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UNDER

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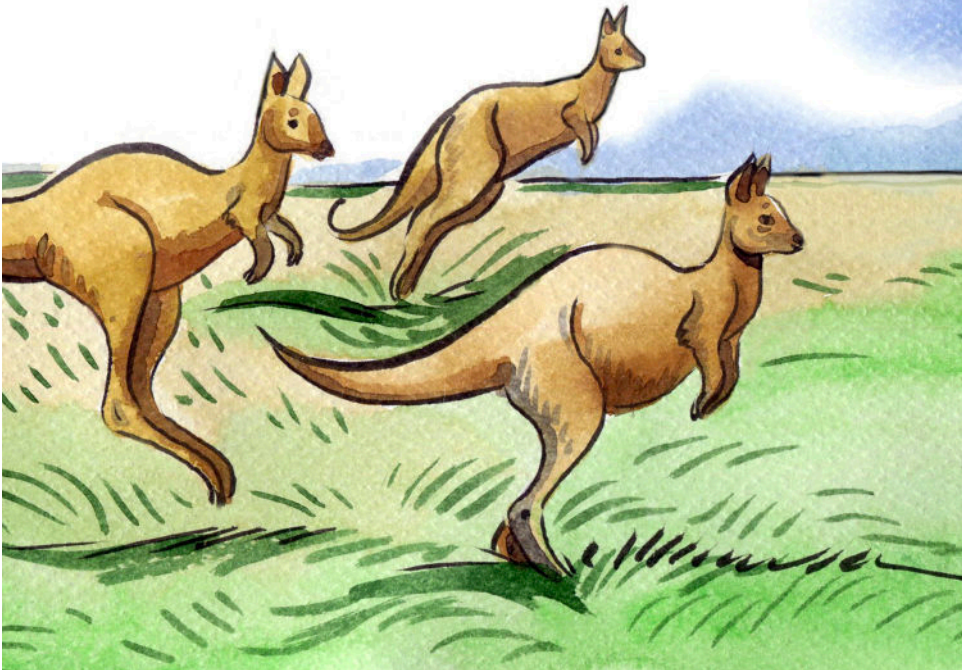
CHAPTER 1

Here Comes the Mob

It is dusk as the sun sets over the bush of Australia. Many strange-looking animals live in the land Down Under.



Here comes an odd-looking bunch now. It's a mob of kangaroos jumping in from the west. This mob has about twenty kangaroos, or roos for short. Some mobs can have more than one hundred roos!



They spread out to graze in the tall grass for the evening. Near the back of the mob is a female named Ruby. She bends down to take a bite of grass.



There is not much water in the hot, dry land, so kangaroos like Ruby get water from the grass they eat.





Sweeping her long bottom teeth across the blades of grass, she clamps her front teeth together and pulls up a big clump. She grinds the grass with her back teeth, chewing her food twice like cows do.

Ruby is not alone. A little joey named Sunny pokes her head out from Ruby's pouch.



Sunny likes to explore outside her mother's pouch a little bit each day.

She hops down and lands on her lanky legs. Other little joeys join Sunny for a bit of roo play in the coolness of the evening.





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A young joey kangaroo named Sunny is always looking for ways to beat the summer heat. One day, when a pack of dingoes come sniffing around, she and her friend Yindy get separated from the rest of the mob. They meet many new mates along the way, but will they find their way back home to their mothers?

