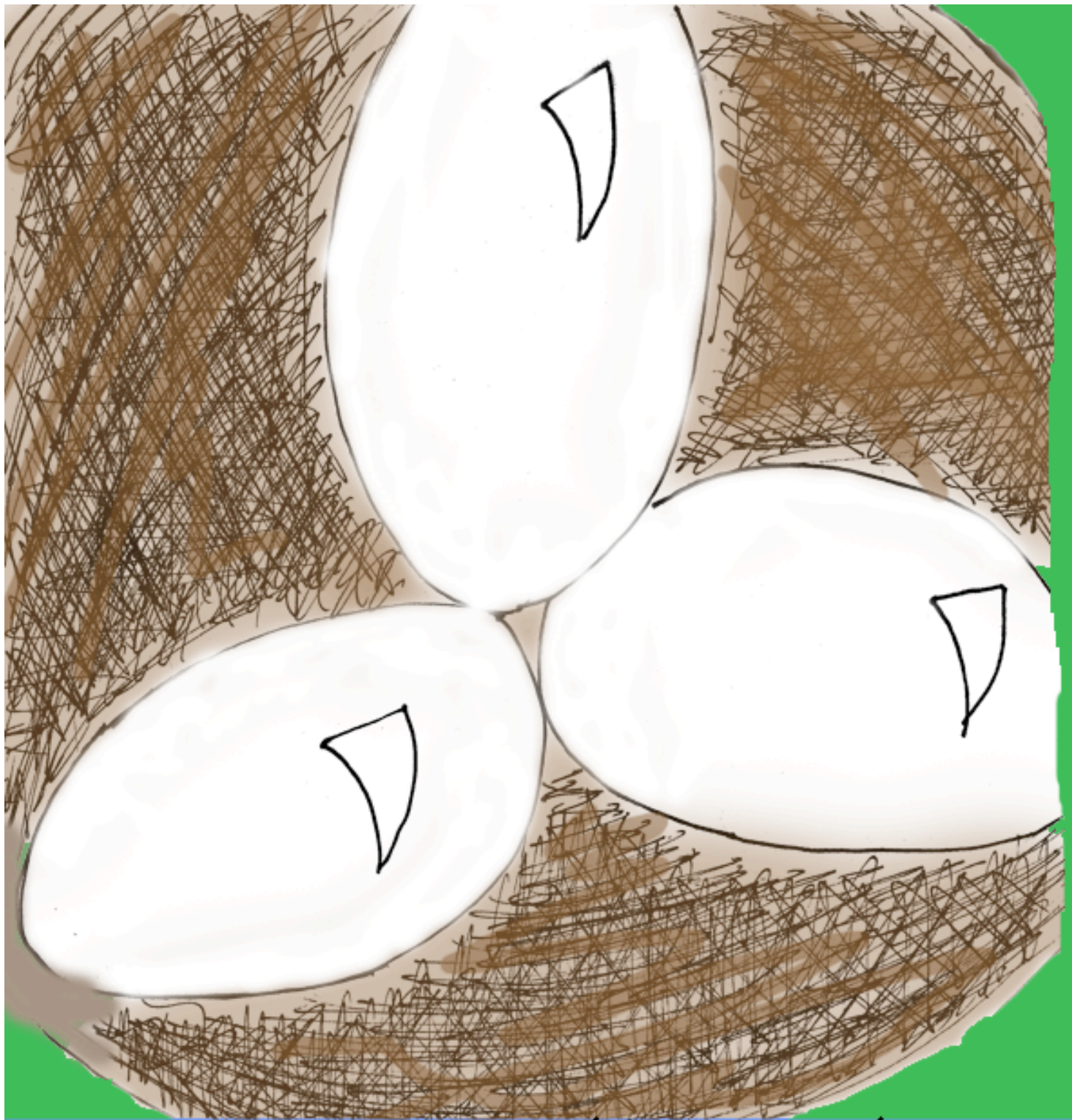


Kody Kookaburra

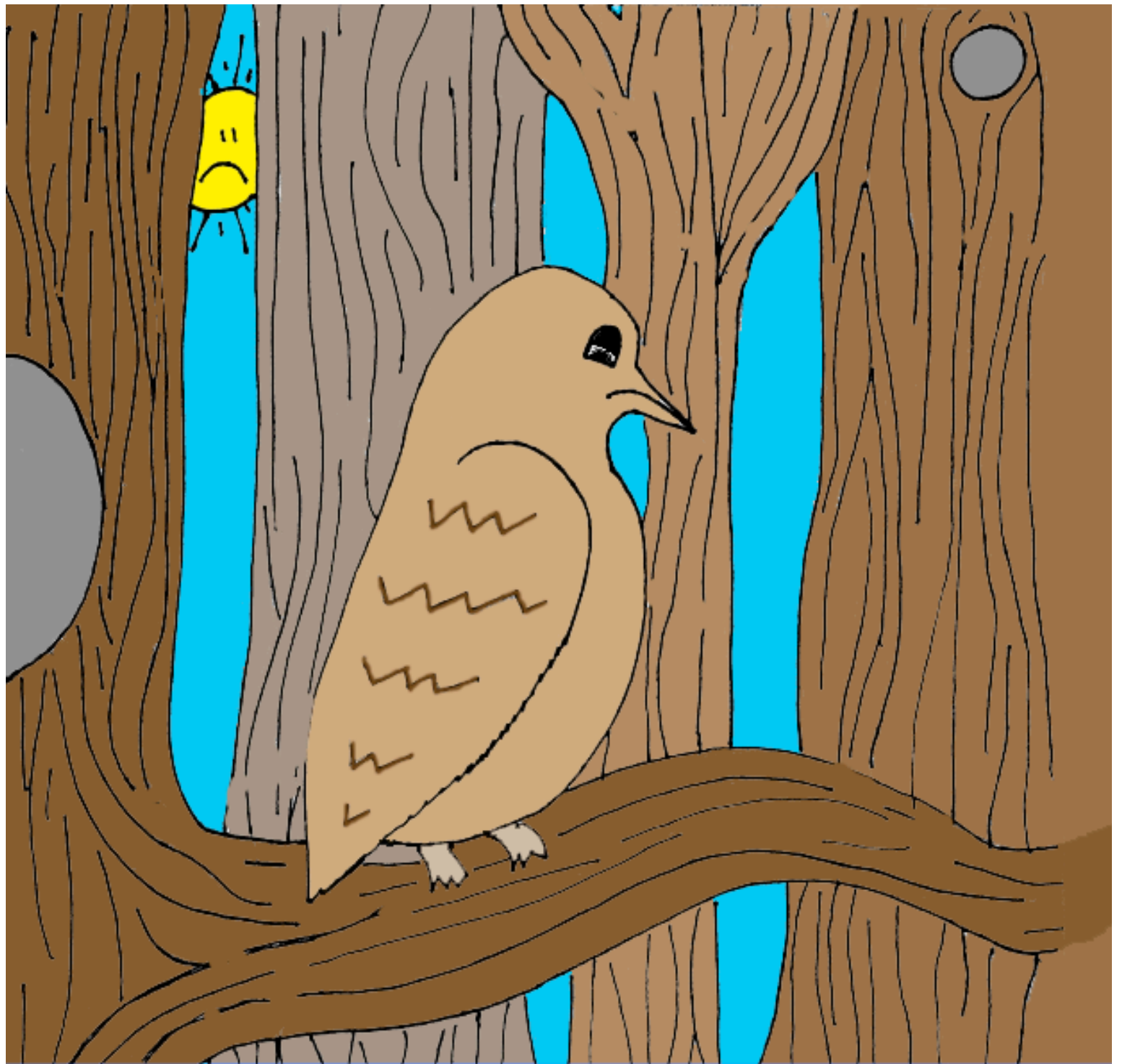
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High up in the termite trees of Kookaburra Woods in Australia, was Mother Kookaburra's nest. Lots of animals lived in Kookaburra Woods, but it was known for the noise of Kookaburra laughter that filled the woods with happiness.



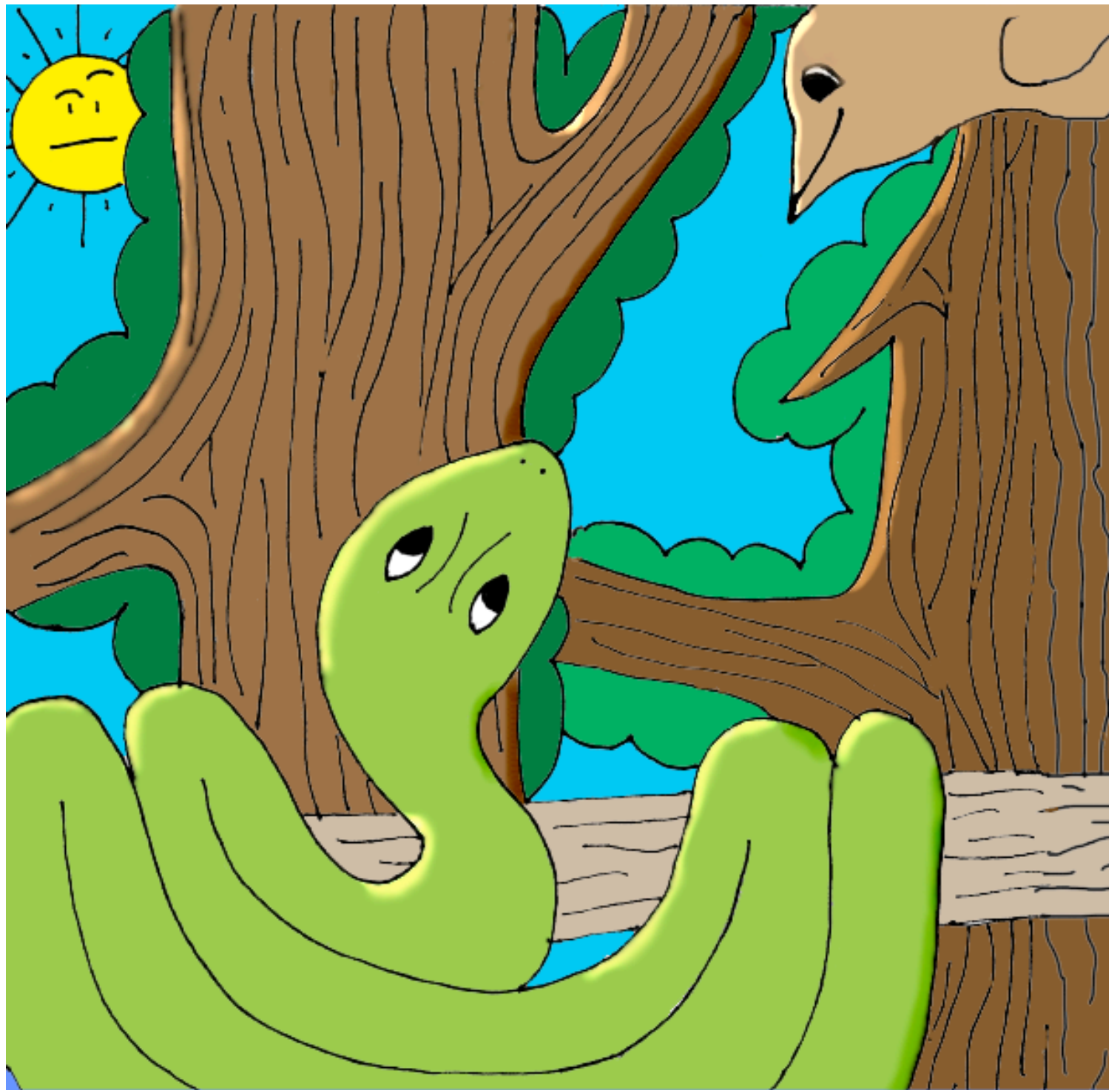
Mother Kookaburra laid 3 eggs this year and she was very happy. Usually Kookaburras lay 2-4 eggs but last year, she only laid 1 egg. She named it Kody Kookaburra. Kody Kookaburra was supposed to come back to help take care of the soon hatching baby Kookaburras.



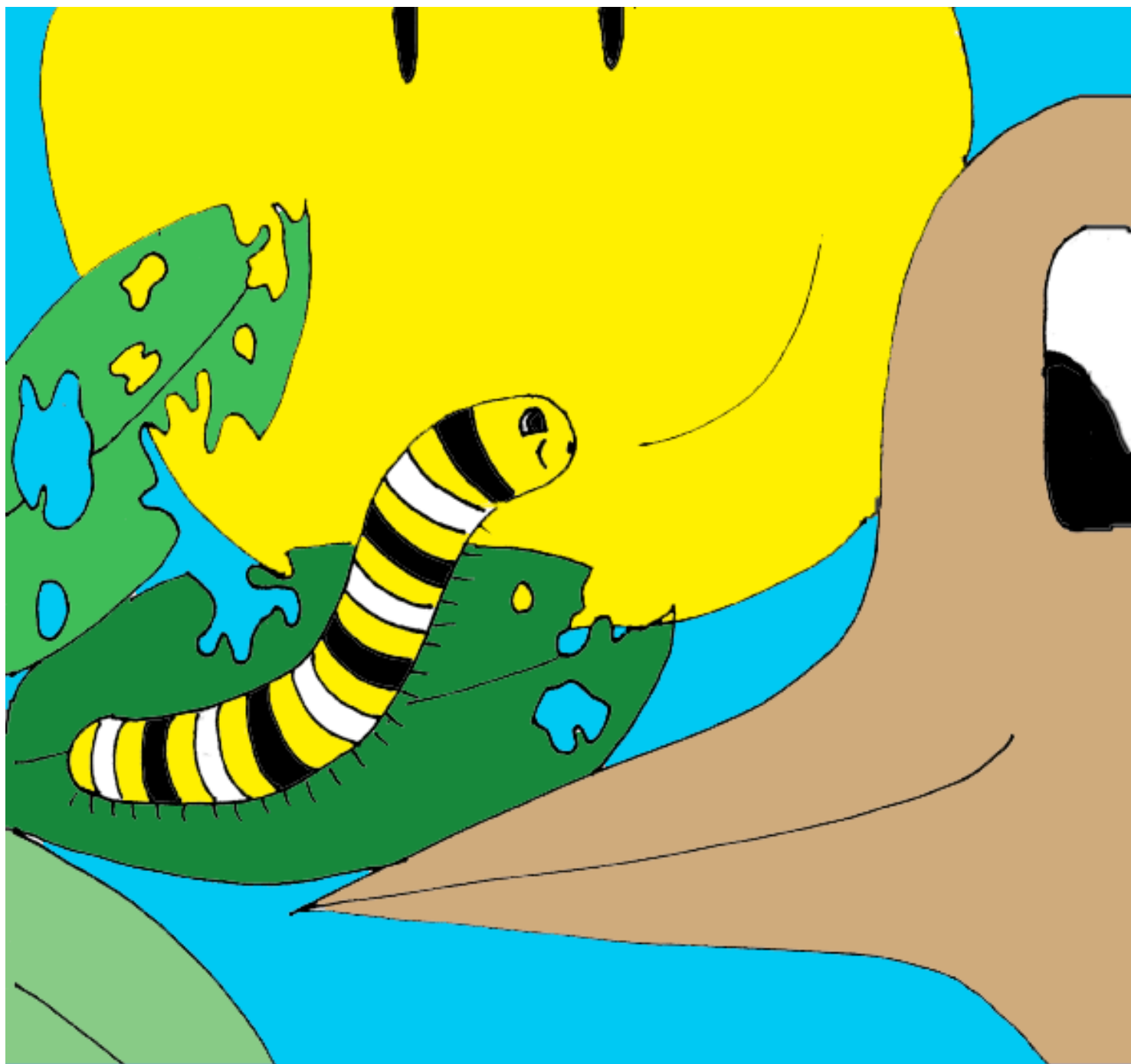
Kody Kookaburra was in a different part of the woods and he didn't know where Mother Kookaburra's nest was. He was worried because if he did not come home by the time the eggs hatched, Mother Kookaburra would have to take care of them all by herself and he couldn't let that happen. So he decided to ask for directions from some of Mother's friends.



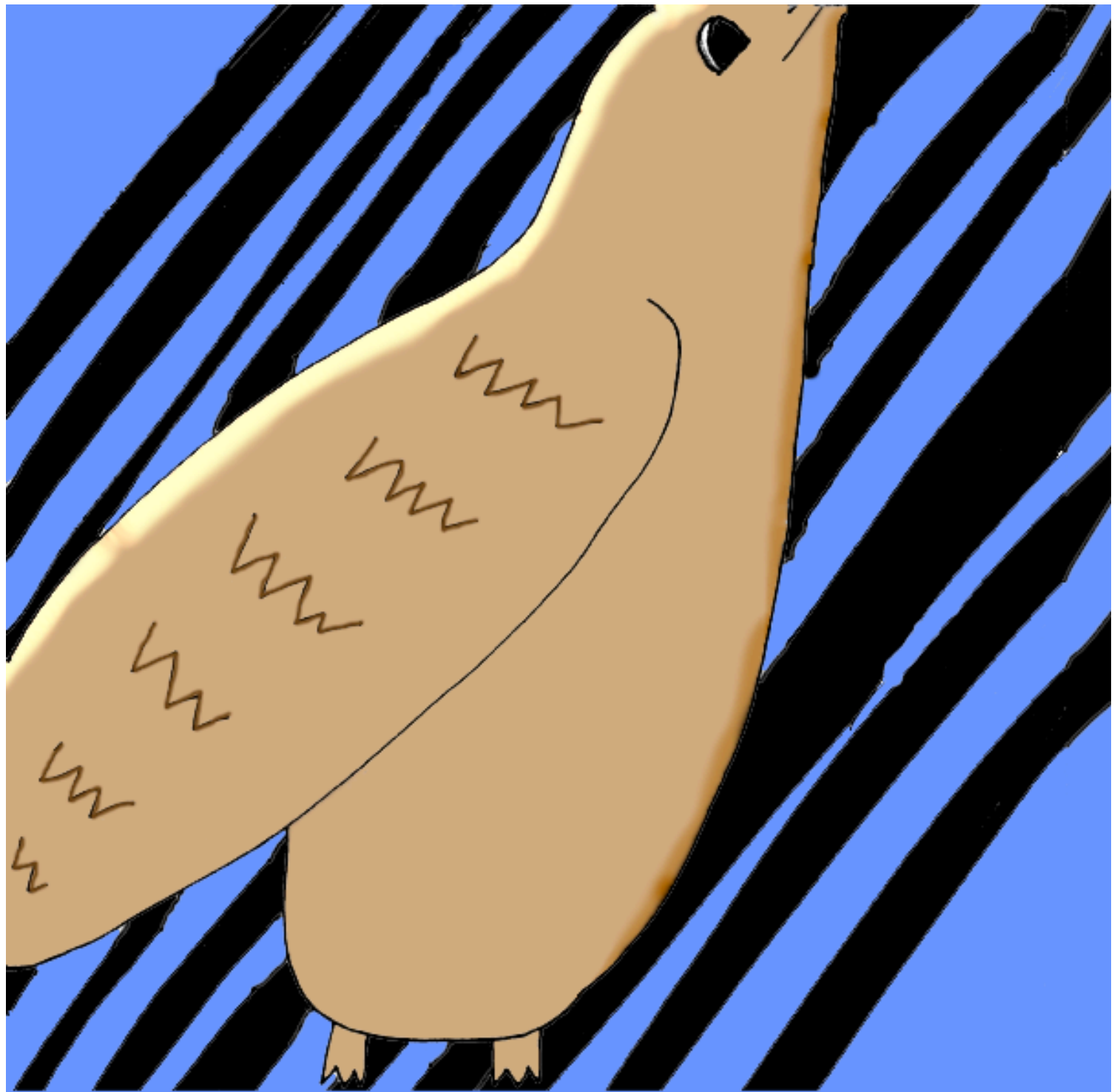
Mother had many friends. Kody decided to ask Mr. Ozzy Owl first. As he flew closer to Mr. Ozzy Owl's hollow, Kody Kookaburra asked him where Mother's nest was. Mr. Ozzy Owl didn't know but he told him that Mr. Sam Snake knows.



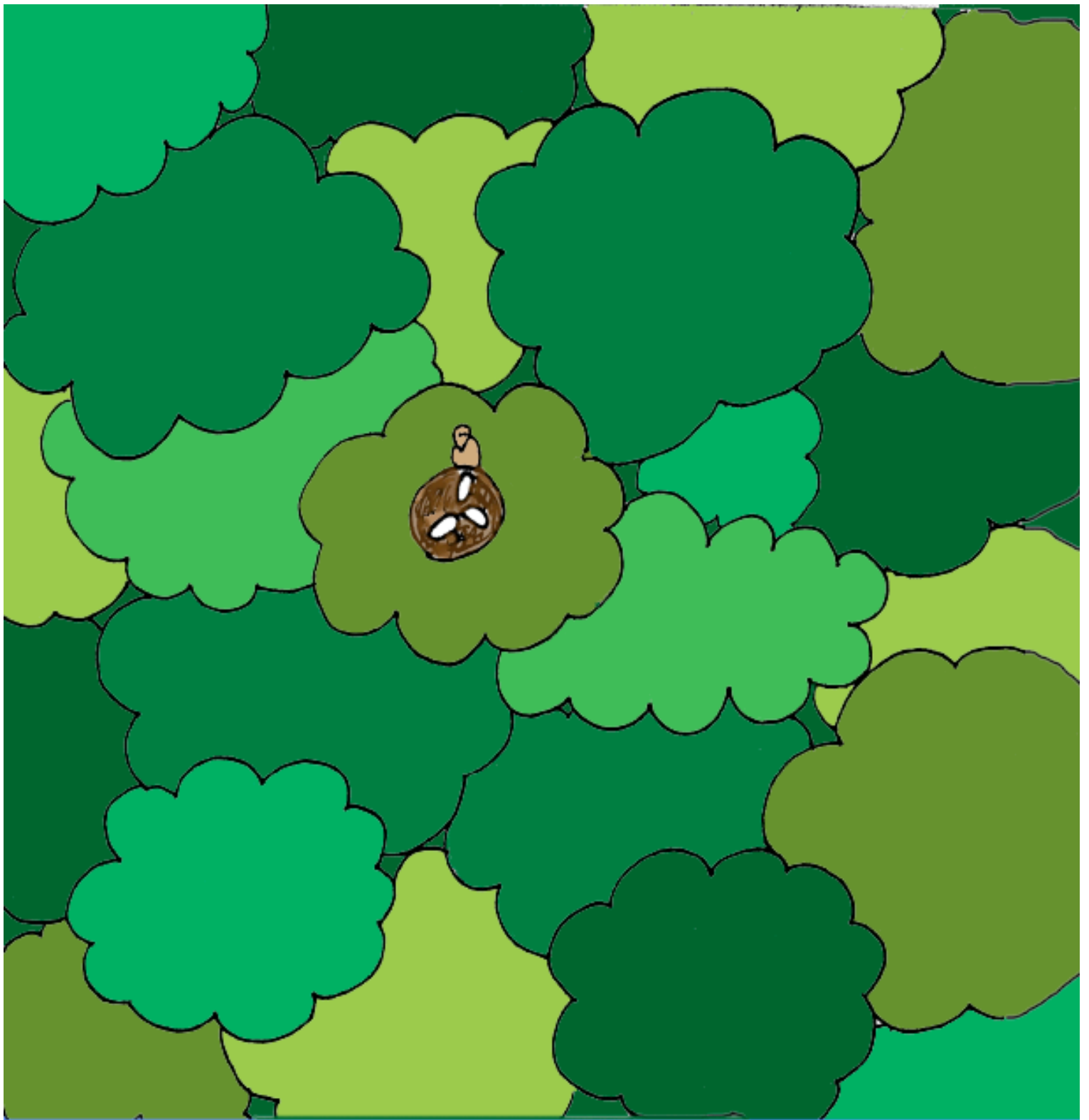
So Kody continued to Mr. Sam Snake. As he flew closer he asked Mr. Sam Snake where Mother's nest was. Mr. Sam Snake told Kody that he didn't know but Ms. Cathy Caterpillar does. So Kody flew to Ms. Cathy Caterpillar.



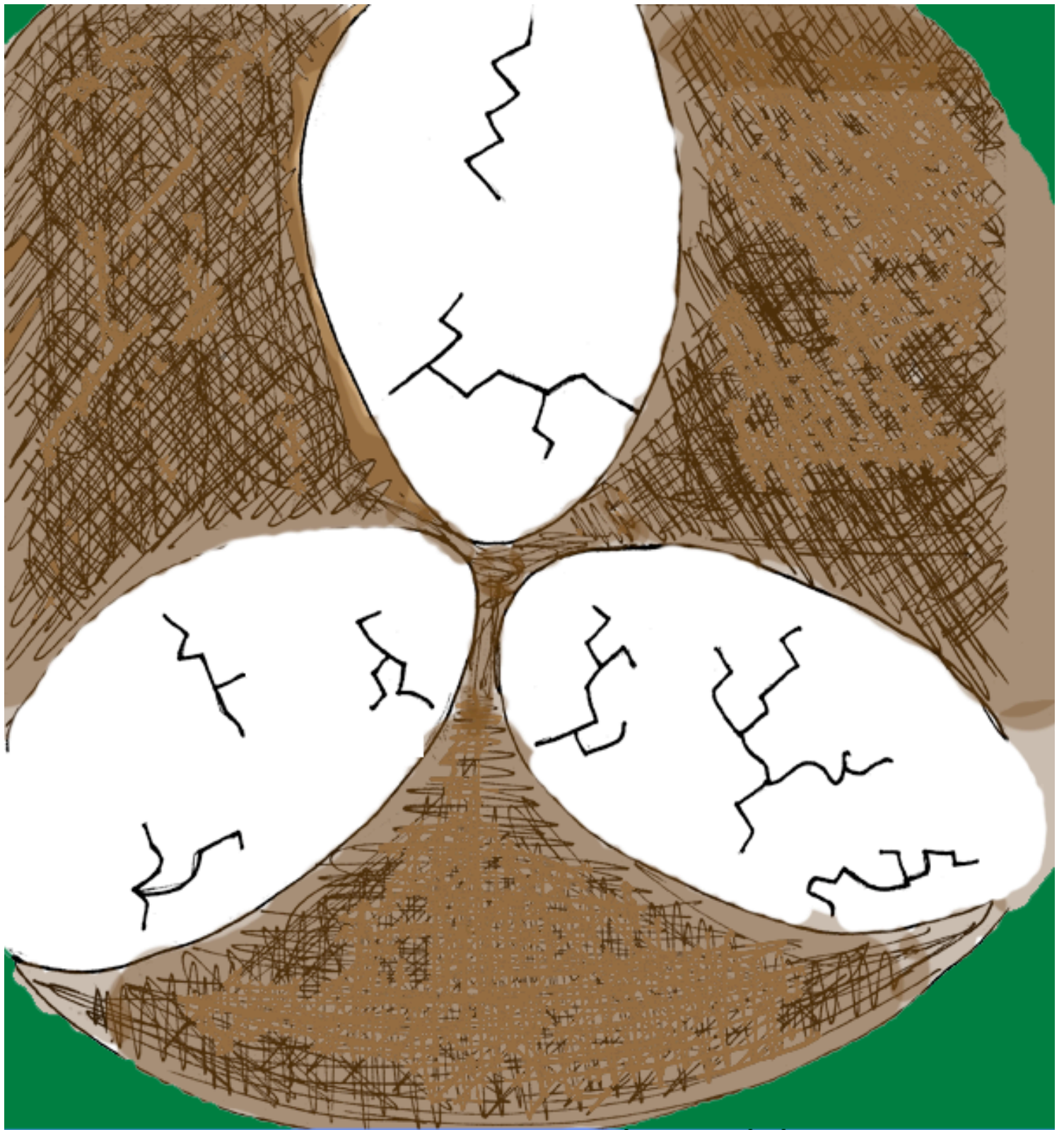
Kody Kookaburra flew down and saw Ms. Cathy Caterpillar munching on some healthy green leaves. Kody asked her where Mother's nest and this time he got an answer. She gave him these directions: Fly up over the canopy and look down. Right in the middle of the forest you'll see the nest.



Kody thanked Ms. Cathy Caterpillar and hurried to follow her directions. Kody flew up, up, up past the canopy, looked down, and at last he found Mother's nest! It was in the middle, just where Ms. Cathy Caterpillar said it would be.



Kody was so excited that he dived, head on into the forest and landed with a "THUMP!" Kody immediately started to worry that his own excitement might have disturbed the eggs. Thankfully, it didn't.



Kody greeted Mother. While waiting for the eggs to hatch, Kody told her about his crazy day. Out of nowhere, there was "Crack!" Then a "Crack! Crack!" and then he saw 3 baby Kookaburras popping out of broken egg shells.



Kody was very happy that he now had three little siblings that he could help Mother take care of! Kody was proud that he had the courage to ask for help to find the nest. Now he could be the big brother he was meant to be.