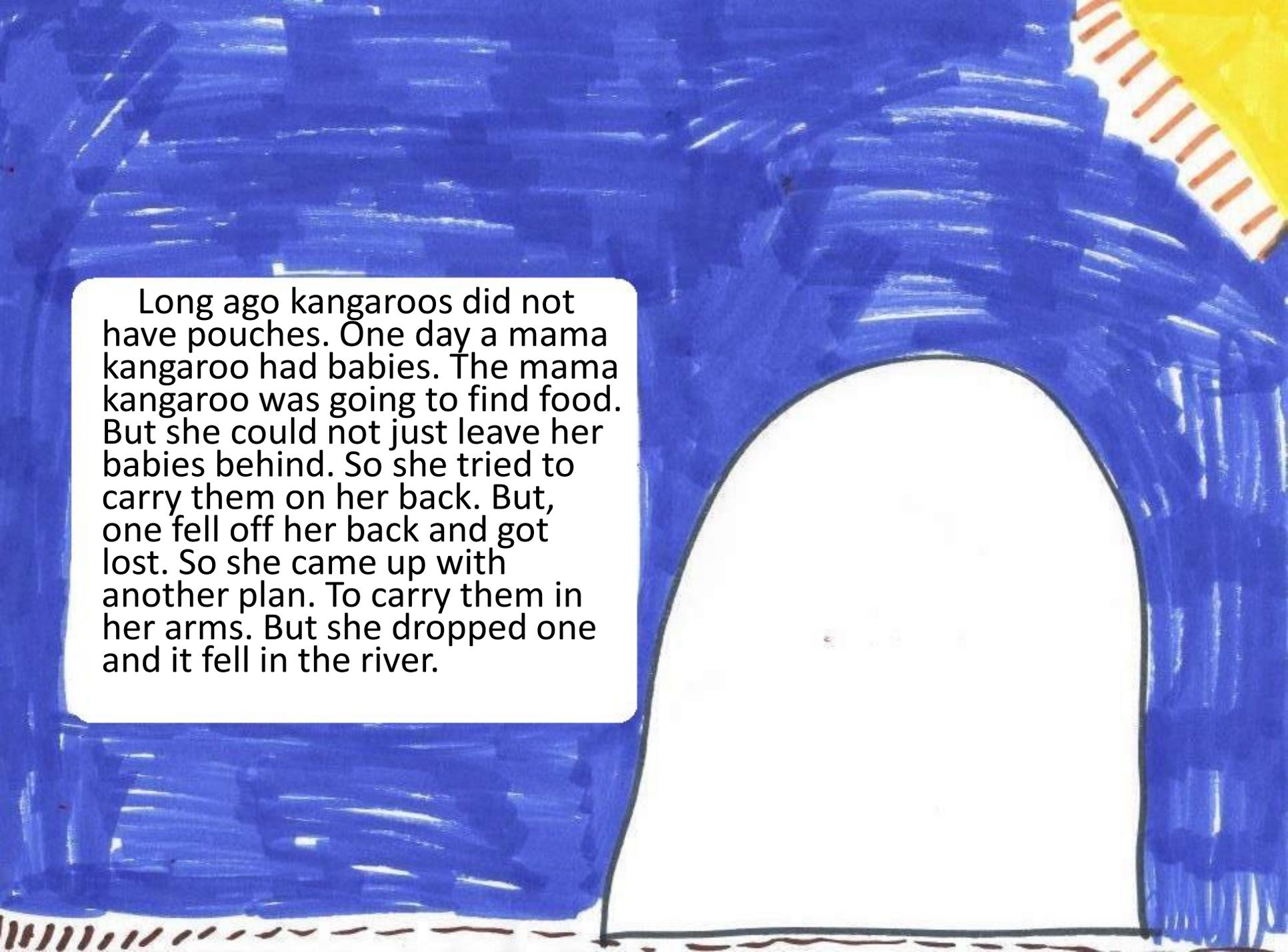


Why Kangaroos Have Pouches

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Long ago kangaroos did not have pouches. One day a mama kangaroo had babies. The mama kangaroo was going to find food. But she could not just leave her babies behind. So she tried to carry them on her back. But, one fell off her back and got lost. So she came up with another plan. To carry them in her arms. But she dropped one and it fell in the river.

It fell in the river when she was getting a drink and fell on the platypus ‘

“Why thank you Mrs. Kangaroo,” exclaimed platypus as he swallowed the baby kangaroo.

“I never meant to do that Mr. Platypus,” yelled mama kangaroo angrily. Mama kangaroo tried to jump on platypus. But, platypus dove under the water too quickly.

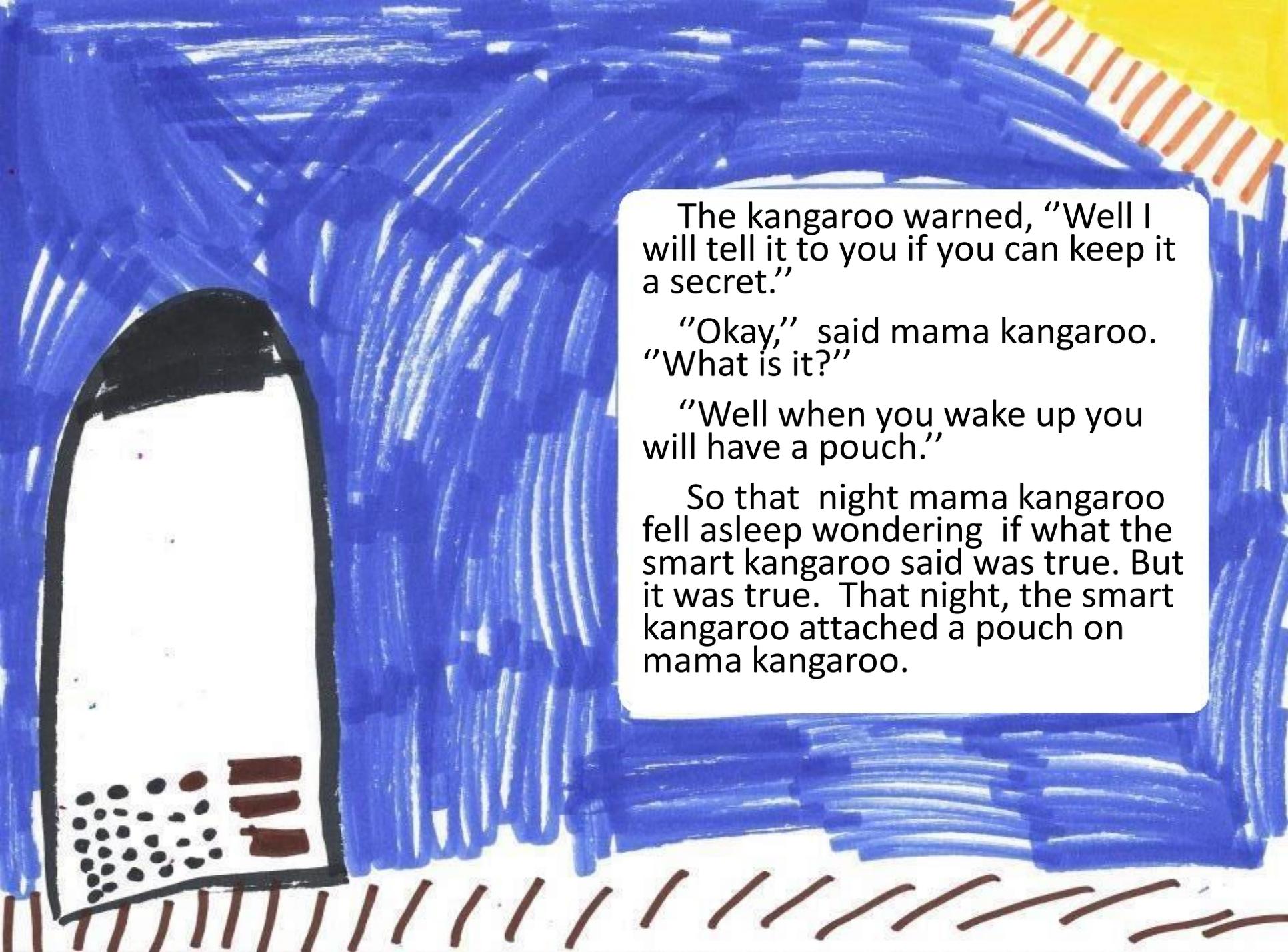
So she hopped sadly back to her grassy land home and fell asleep. The next day the mama kangaroo went to go find food on her own because every time she tried to carry her babies she lost one.





So she set out to find food , she knew where she was going so she would only take a few minutes. She came back with arm fulls of food. So they ate and ate. After that they fell asleep. The next day a smart kangaroo came up and said "I have a new idea ."

"Okay," answered mama kangaroo.



The kangaroo warned, "Well I will tell it to you if you can keep it a secret."

"Okay," said mama kangaroo. "What is it?"

"Well when you wake up you will have a pouch."

So that night mama kangaroo fell asleep wondering if what the smart kangaroo said was true. But it was true. That night, the smart kangaroo attached a pouch on mama kangaroo.

So in the morning mama kangaroo had a pouch. She soon had a new baby. She was so excited that she could carry her babies around to find food. All the other kangaroos crowded up to the smart kangaroo to hear his advice. Every night the smart kangaroo was busy attaching pouches to other mother kangaroos. So that's why from now on kangaroos have pouches.

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