

Adventures of Ernie Emu

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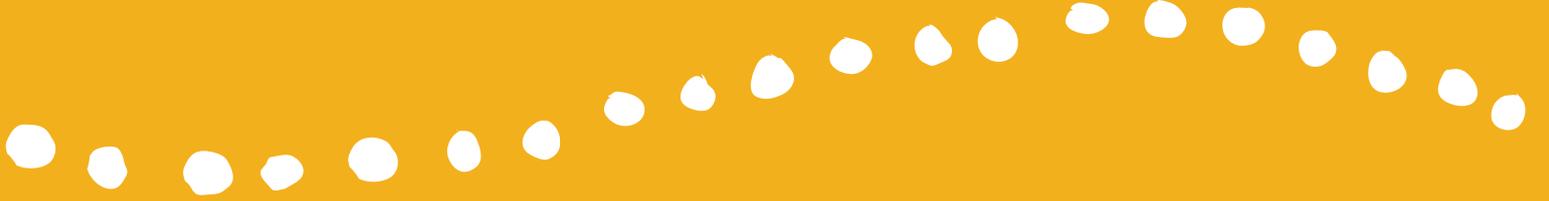


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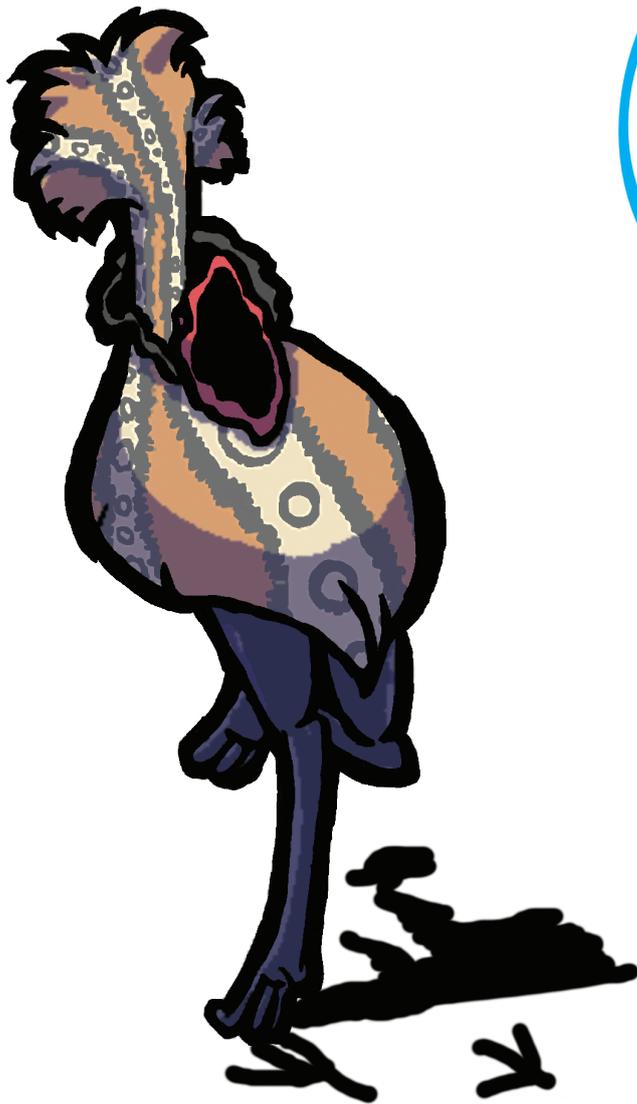
It was summertime, and Ernie Emu was going to visit his Aunty and Uncle who lived in town. His Aunty and Uncle had a pool in their backyard. Ernie couldn't wait to go for a swim!



When Ernie got to their house, Aunty and Uncle Emu were thrilled to see him. **“Hiya Ernie! How was your trip?”**

“Great!” said Ernie. **“Can I go for a swim in the pool?”**

“Sure,” said Aunty Emu.



Hey grown-ups!
Always make sure you know
who is watching kids before
they get in the water!



...“As long as you wait for your big cousin Emma
before you jump in. She needs to be watching you.”

Ernie was excited. He had never gone swimming in a
pool before. He couldn't wait!



Ernie hurried to get ready. He slapped on sunscreen, grabbed his towel, and off he went.



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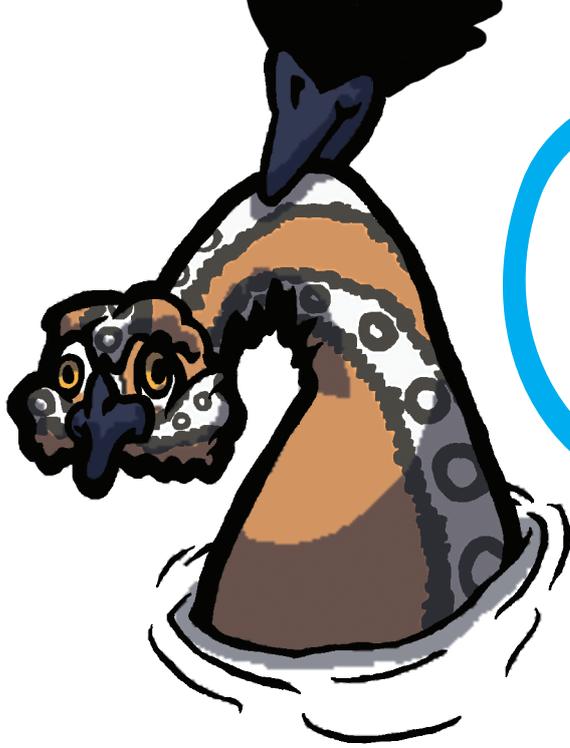
Always keep gates and doors shut so kids can't get into water!

Out the door, around the corner, through the gate that wasn't shut. Ernie didn't watch where he was going. SLIP! SPLASH! Ernie fell into the pool.

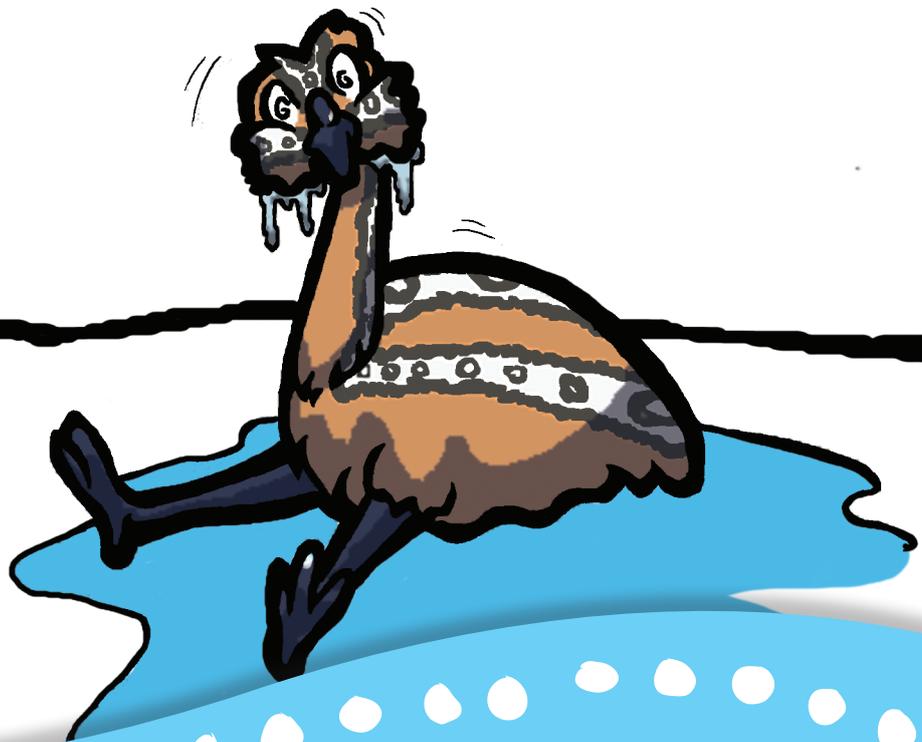


“**HELP!**” Ernie yelled to his cousin Emma, who was busy on her phone. He tried to stand, but his feet didn’t touch the floor.

“**HELP ME!**”



Hey grown-ups!
Keep your kids safe in an
emergency - learn CPR!



Something grabbed Ernie's neck, and he was pulled from the water. It was Uncle Emu. He put Ernie on the ground next to the pool and checked that he was OK.

Hey
grown-ups!

Drowning can happen
quickly - never let kids
out of your sight
around water!



“Emma! Why weren’t you watching him?
He could’ve gotten hurt!” Aunty Emu was
upset. Ernie felt bad.

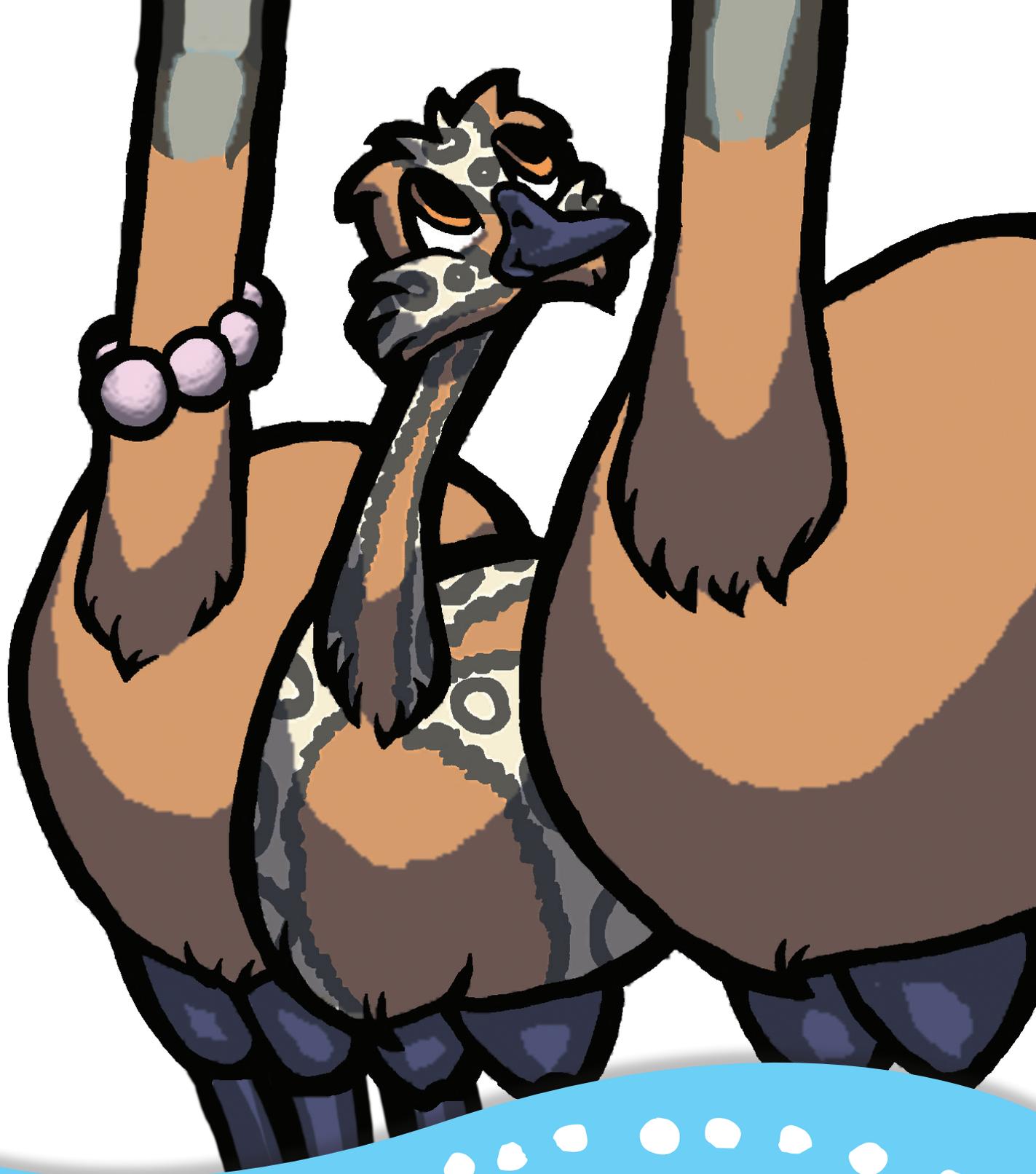
Hey grown-ups!
Kids love water - teach them
rules to stay safe!



“I’m sorry. I was too excited.” Ernie said.

Uncle Ernie put a towel around Ernie.

**“You should never go swimming without an
adult watching, Ernie.”**



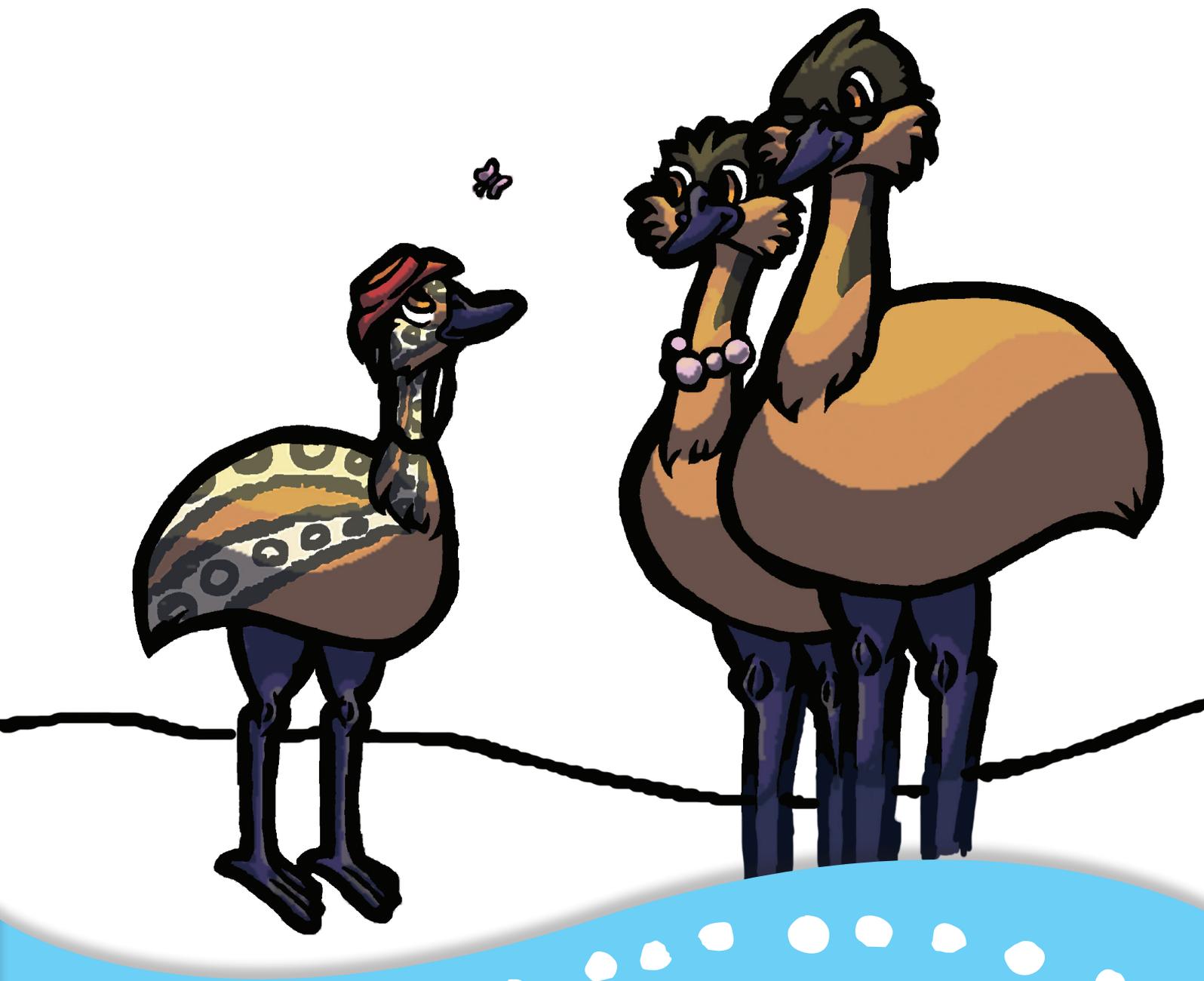
Ernie went back inside with Aunty and Uncle.
They made sure to shut the gate this time.
Ernie felt better.

Hey
grown-ups!

Kids must be
watched around all
sorts of water!



After that, Ernie spent the summer playing
in the pool with his aunty and uncle always
watching.



Good on ya Ernie.



Good on ya Ernie, be water safe
Grown-ups keep watch, your family's great
Keep them together, keep them safe
Every day ends great when everyone's safe

Supervise – always keep watch around water

Prevent your child's access to water

Learn – teach your child to be water confident

Respond – learn CPR and call 000 in an emergency

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