

Recapitulation

Crafty Carson Carpetbag dressed as a spook and pretended to 'haunt' an old mansion. The Flying Dogtor uncovered him but he escaped. Meanwhile the bush children found an old cellar in which Danny O'Canny, the bushranger, once hid from the police. A hundred years ago this famous bushranger also had hidden somewhere a treasure-store of stolen gold and jewels. And this treasure had never been discovered to this day, the children were told by - (singing) The Flying Dogtor

After the Flying Dogtor told the bush children the story of Danny O'Canny's treasure, Liz Lizard asked: "And were the spooks that chased us after the treasure?"

The Dogtor explained that there were no such things as spooks. The thing that had chased them was Crafty Carson Carpetbag, dressed up in an old sheet. "You see," said the Dogtor, "Crafty and Old Man Redback must have heard about the treasure and were searching for it through the old mansion. To avoid being interrupted they thought up the silly idea of pretending that the building was haunted. They hoped this would scare people away."

"It scared us," said Polly Possum.

"Well, you're safe now," said the Dogtor. "And since you appear to have stumbled on to Danny O'Canny's secret room, the next thing is to find his treasure. No doubt it is here somewhere." Excitedly, the children began to hunt.

Polly Possum peeped behind the curtains.

Liz Lizard looked under the table.

Colin Kanga cautiously lifted the lid of an old trunk.

But they could find nothing but a few old clothes and lots of dust.

After nearly half an hour's searching they were tired out and disappointed. "It's no good," said Colin. "There's nothing here. No sign of a treasure. No mention of a treasure. Not even a map."

"Ah well," said the Dogtor. "Perhaps there never was one." And since it was getting late he suggested they should return home.

Disappointed they left the cellar, one by one. They were out in the courtyard again when Colin said:

"Oh dear, Wilbur's left behind again."

They all called "Wil-bur" and finally he came up and stepped slowly out the trapdoor, with the old cloth he'd found in the cellar still wrapped round him like a blanket.

"You don't need that old thing," said Colin, but Wilbur mumbled "I'm cold," and kept it around him. There wasn't room in the plane to take all the children, so the Flying Dogtor said goodbye and told them to hurry back to Granny Goanna's and not to stop on the way. Then he flew off home to the Hilltop Hospital.

As the children climbed the hill towards home, Wilbur kept trailing behind.

"Come on" Liz Lizard kept calling.

"It's that old blanket he's dragging along," said Polly, and she went back to Wilbur to help him hitch it up.

Then her round eyes grew rounder than ever.

"Hey, everybody!" she shrieked in excitement,

"Look! It's a t-treasure map."

It was: Danny O'Canny's treasure map, drawn on cloth, which had lain on a shelf in the old underground room for a hundred years until Wilbur Wombat had taken it for a blanket.

The bush children excitedly spread it out on a flat stone and examined it in breathless silence.

"See - it says the treasure is here!" pointed Polly.

"But where's here?" asked Wally B.

"Let me study it" said Colin, "It seems to be a puzzle map."

"Can I have my blanket back now?" asked Wilbur.

One way and another they were all so intent on the map they did not notice that they were being overlooked from behind a wattle bush.

#### Menace Music

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Will the bush children be able to read the secret of the bushranger's map? Or will Crafty Carson Carpet-bag and Old Man Redback attack them first? See the next exciting episode of

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