

Recapitulation:

The bush children were exploring around an old deserted house called Mangrove Mansion when they received a number of nasty shocks: Strange signs...and spiderswebs..and spooks. Then they were chased by a monster spook and driven into a corner from which there seemed to be no escape. How they wished they were not so far from their friend -

(singing) The Flying Dogtor

The monster spook kept coming closer.

"Wheee-eee"

It gave a sort of ghastly ghostly groan.

The bush children looked around them but could see no door or gate or window through which they might escape. But suddenly Colin Kanga cried -

"Here, Wally, quick! Lend a hand!"

He had found a trapdoor in the stone paving of the courtyard and was trying to pull it open. Wally hopped across - and helped him pull, and up came the old trapdoor with a creak of ancient hinges.

(C-CREAK)

There was dust below and a musty smell, but no spooks; and they could see a flight of stone steps going down into an old cellar.

"Come on!" called Colin Kanga. And all the bush <sup>children</sup> scrambled down the stone stairway as quick as they could, stumbling and tumbling on each other's heels.

The monster spook was close behind them, floating and moaning over their heads.

"Wheeee-eee"

Colin Kanga held the trapdoor open, and soon all the other children were safely down the stairs - except Wilbur Wombat.

"Come on, Wilbur" urged Colin. But Wilbur could never hurry <sup>very</sup> fast and the spook was practically on his tail before he finally waddled over the edge of the first step and bounced down the stairway.

As soon as he was clear, Colin Kanga slammed the trapdoor shut after him and joined the others, who were waiting in the dusty old cellar looking rather ~~worried~~.

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"Well, we're safe for a minute, but what do we do now?" asked Wally B.

SNEEZE

Polly Possum sneezed. "It's the dust," she said. "This cellar can't have been used for a hundred years."

SOB

Liz Lizard sobbed. "What will happen to us?" she asked. "We can't tell the Flying Dogtor from here..."

"We're trapped," wailed Katie Koala.

DOGTOR MUSIC

Meanwhile, back at Hilltop Hospital, the Flying Dogtor was worried. He kept thinking of Mangrove Mansion, and remembering that the bush children were going there by themselves, and he kept wondering about the new owners of the mansion - whoever they were...

He decided to call Granny Goanna to see if the children were safely home yet, and Granny Goanna told him that they were not. She was beginning to be worried too, because she was making some nice pancakes for tea...

The Flying Dogtor decided that he could wait no longer to see if they were in trouble. So he told Sister Spaniel that he would be away for an hour or two, and a few moments later he was in the air, headed for Mangrove Mansion.

EERIE MUSIC

Back in the cellar at Mangrove Mansion, the bush children were feeling rather gloomy and quite a bit frightened.

Liz Lizard asked: "Do you think the <sup>spook</sup> ~~monster~~ is still up there?"

Colin Kanga, sounding more brave than he felt, said: "I'll just have a little look."

So he went up the stairs slowly, and cautiously he tried to raise the trapdoor. But it would not open a crack. It was locked on the outside.

"We really are trapped," thought Colin Kanga.

At the same moment a cry came from the other end of the cellar.

"Look!"

It was Polly Possum.

She had found a strange arched door in the stone wall of the cellar...and it was unlocked.

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VOICE OVER END TITLE:

What is behind the mystery of Mangrove Mansion?  
And what new surprise awaits the bush children  
behind the arched door at the end of the cellar?  
Be with them when they explore further in the  
next episode of  
The Flying Dogtor