

Recapitulation:

The bush children were following a mysterious map leading to a bushranger's hidden treasure when they were attacked by Crafty Carson Carpetbag and Old Man Redback. The map fell out of Colin's pocket and was pulled into the bushes. Meanwhile Granny Goanna, worried that the children had not returned home, radioed -

(singing) The Flying Dogtor

MENACE MUSIC

Crafty kept approaching the bush children down the narrow track, curling and coiling over them. But suddenly he stopped, and listened. Far away, he heard the sound of an aeroplane motor.

FAINT MOTOR

"The Flying Dogtor!" Crafty gasped. "Curses!" But Old Man Redback whispered in Crafty's ear. "It doesn't matter," he said, "Look!" and he showed Crafty a bundle of cloth. "I've got the map! Let's leave." The children gasped when they saw that Old Man Redback had taken their map.

LOUDER MOTOR

Then they also heard the noise of the Flying Dogtor's plane, and were not surprised when they saw Crafty change expression and turn about and disappear into the bushes.

They raced forward down the track and out into the open, and they waved and waved.

The Dogtor saw them, and circled down to land. A few minutes later the bush children crowded round the Dogtor's plane and told him everything that had happened: Wilbur's finding the treasure map, Crafty's attack, Redback's stealing the map. Colin wanted to set off after Crafty now that the Dogtor was with them, but the Dogtor said that Crafty had too much of a lead. They should all return home and talk it over.

MUSIC

Around the fire in Granny Goanna's house that evening Colin tried to describe to the Flying Dogtor the treasure map that was lost. Then he recited the rhyme that was written across it:

"Forty paces after breakfast

Stop where waters meet

Join at tea the saplings three

Dig for seven feet"

DISSOLVE

They told the Dogtor how they had solved the clue in the first line, and had guessed that the second line 'where waters meet' meant a junction of two rivers.

"But there were no rivers there," said Colin.

"And no saplings," said Polly.

The Flying Dogtor thought for a time. First, he told them, they must use their brains to beat Crafty: They had to solve the secret of the map faster than he did. Secondly, they must remember that the map was drawn by the bushranger Danny O'Canny 100 years ago. And things change in 100 years. Perhaps there was a landslide, for instance, that changed the position of a river.

They talked about the map until long after their usual bedtime, but then Granny Goanna showed them off to sleep, made up a bed on the couch for the Flying Dogtor, and turned down the lights.

MUSIC

Next morning the children took the Dogtor to the top of the hill overlooking the site of the treasure map.

"That is where the first line led us," said Colin.

"'Forty paces after breakfast'. Now, where do waters meet? There's only one creek there."

But the Flying Dogtor pointed to a curved clump of shrubs. "You see that?" he said. "It's a little billabong, cut off from the main creek. Perhaps, 100 years ago, it was still a loop of the creek - and the water would have met about ...there."

He pointed to another clump of twisted trees.

"Oh yes," cried the children, and they raced ahead, down the hill to the spot.

MENACE MUSIC

Meanwhile, back in the shadows of the bush Crafty Carson Carpetbag and Old Man Redback were still studying the map after a sleepless night.

"Right!" said Old Man Redback at last. "I've got the secret! Now we can get in ahead of the Flying Fleabag and the Bush Creeps!"

(singing) The Flying Dogtor

VOICE OVER END TITLE

Are the Dogtor and the children on the right track? Does Old Man Redback really know the secret of the map? Who will reach the buried treasure first? Join the chase in the next episode of

(singing) The Flying Dogtor