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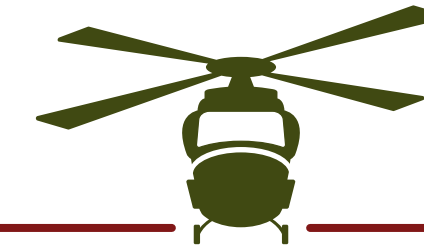
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To Hayden, I hope you always stay curious about other countries and welcoming to other cultures and perspectives.

To Tim, thank you for encouraging me to follow my passion.

To my parents, thank you for always believing in me.

"Travel Rangers, get ready for our next mission," Kayden called.

"Bobby in Colorado has a new pen pal in Australia. He wants to learn all about the 'land down under.'"



"Awesome! I've always wanted to travel to Australia!" Hannah said, high-fiving James and Bella. Bella nodded. She loved going on missions with the other Travel Rangers. Together, they traveled around the world learning about other countries.

Soon, the four friends were soaring over the Pacific Ocean.

"How is that water so blue? Do you think a million fish live there?" wondered Jamesada

"We'll find out soon enough," said Kayden. "My friend Georgie lives here. I told her we're coming, and she said her mom would take us snorkeling."



"G'day, Travel Rangers!" Georgie called when they landed. "How ya' goin'? That's how we say 'Hi, how are you?' in Australia."

"Hi, Georgie!" the team yelled excitedly.

"I had no idea it would be so hot here in January," James stated.

Georgie laughed. "Actually, January is summertime over here. Our winter starts in June. Now, get on your bathers. It's time to go snorkeling!"



Before long, the Rangers were exploring the Great Barrier Reef.
There was so much to see!

Suddenly, Kayden pointed at something in the distance and raced back to the boat.



"You must have seen a white-tip reef shark. You're very lucky! It's rare to see one," the marine biologist on the boat explained.

"Wow! There's no way anything can top that!" said Hannah.

Georgie grinned. "Wanna bet? Next stop: Sydney!"



"Whoa! Georgie was right, look at that building!" Hannah said when they reached Sydney.

"That's the Sydney Opera House," Georgie said. "You can see music and all kinds of shows there."

"Are there people climbing that big bridge over there?" James asked.

"That's the Sydney Harbour Bridge," Georgie said. "You can climb all 1,332 steps. Want to go up?"



"Are you sure that's a good idea?" Bella asked, her voice shaking a little.
"You got this!" Hannah said, encouraging Bella.
Bella looked at the bridge again. "You're right, I can do this. I can be brave."



After a long climb, the Rangers reached the top of the bridge.
"I'm so glad you joined us, Bella. Isn't this view incredible?" asked James.
Bella agreed. "Incredible and exhausting."
"Georgie, I think we should call it a day," said Kayden.

The next morning, the Travel Rangers woke up ready to see more.

"One of the best things about Australia is the wildlife," Georgie said.

"But finding animals in the wild can be hard. So I thought we'd go to the zoo!"



"Uh, Georgie, why is the steering wheel on the wrong side?" James asked as the Rangers climbed into her car.

Georgie giggled. "It's not on the wrong side. Most countries drive on the right side of the road, but in Australia, we drive on the left side of the road."

"Doesn't it feel like we're driving on the wrong side of the road in a video game?" James asked, laughing.





"We're here! I can't wait to see the baby wombat!" said Hannah. Bella nodded. "I hope we can get a picture with a koala."



"That platypus looks like an otter, beaver, and a duck all rolled into one," said Kayden. "I had no idea Tasmanian devils had such sharp teeth," said James.



"Those animals were great, but I wish we could have seen a kangaroo," Bella grumbled as they left the zoo.

"Is anyone else hungry?" James asked.

"Georgie," Kayden called. "I think it's time for us to eat some lunch."



The team was driving to a park out of the city when suddenly Hannah shouted, "Look!" A kangaroo was hopping across the road!

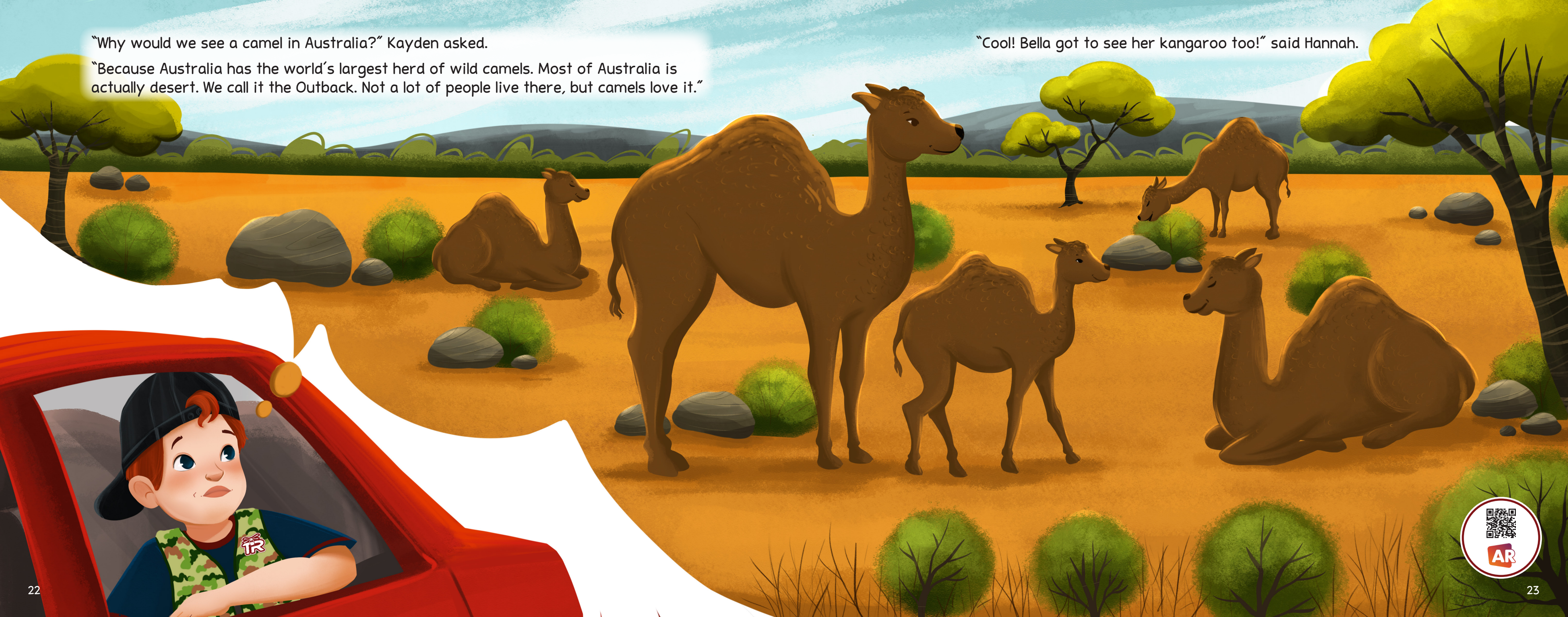
"Whew. That was a close one," Georgie said. "At least it wasn't a camel!"



"Why would we see a camel in Australia?" Kayden asked.

"Because Australia has the world's largest herd of wild camels. Most of Australia is actually desert. We call it the Outback. Not a lot of people live there, but camels love it."

"Cool! Bella got to see her kangaroo too!" said Hannah.



During lunch, Bella looked concerned. "Um, Georgie, there's something wrong with this peanut butter and jelly."

"That's because it's a vegemite and cheese sandwich," Georgie said. "My favorite!"



Georgie laughed as Bella made a face and put down the sandwich.

"Don't worry, they are selling snags, meat pies, and fairy floss over there. I think you'll love the pavlova my mom made for dessert, though!"

Across the field, James noticed some kids playing a game. "What are they playing?" he asked.

"Two of our favorite sports! That's cricket. And those kids are playing rugby. It's a bit like football, as you call it," answered Georgie.

"Can we play?" Kayden asked.



"Not me," Bella said, holding her stomach.

"Oh, no. Bella, you look a bit crook. Did you eat too many snags and too much fairy floss?" Georgie asked.

"I feel a bit sick from eating too much cotton candy and sausages. Is that what you mean?" asked Bella.



"Yep! We say crook when someone is sick. Snags is short for sausages, and we call that pink, fluffy stuff fairy floss," said Georgie.

Hannah couldn't stop giggling at the thought of a fairy flossing her teeth.



"You know," said Kayden, "I think that may be our cue to head home."

"It's been so fun learning about Australia! We have so much in common, even half a world away!" Hannah exclaimed.

"We sure do have a lot to report back to Bobby," Kayden smiled.

"Travel Rangers, our mission is complete."

"Woohoo! Go team!" yelled Hannah.

"Thank you for helping us to complete our mission, Georgie," said Kayden.



"Which country are we going to on our next mission?" asked James as they climbed back into the helicopter.



Kayden grinned and pulled out a letter. "Let's see..."

