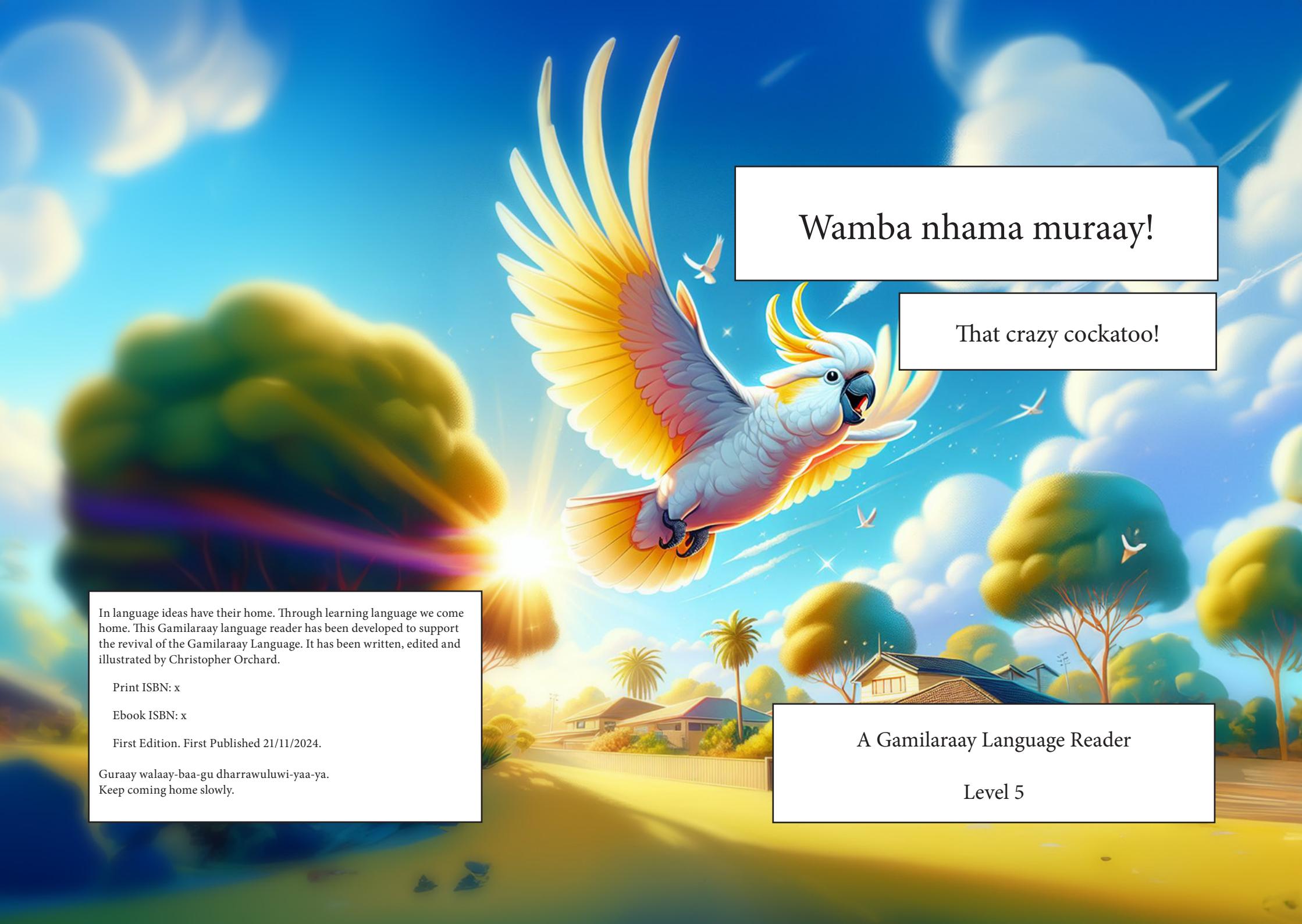




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Wamba nhama muraay!

That crazy cockatoo!

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Guraay walaay-baa-gu dharrawuluwi-yaa-ya.
Keep coming home slowly.

A Gamilaraay Language Reader

Level 5



Giirr nhalay muraay ngay, wamba-bala nhama
gi-gi-ga-yla-y!

This is my cockatoo, but sometimes he gets a bit silly...



Maala nguru biiba bubaa-gu nguuguba-l-aaba-y!

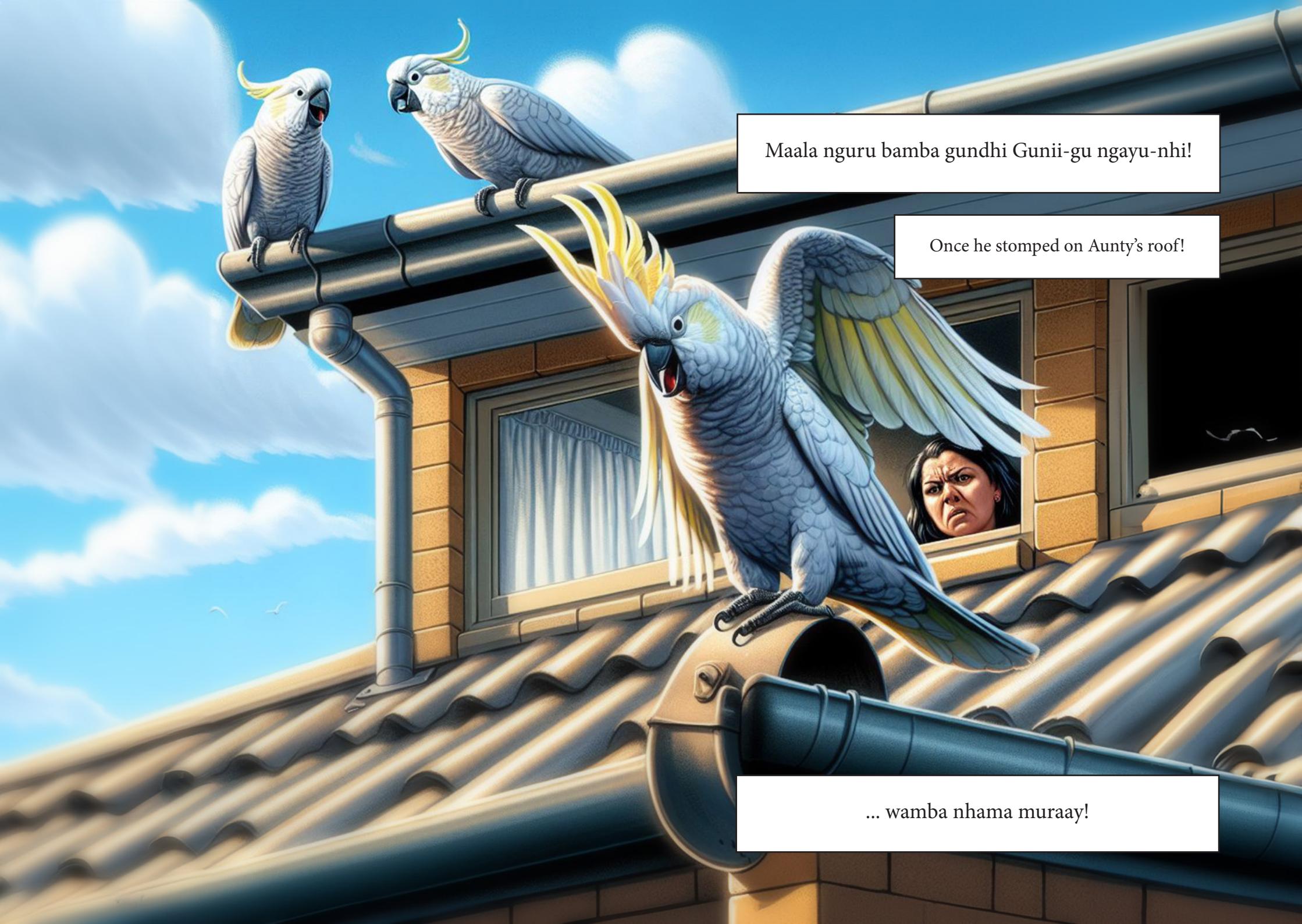
Once he chewed up all of dad's papers!

... wamba nhama muraay!

Maala nguru dhaygal gunii buurra-y!

Once he pulled-out mum's hair!

... wamba nhama muraay!



Maala nguru bamba gundhi Gunii-gu ngayu-nhi!

Once he stomped on Aunty's roof!

... wamba nhama muraay!



Maala nguru bamba wilbaarr Garruu-gu mawu-nhi!

Once he clawed Uncle's car!

... wamba nhama muraay!



Maala nguru yuul Dhaadhaa-gu bundaama-l-aaba-y!

Once he knocked over all of Grandpa's vegetables!

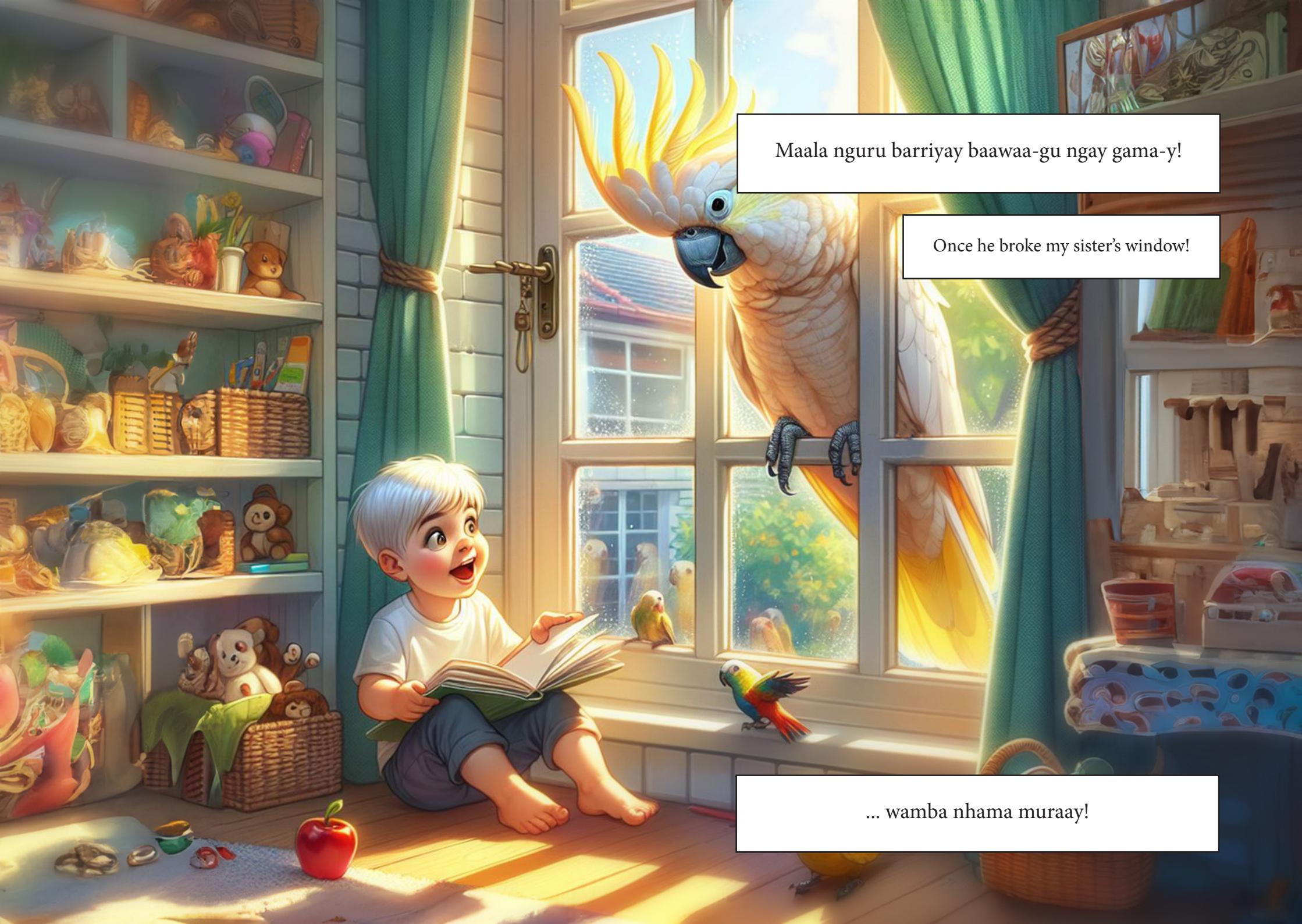
... wamba nhama muraay!



Maala nguru guri Badhii-gu yii-l-aaba-y!

Once he bit all of Grandma's apples!

... wamba nhama muraay!



Maala nguru barriyay baawaa-gu ngay gama-y!

Once he broke my sister's window!

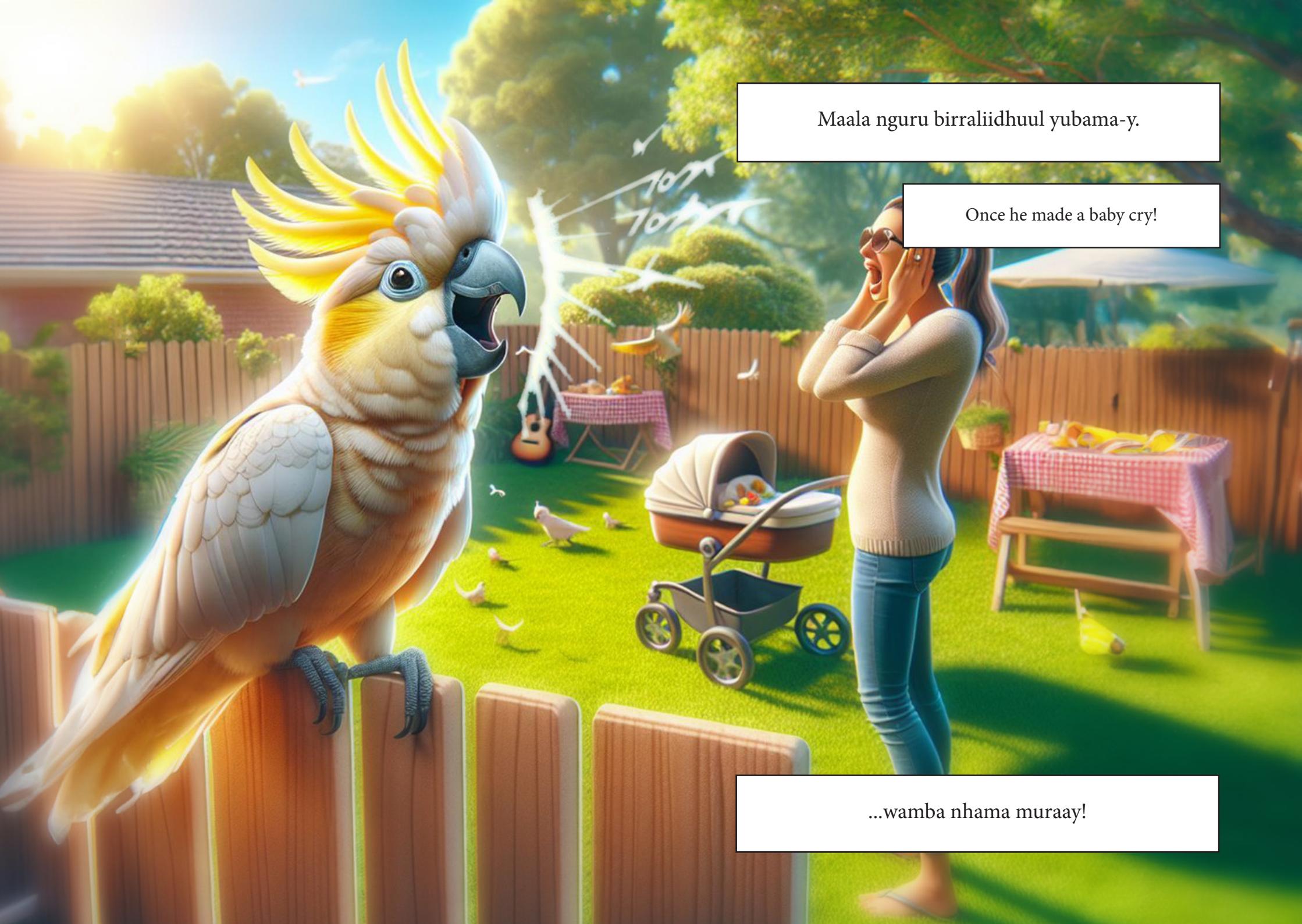
... wamba nhama muraay!

A cockatoo with white feathers and a prominent yellow crest is perched on a gnarled tree branch. It is facing a young boy with dark hair and a straw hat, who is holding a stick. The boy is looking up at the bird. The background is a bright blue sky with fluffy white clouds and more tree branches.

Maala nguru dhulu-gu dhagaan ngay buma-y!

Once he hit my brother with a stick!

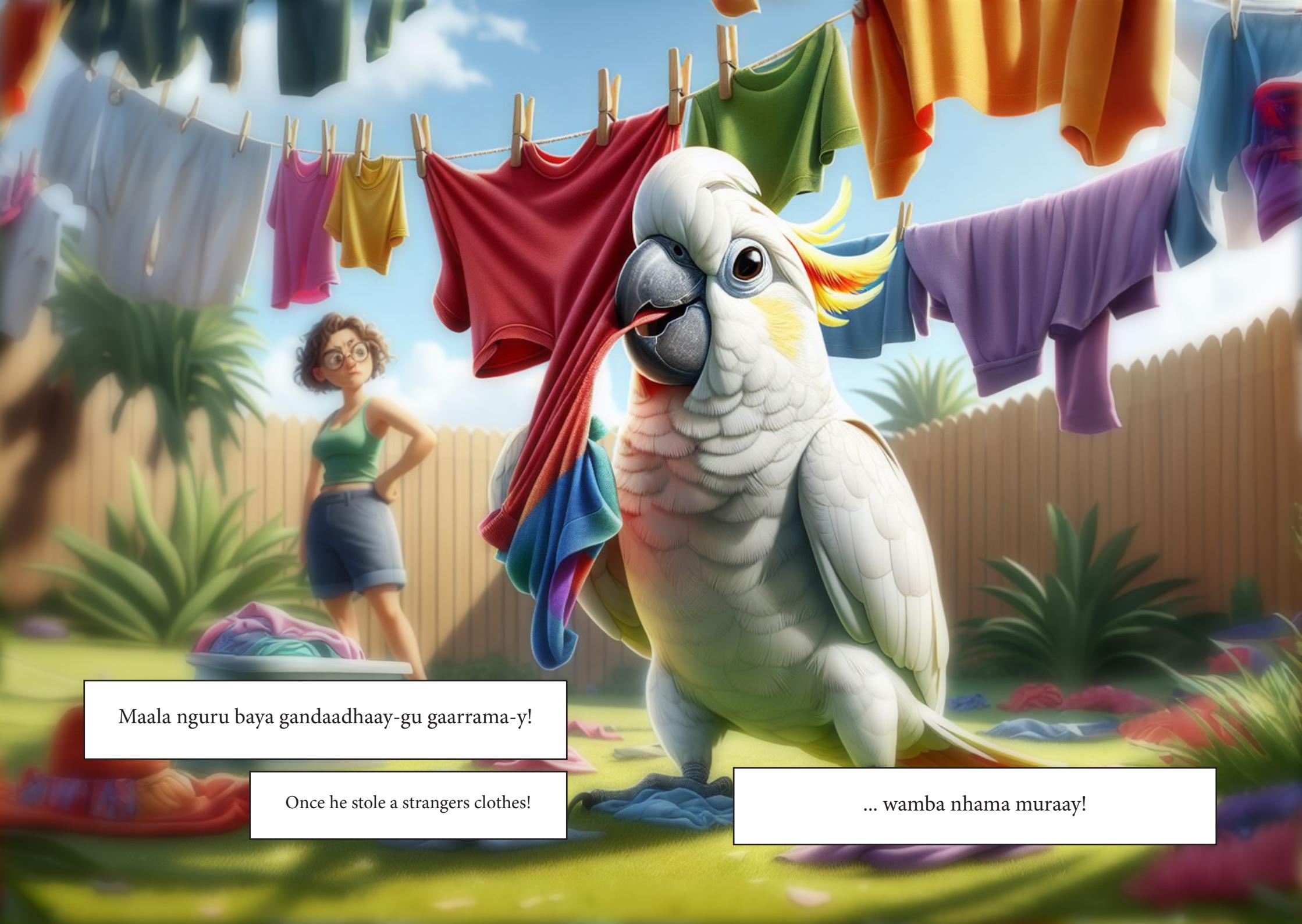
Wamba nhama muraay!



Maala nguru birraliidhuul yubama-y.

Once he made a baby cry!

...wamba nhama muraay!



Maala nguru baya gandaadhaay-gu gaarrama-y!

Once he stole a strangers clothes!

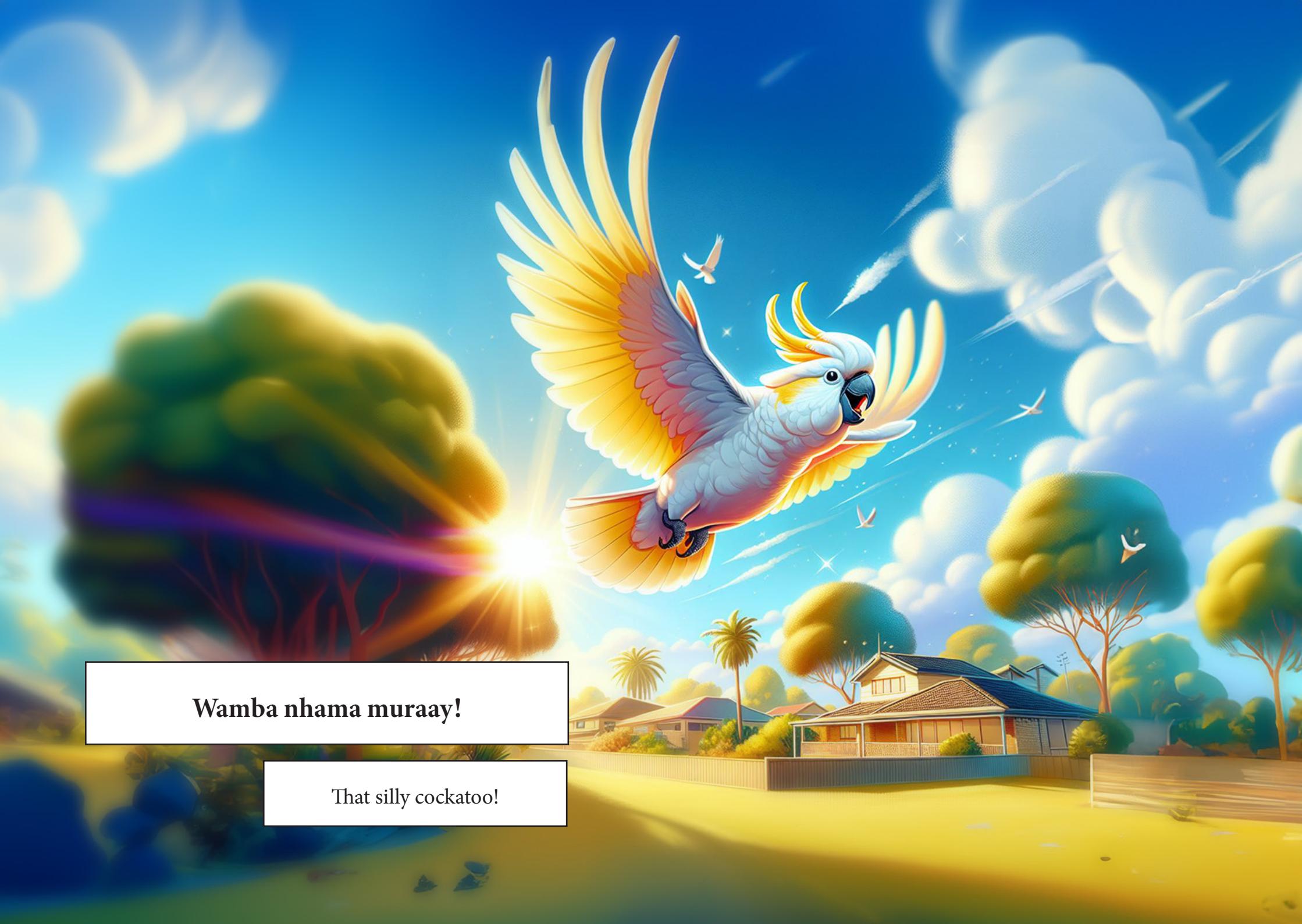
... wamba nhama muraay!



Maala nguru dhii-gaalu maliyaa-gu ngay dhuwinba-y!

Once he hid my friend's plushies!

... wamba nhama muraay!



Wamba nhama muraay!

That silly cockatoo!



Wamba=nha gi-gi-ga-y...
... winanga-yla-nha-bala ngaya nhama muraay.

He does get silly... ...but I love that cockatoo.



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