

## The Wisdom of Mr Owl

The great red monster burst through the cane. Everyone woke with a start and ran out of the burrow screaming. Today was the first day of the harvest season. The bandicoot family recalled with a rush, what wise Mr Owl had warned them about a short time ago. He had said to be prepared, but the bandicoot family had not known what he had meant

They yelled for help but no one came. They yelled again but still no one came. They called out a third time. This time Mrs Joey, the kangaroo came jumping towards them. The bandicoot family got in Mrs Joey's pouch and she jumped off to Mrs Bandicoot's parents house.

When they got there they thanked Mrs Joey and went inside. They found Mrs Bandicoot's parents asleep after a long hard night of foraging for food and digging in peoples' gardens. The bandicoot family woke them and told them what had happened. The family decided to go and see wise Mr Owl and ask him what they could do to get away from the big red monster. The family left the house and went to see Mr Owl.

Mr Owl told them to quickly go back to their burrow and get all their belongings and find a new home... somewhere safe. They did as the wise old bird had said and went and got their possessions. But when they had all their possessions packed they didn't know where to move too.

They asked some of their friends where they could move to. None of them knew except for Mrs White Lipped Frog who said they should live in the wild life corridor. The bandicoot family thought this an excellent idea. But where was this corridor? They asked Mrs White Lipped Frog and she said "Go past the pond, through the cane and look for the strip of grass and trees. There you will find the wild life corridor and

you won't be bothered by the red monster ever again.”

The bandicoot family thanked Mrs White Lipped Frog, picked up their belongings and left for the wild life corridor.

When the family arrived at the wild life corridor they went looking for a place to make their home. After what seemed like hours, Mr Bandicoot found the best house that the bandicoot family had ever seen or lived in before. The burrow was nestled in the roots of a rain tree on the edge of the wild life corridor far away from danger.

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