train ride.

Finally, they were there.

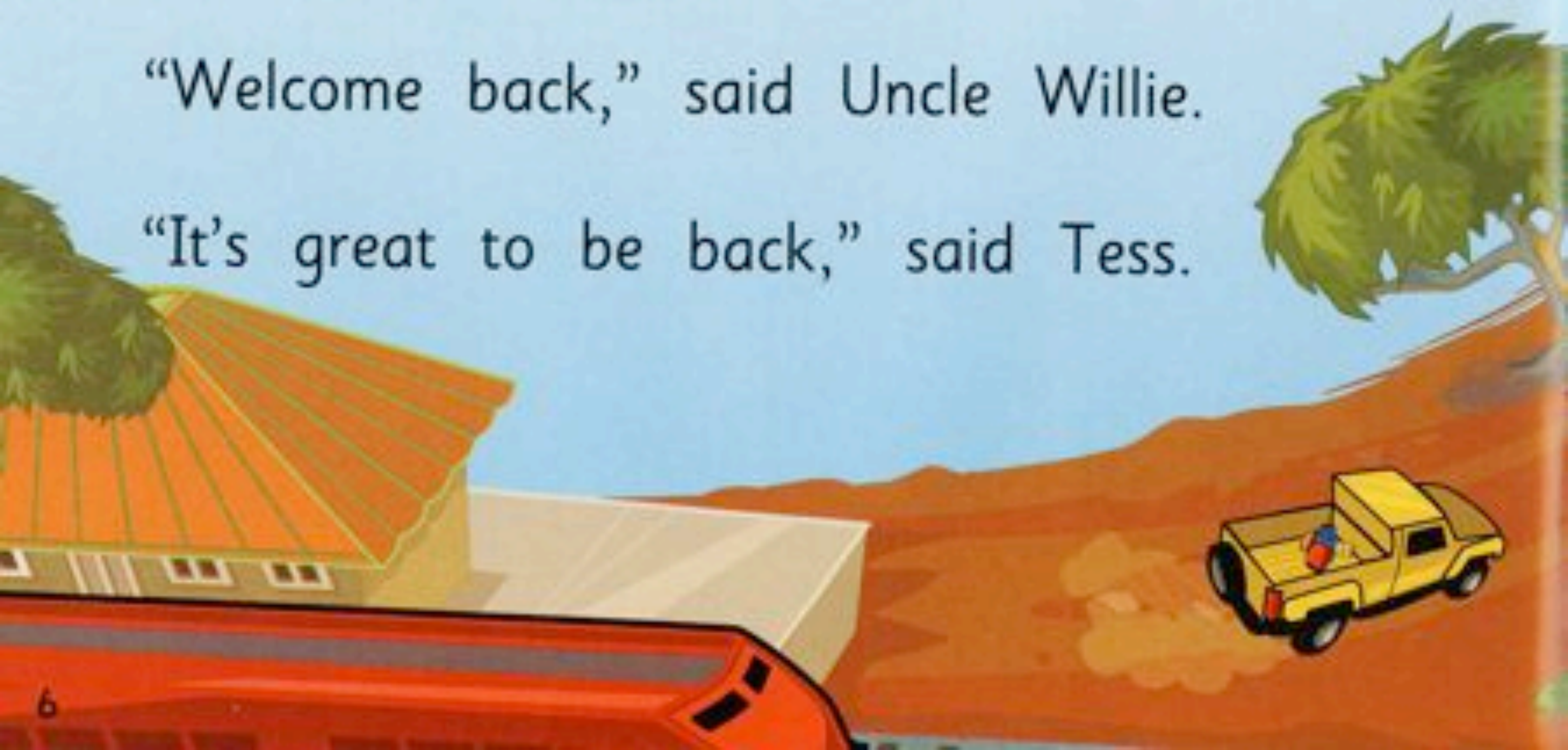
“Look! There’s Uncle Willie!”
said Tess.

Tess ran over to Uncle Willie.


He picked her up and gave her a great
big hug.

“Welcome back,” said Uncle Willie.

“It’s great to be back,” said Tess.

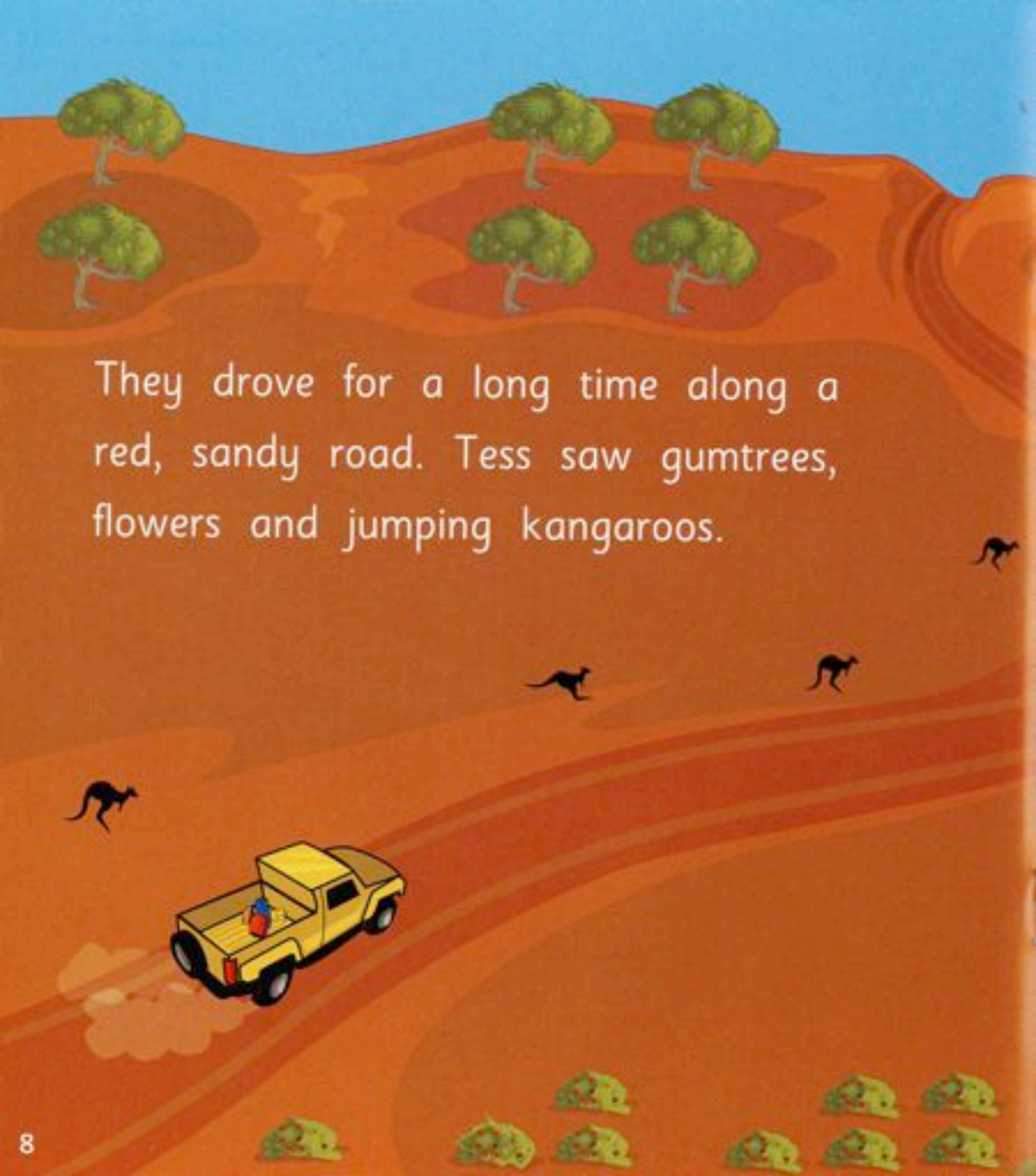


“Jump in the truck,” said Uncle Willie.
“We’ll drive to the river and set
up camp for the night.”

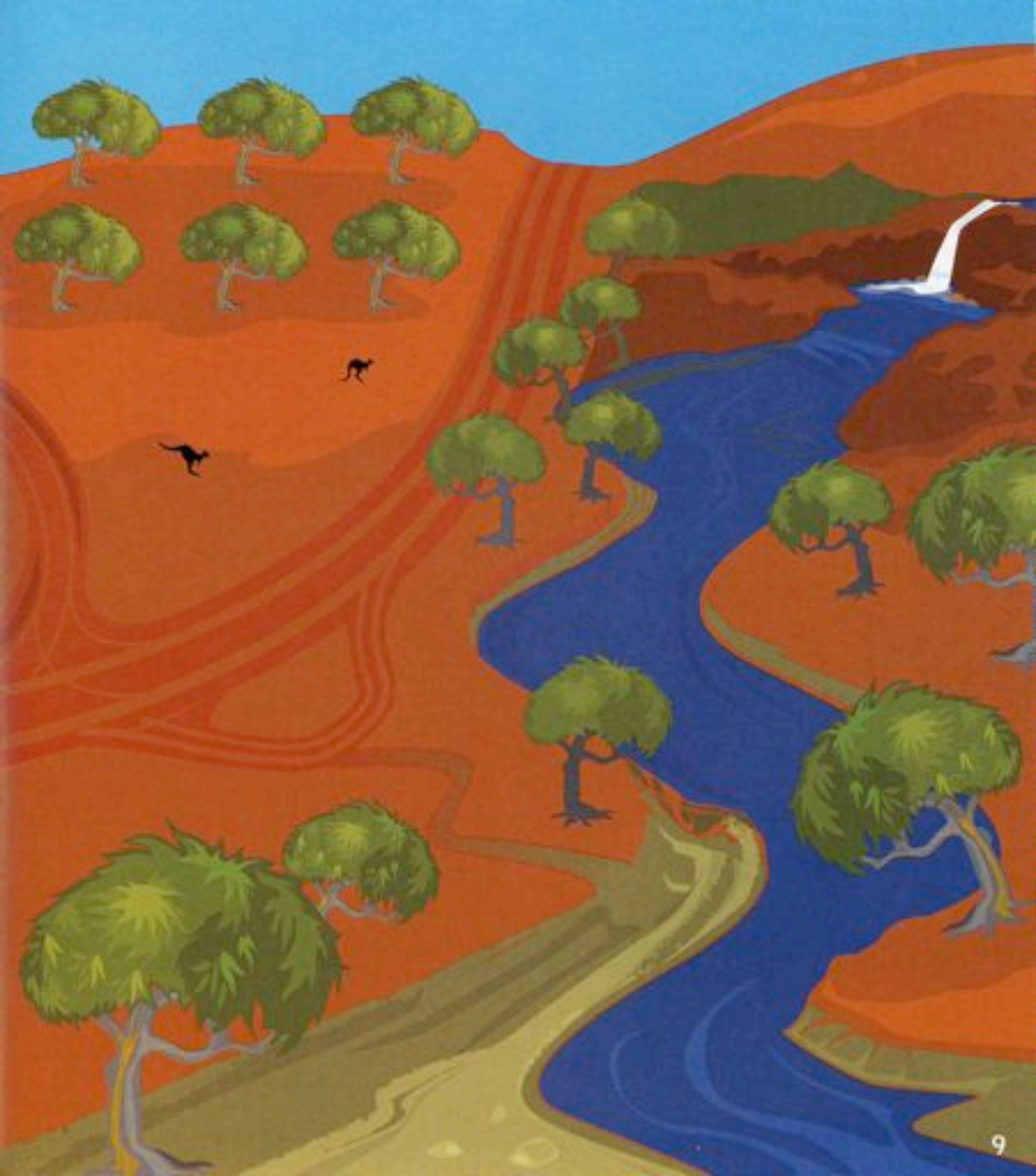
A signpost with two directional signs in a desert landscape. The signpost is a silver pole with a cap. One sign points left and says "Rock art 2 km". The other sign points right and says "River 4 km". The background is a reddish-brown desert with several green trees and a small blue body of water on the left.

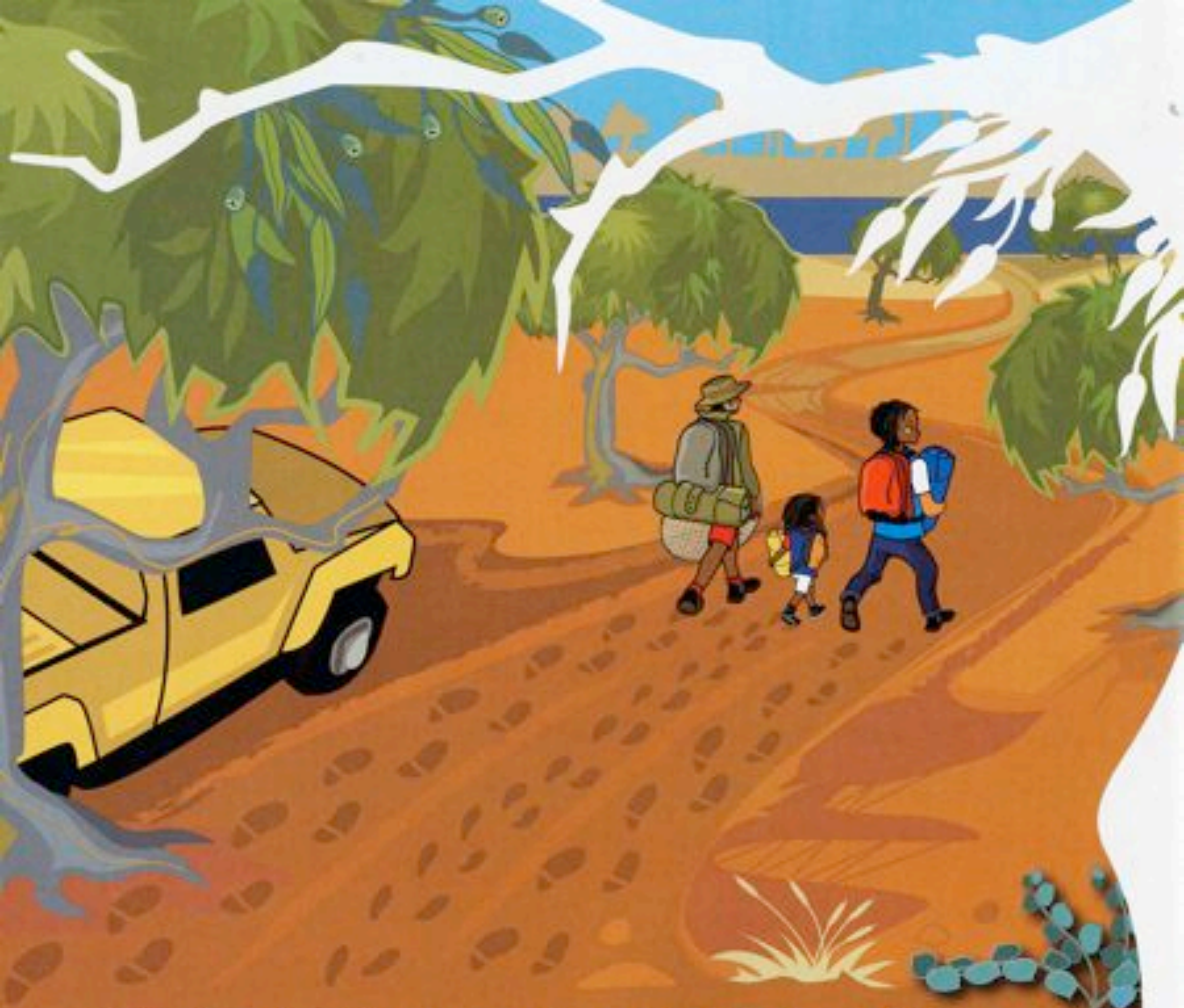
Rock art 2 km

River 4 km



They drove for a long time along a red, sandy road. Tess saw gumtrees, flowers and jumping kangaroos.





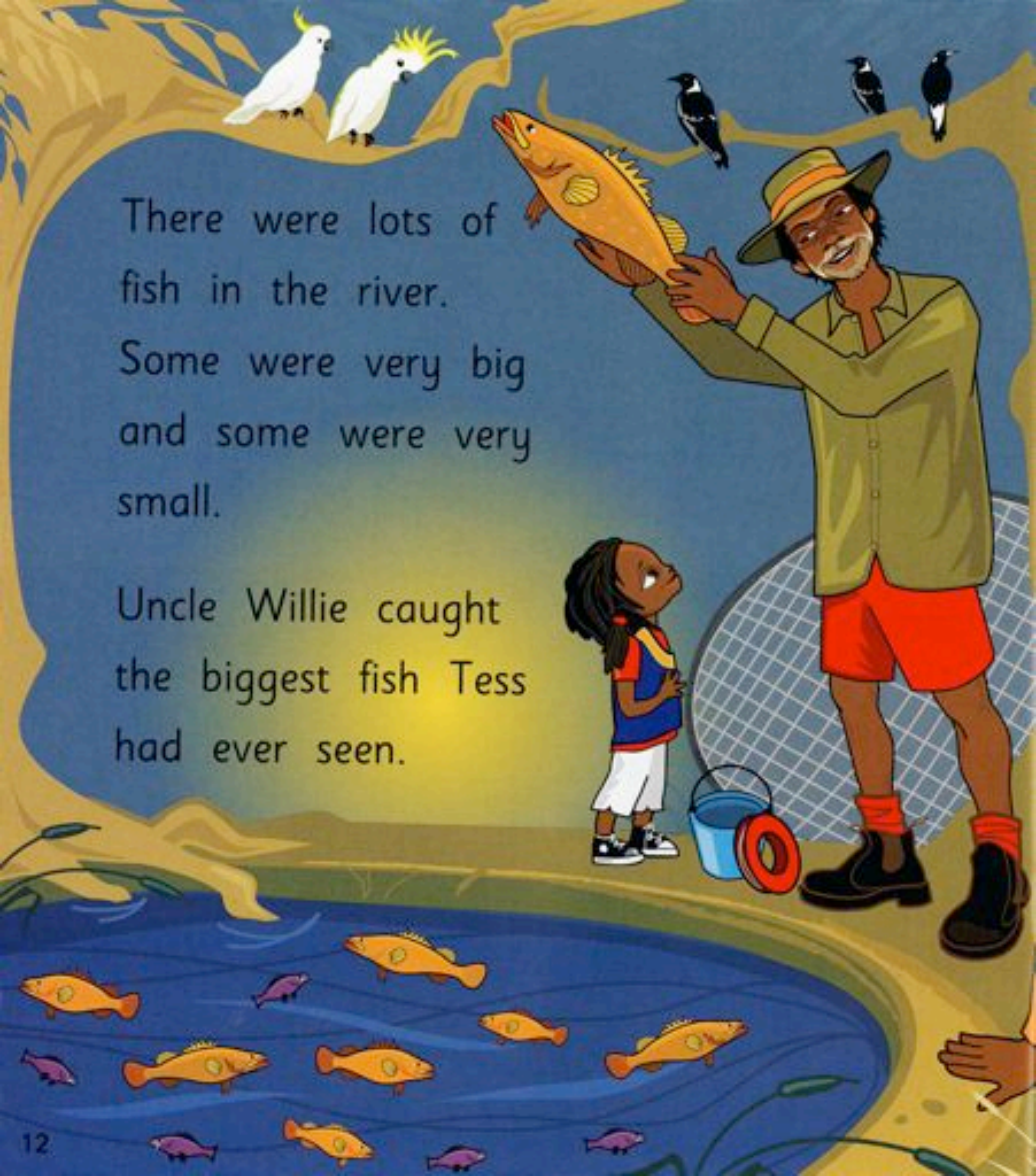
“We’re finally here!” said Uncle Willie.

They got out of the truck and walked down to the river.

It was getting dark and it was time for dinner.

Mum found some firewood and started a fire. Uncle Willie and Tess went fishing.





There were lots of fish in the river. Some were very big and some were very small.

Uncle Willie caught the biggest fish Tess had ever seen.

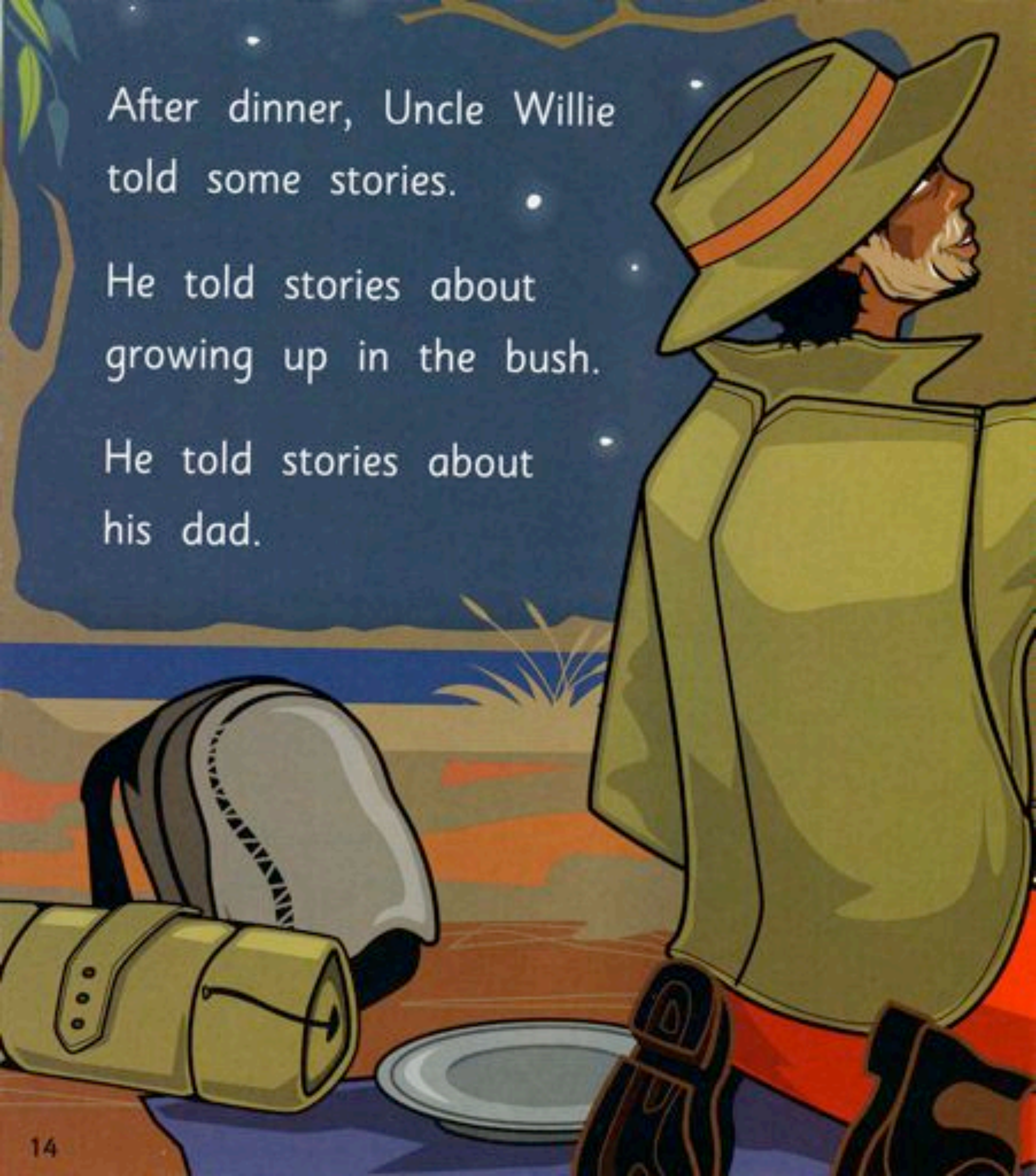
Mum cooked the fish on the fire. Tess licked her lips as she watched it cook.

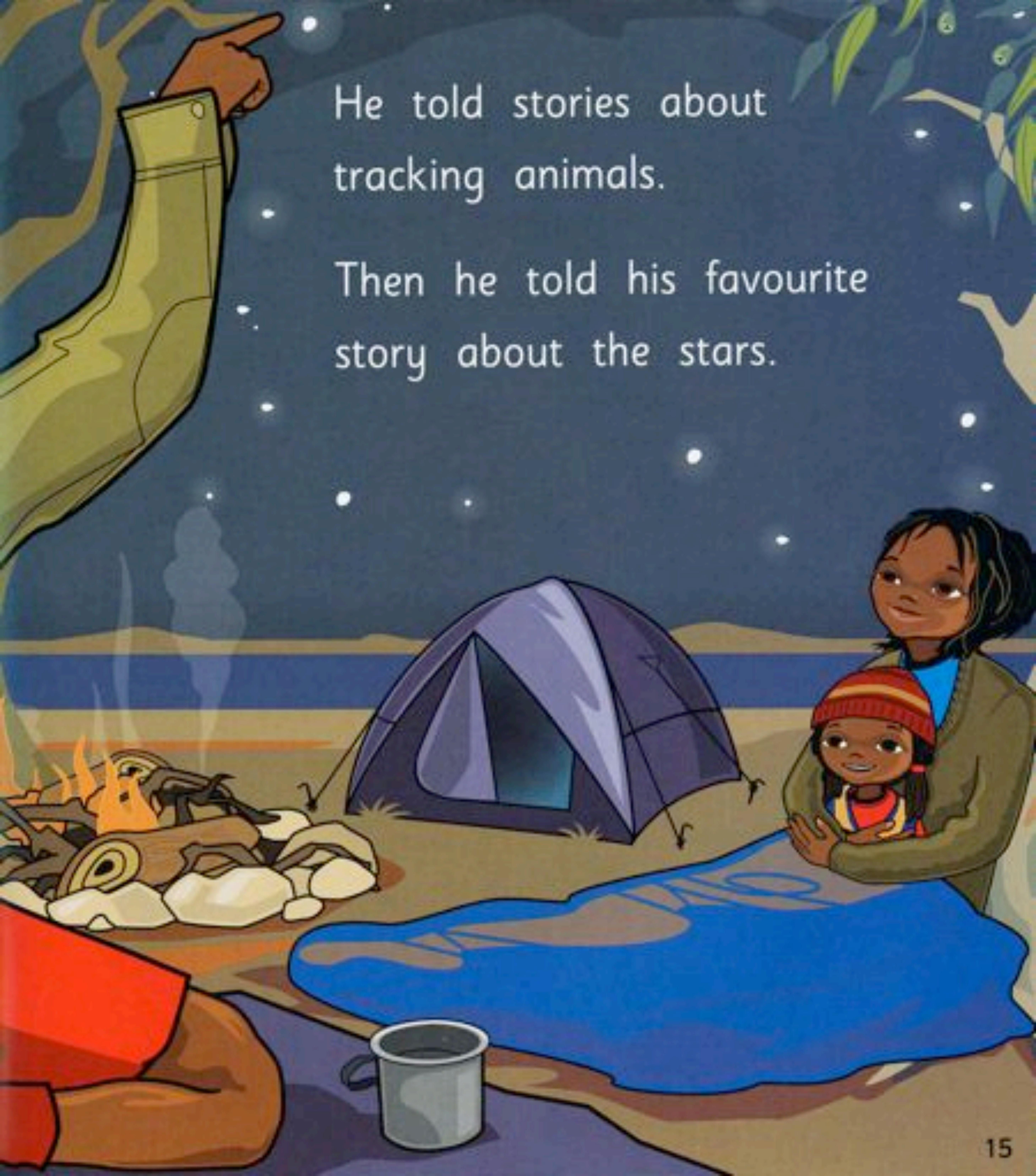


After dinner, Uncle Willie
told some stories.

He told stories about
growing up in the bush.

He told stories about
his dad.

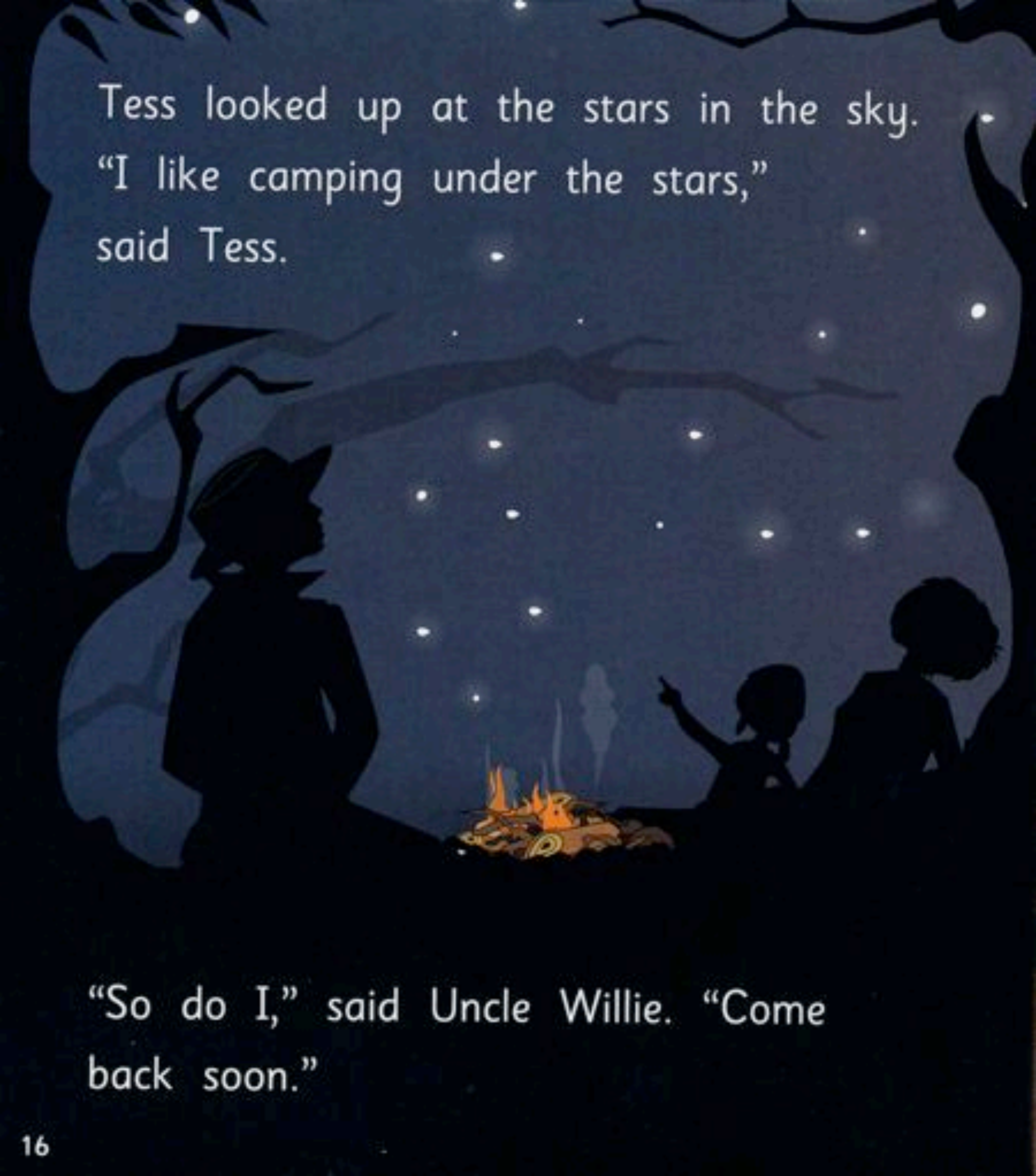




He told stories about tracking animals.

Then he told his favourite story about the stars.

Tess looked up at the stars in the sky.
“I like camping under the stars,”
said Tess.



“So do I,” said Uncle Willie. “Come
back soon.”

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Tess and Mum went on a trip to the bush.

Find out who they visited in
Uncle Willie.