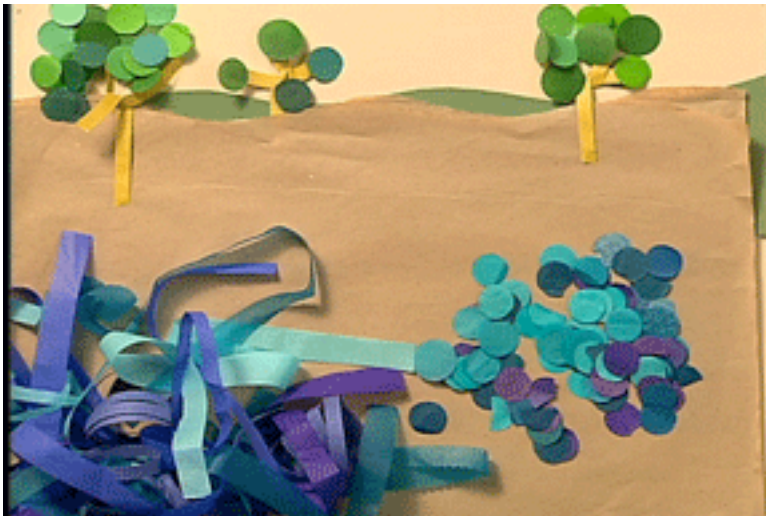


# The Thirsty Frog

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**As we continue on our journey, we come to Australia. It is a country on the other side of the world full of beautiful colors.**

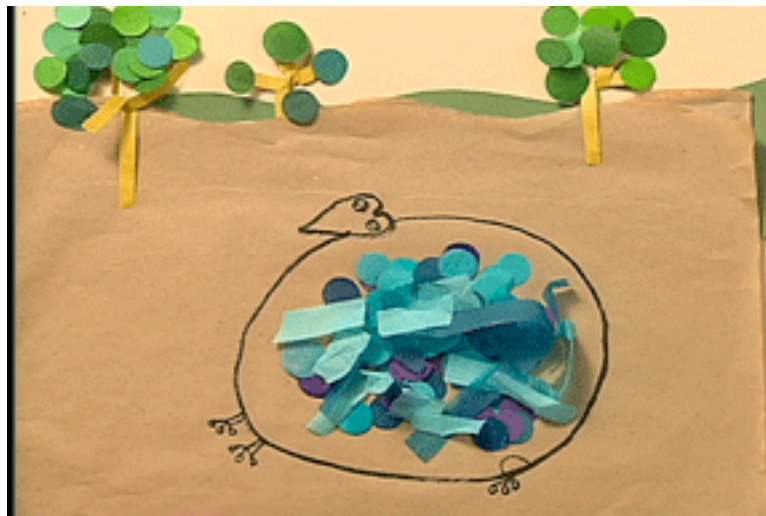


**The first inhabitants of Australia - the aborigines - relate how their land was a marvellous island, many, many years ago. It was a land where the rivers and lakes shimmered in many shades of blue. It was also a green land where many trees grew.**

**The legend tells of a frog called Tiddalik, who lived in Australia. The frog was always thirsty. One**

**morning, Tiddalik woke up feeling parched. In fact, he was so thirsty that he started drinking and drinking and drinking until he had dried up all the rivers and lakes. He drank so much that he left the land without a drop of fresh water.**

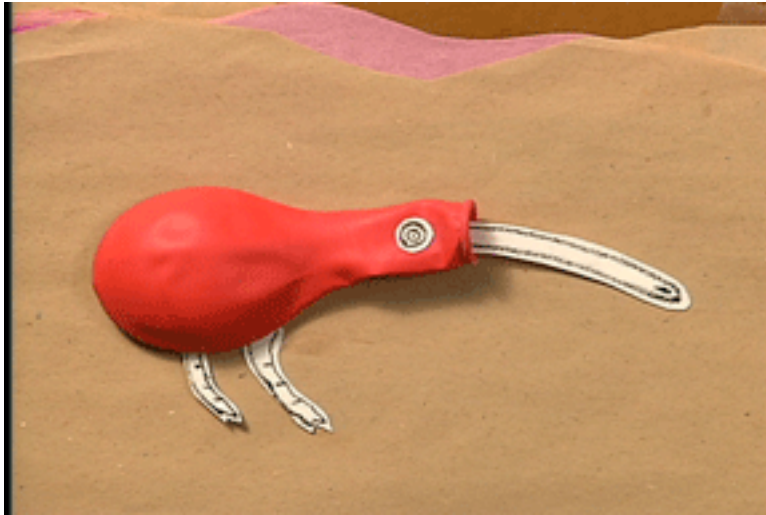
**As you can imagine, the land just got drier and drier until there was nothing left but desert. The trees lost all their leaves. What a disaster!**



**Since there was no water, all the animals were as thirsty as thirsty could be. It**

**looked like Tiddalik would be the only one to live through the terrible drought. His belly had enough water in it to last him for years!**

One day, the wise old bat said he had an answer to the problem. His idea was to make Tiddalik the frog laugh so that he would cough up all the water he had swallowed. Then all the rivers and lakes would fill up again with water.



The animals all agreed that it was a very good idea.

Kiwi - a very determined bird - was the first to try to make the frog laugh.

Kiwi started telling funny stories of when he was a little chick. Like the day it fell from a branch and his beak wedged in an ants nest so that his

brothers had to pull him out feet first.

Kiwi told stories that were so funny, everyone split their sides laughing. Everyone laughed, except Tiddalik the frog.

Then Kangaroo had a go.

Kangaroo started bouncing around like a rubber ball. Boing! boing! boing! He jumped high in the air and did somersaults like a circus acrobat.

The Kangaroo's antics soon had all the animals clapping and cheering. "Bravo! Bravo!" they shouted. Well, not all of them. Tiddalik didn't even so much as bat an eyelash.

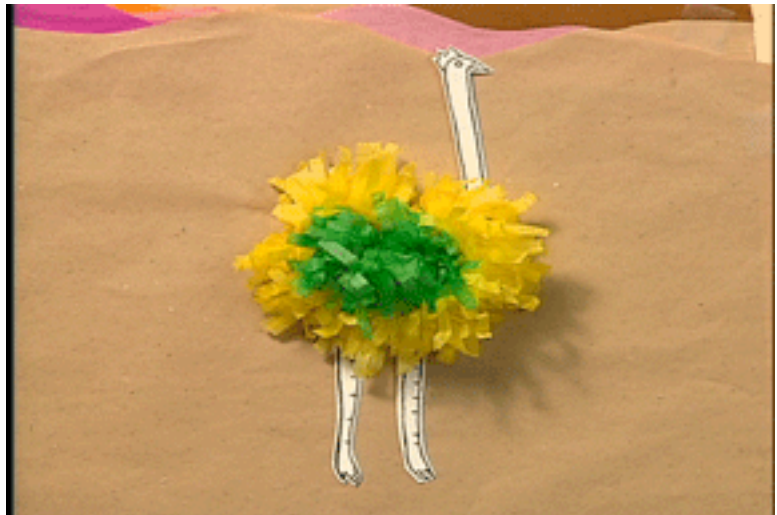


Worn out by so much leaping around, Kangaroo let Emu - a big feathery bird - try his luck.

**Emu started playing the clown. He made some really funny faces and contorted his long neck so that he almost tied himself in a knot.**

**The animals laughed themselves silly at Emu's twists and turns. But it was all to no avail. The fact is Tiddalik the frog looked just as sour and bored as ever. There wasn't a flicker of a smile on his froggy lips.**

**The animals were desperate. They had no idea how to find a solution. They knew that none of them would last long without water. Soon, they started squabbling among themselves about the best way to get Tiddalik to laugh.**



**Then came the eel's turn to try. Eel was a thin, long fish with a snake-like body which never seemed to stay still.**

**Eel began a snake dance. He was a wonderful dancer. A ballet dancer couldn't have done better. He rippled his body from head to tail. He stretched out and shrivelled up like a party streamer.**

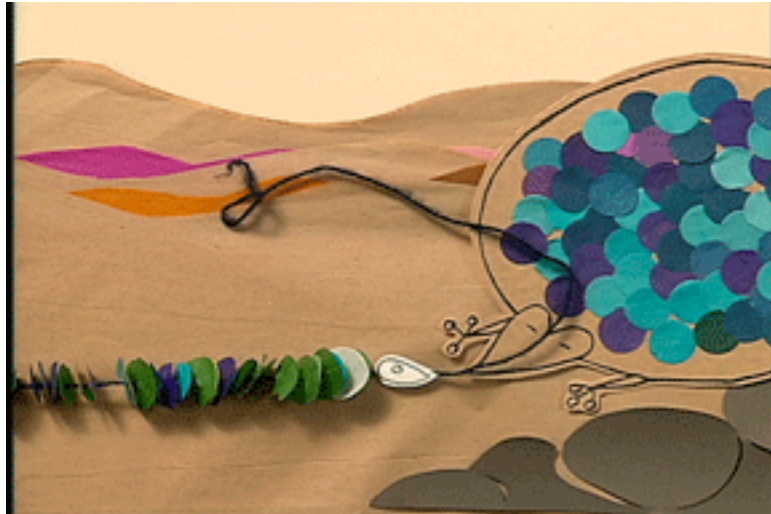
**Tiddalik the frog gazed attentively at him. But he didn't let out as much as a titter.**

**It was just then, when Eel was really getting into his snake routine, that he got so close to the frog, the tip of his tail tickled Tiddalik's belly.**

**“Ha, ha, ha...” laughed Tiddalik. “Ha, ha, ha... Stop it! Stop it! You’re tickling me!” begged the frog.**

**Finally, Tiddalik the frog burst into a side-splitting laughter. He laughed so hard that water started pouring out of his mouth. Soon it became a torrent.**

**And that was how the rivers and lakes throughout the land filled up again. The sap rose in the trees and soon they were covered with green leaves. Australia went back to being as beautiful as it had always been.**



**Tiddalik the frog shrank and shrank as the water gushed out of his mouth. He ended up being just this tiny.**

**That’s why the aborigines believe that every time there is a flood it’s because Tiddalik the frog is having a good laugh.**

**The End**

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