

SPOOKS!

Recapitulation:

Crafty Carson Carpetbag escaped from the police after the Flying Dogtor had arrested him, and he slipped back home to the old shearing shed. There he found a message from the Redback family. They had gone to Mangrove Mansion, an old deserted homestead. Meanwhile the bush children were exploring around Mangrove Mansion following a message they received from their friend -

(singing) The Flying Dogtor

TELESTRIP

The bush children walked around the outside of Mangrove Mansion.

They tried to look in through cracks in the boards over the windows, but it was dark inside and all they could see was cobwebs. They turned a corner and went through a gateway in an old broken garden wall to the courtyard at the back of the homestead. Still they found no sign of life, and still all the windows were covered with boards or ivy. Colin Kanga, growing impatient and a little braver than the rest, hopped on ahead, and he came to a dark porch - and inside it a door standing open.

Through it he could see right into the old building, down a long dark passage, with just a speck of light from the fanlight over the front door at the far end. He called the others on.

"Let's explore inside!" he said.

But Polly Possum pointed to something in the dust on the floor just inside the door.

"Stop!" she squeaked in fright. "Look!" There, in spidery writing, was a message. "Come in if your dare!" it said. "We are haunted!"

"What's haunted?" asked Wilbur Wombat.

"Ghosts!" explained Liz Lizard in a shaky voice.

"There's no such thing!" scoffed Colin Kanga's cousin, Wally B. "Come on!" and he hopped inside.

EFFECT: HOP, HOP, HOP (growing fainter)

The others heard Wally hopping down the dark ^{down} corridor, although it was too dark to see

where he went. They heard his hops die away and then there was silence... (3 or 4 secs. silence)

"Eeek!" (screech in distance)

A sudden screech - then Wally came bounding out again.

He looked pale with fright, and was shivering.

"W-What's in there?" asked Liz Lizard nervously.

"Was it a ghost?"

"No-n-no..." said Wally. "But I think it was a spook."

"I'm going in!" declared Colin Kanga.

"Oh no, don't!" shrieked Polly Possum.

But she couldn't stop him, and in went Colin.

EFFECT: HOP, HOP, HOP (growing fainter)

They heard him hopping down the corridor but still they could see nothing in the dark.

REPEAT SILENCE

Eeek! (longer screech in distance)

- Then out bounded Colin Kanga.

"What was it?" they all asked. But Colin Kanga could only say: "Q-quick! I-It's...It's -"

"What is it?" asked Polly.

"I-Its coming after me!" gasped Colin.

The other children stared speechless into the corridor. And there they saw coming towards them a great white creepy-looking monster, floating forward silently, closer and closer.

"Eeek!" Polly Possum screeched, and led the rush of all of the children, racing back to the gateway in the old broken garden wall through which they had entered the courtyard.

But when they reached the gateway they had another unpleasant shock. For the gateway was filled with spidersweb, and in the centre of the web was another nasty-looking, spooky-looking, creepy thing.

The bush children backed away from the gateway and rushed around the courtyard wall looking for another way to escape. But they could find no other gate or door or any kind of opening.

They were in a corner between two walls when Liz Lizard looked behind her and -

"Look out!" she squeaked. "It's still after us!"

They all turned and saw the monster spook bearing down on them.

"We're cornered," gasped Colin Kanga ...

Dissolve from telestrip to still of Ghost - zoom in

Dissolve back to telestrip

Dissolve back to still of Ghost - zooming in

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VOICE OVER END TITLE:

How can the bush children escape from the
monster spook?

And what is the monster spook doing?

There are new surprises in store when we meet
them again in the next episode of -

(singing) The Flying Dogtor