

THE FLYING DOGTOR

For Episode 3

Recapitulation of Episode 3

CUTS:

Crafty

You'll remember that Crafty Carson Carpetbag the sneaky snake was hiding somewhere near the bush children's home.

Homestead

Children searching

The children were searching for him while the Flying Dogtor gave them directions from the air. Then little Polly Possum stumbled into an old shearing shed and found herself caught by none other than Crafty himself.

Dogtor

Polly

Shed

Crafty

Oh, how she wished she had kept in sight of the Possum's Protector -  
(singing) The Flying Dogtor

DISSOLVE TO new Telestrip

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TITLES

STILL DRAWING: Pan  
across plane, then down  
through roof of

shed to Crafty's head  
(repeat of last scene of  
Ep.2 in reverse) down to  
Crafty's tail.

Continue tilt through

Hole in floor

To Polly on ground

DISSOLVE TO TELESTRIP

Polly running to  
cottage

Inside cottage

Conference

Dogtor and children

Polly points out window  
to shed in distance

Liz

Colin

Wilbur

CUT (still Telestrip)

Dark interior of shed

Crafty

Spiders

Crafty

Father

Mother

Grandfather

Leave shed

THEME

While the Flying Dogtor was searching from the  
air, the bush children were hunting on the  
ground for Crafty Carson Carpetbag, the  
sneaky snake. That was how little Polly  
Possum stumbled into an old shearing shed -  
and found herself caught by none other than  
Crafty himself.

Music

Have you ever wished that the floor would open  
up and swallow you? Polly Possum did then --  
and as it was a rotten old floor that is  
exactly what happened.

Creak and shatter of timber

Polly picked herself up and raced as fast as  
her legs and tail would carry her: home to  
Granny Goanna's cottage.

Inside the cottage the Flying Dogtor was  
holding a conference with the bush children.  
We must make a plan (he told them) to catch  
Crafty before he does any more harm.

They listened to Polly's story. They all  
knew the old shearing shed by Steamy Swamp.

"Let's surround it!" cried Liz Lizard.

"Let's jump on it!" suggested Colin Kanga.

"Let's wait till tomorrow" said Wilbur Wombat.

Meanwhile inside the shearing shed another  
conference was being held. Crafty Carson  
Carpetbag had called a meeting of his nasty  
friends, the Redback family.

There was Father Redback and Mother Redback,  
and the biggest of them all, Grandfather  
Redback, the most unpleasant spider in the  
Southern Hemisphere.

They were planning a way to attack the bush  
children in Granny Goanna's homestead.

"Curse them'." said Crafty.

"Bite them!" said Father Redback.

"Sting them!" said Mother Redback.

But Grandfather Redback, who liked to use  
words as long as his eight legs, said:

"You know what these anthropomorphized  
animals are most scared of? --

Fire! --

Burn them!" (said Grandfather Redback).

Leave shed and go outdoors

Cottage

Conference

Dogtor

Children

Outside house

Plane

ZOOM IN AND TILT as

plane takes off

DISSOLVE:

to children waving

goodbye

cottage

Crafty

Redback rubbing sticks

together

Smoke starting

FADE

Mad laughter, fading

Back at Granny Goanna's the Flying Dogtor's conference had reached a decision.

"Splendid" said the Dogtor, "That's settled them. All of you will keep your eyes on the shearing shed -- from a safe distance -- to make sure he does not escape, while I fly back to Stonytown to summon policeman."

Plane Hum

A few minutes later the Flying Dogtor took off in his trusty plane and was headed for Stonytown.

But even as the children waved the good Dogtor goodbye, on the other side of the homestead, slithering through the long dry grass came Crafty Carson Carpetbag -- and his nasty friend, old Redback -- with a bush matchbox.

Effects: striking match, noise of fire, mad laughter.

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Extra to Episode 3

---add to end of narration:

(telestrip)

Redback

Directions

A bush matchbox is not the easiest way to make a fire (though it is the safest), but Old Man Redback had remembered to bring the sheet of directions that came with the box. Besides, he had seen aborigines doing it on television.

Redback (reading): ' Take a piece of soft, dry wood and a thin, hard stick. Bore the stick into the wood as fast as you can by rubbing it between your two hands...'

Redback operating

It takes a long time with two hands—but less with six...

Smoke

And in no time smoke began to curl up from the wood. Then Crafty's face lit up...

Crafty

Flare of match

...And so did the wood. And in moments the grass was alight!

CUT to fire

Crackle of fire, mad laughter.

VOICE OVER END TITLE:

See what happens when the fearsome fire takes hold in the next episode of—  
(singing) —The Flying Dogtor.