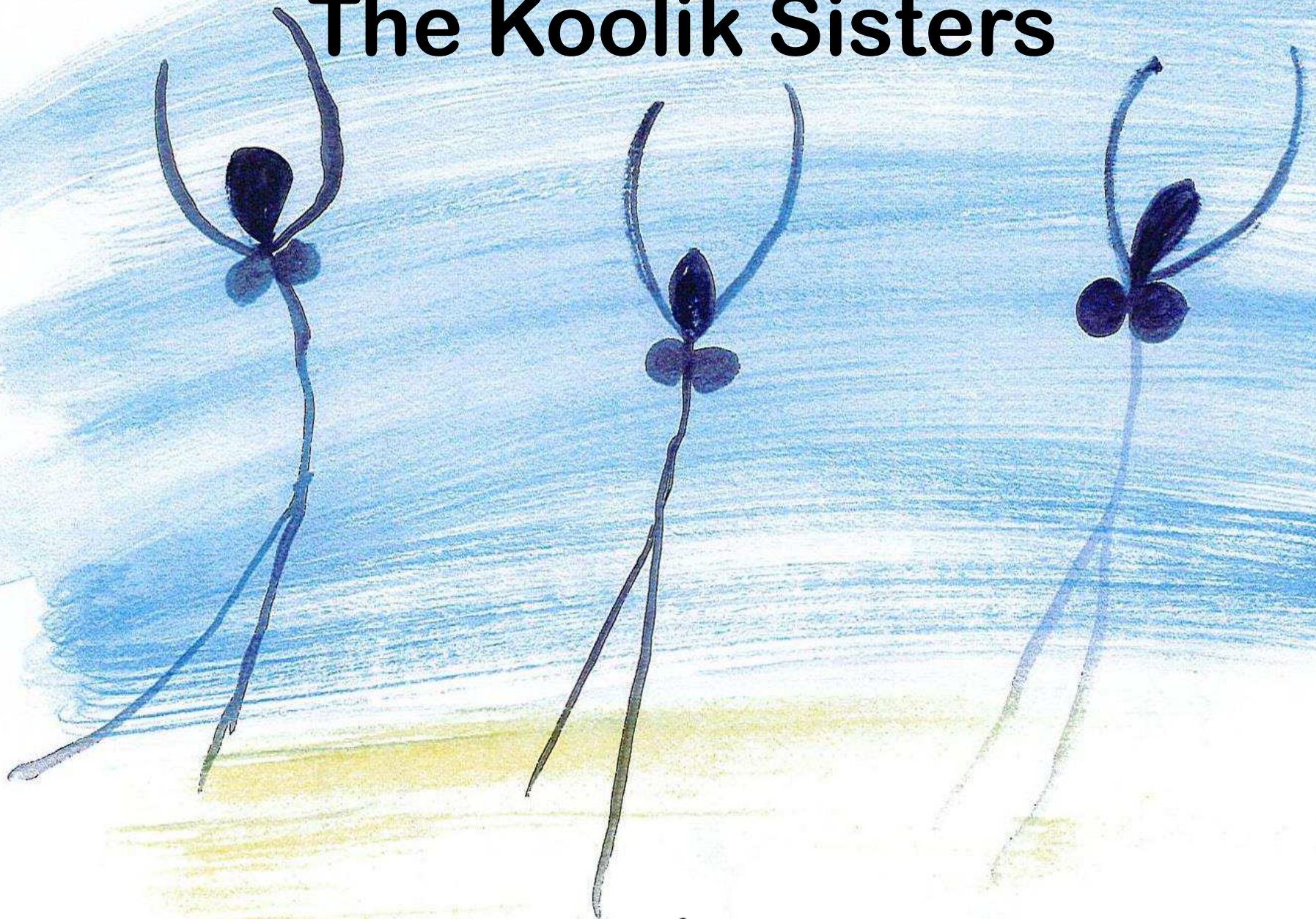


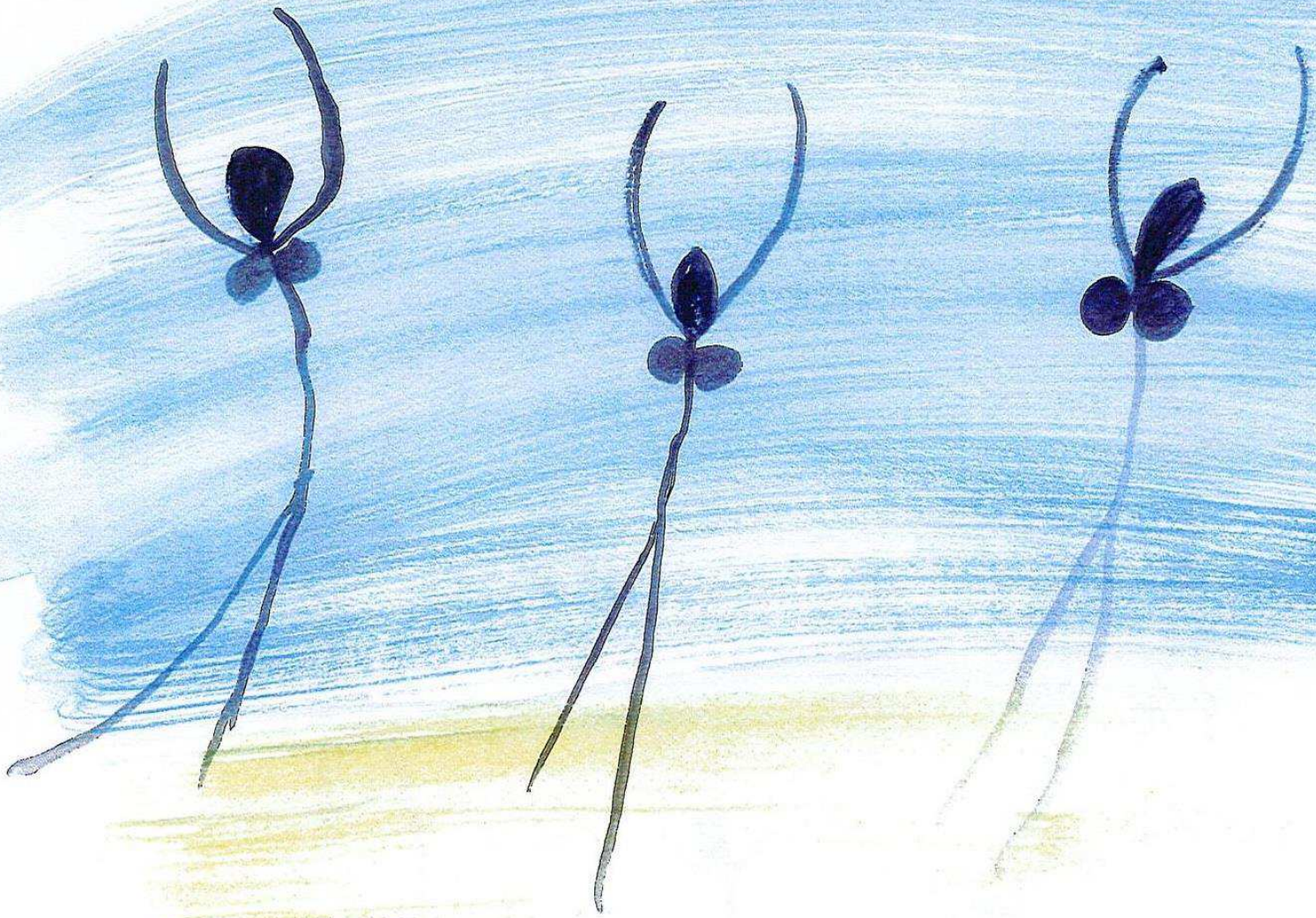
The Koolik Sisters



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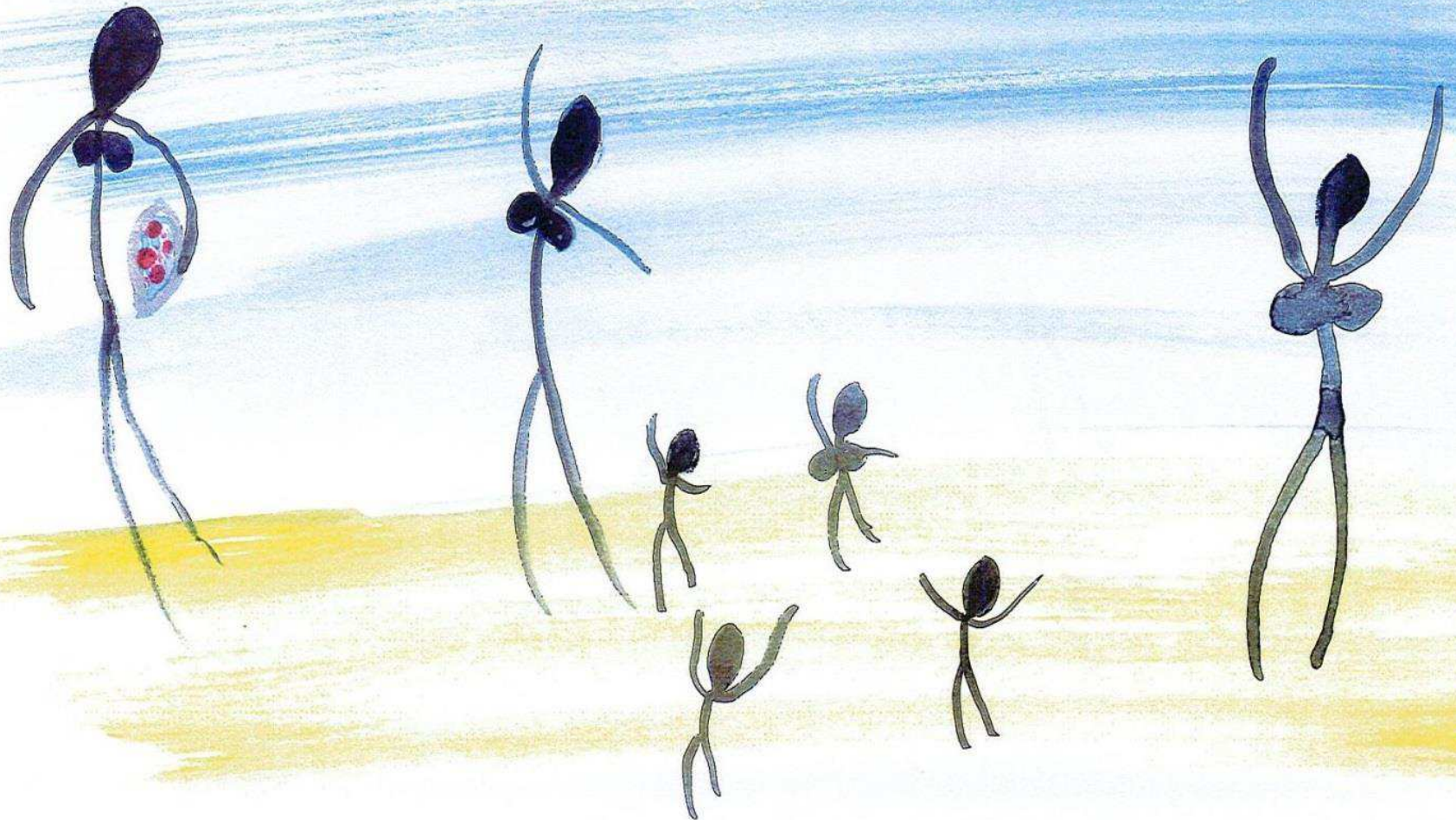


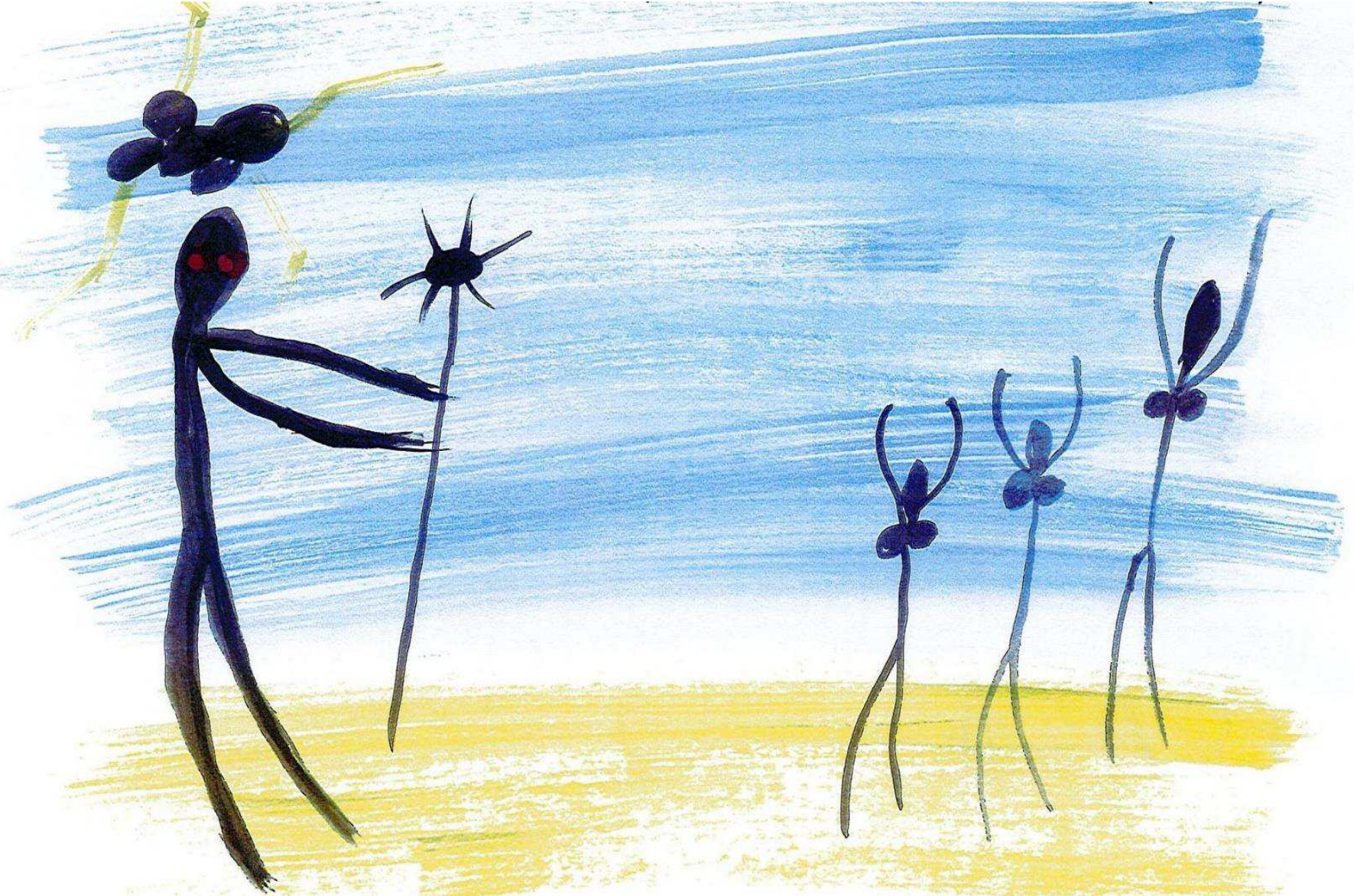
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**Long time ago, there were koolik (three)
bermborok (sisters), Coranguilook,
Baccheribeert and Woollerbech.**

They were merridjig (very good), they helped their parents, they were gatherers and always helped with caring for the borron (children)





**One day a ngamadjitj (stranger) came to their country,
he was not a good man.
He was a sorcerer, he wanted the koolik bemborok.**



**The Elders told the bemborok to
ignore the ngamadjitj**



This made the ngamadjitj very angry so he performed a magic nyerika (dance)



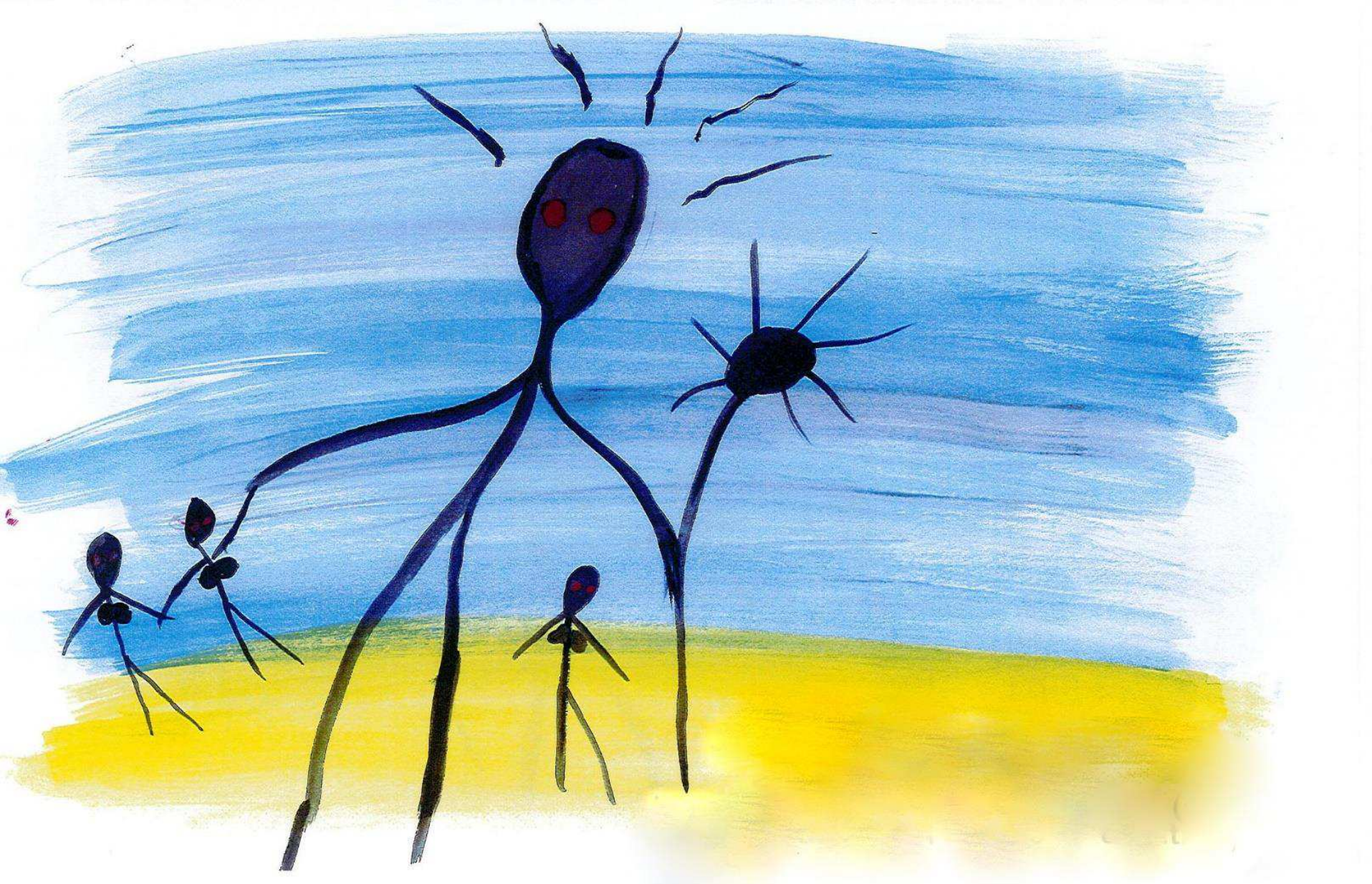
The behaviour of the koolik bemborok changed



They became very guwiyn-nyulim (nasty), they would not help anyone and they keela (speak) very guwiyn-nyulim to everyone



**The Elders decided to tell the ngamadjitj to go away
and never return**



**This made ngamadjitj very angry so he stole the koolik
bermborok**



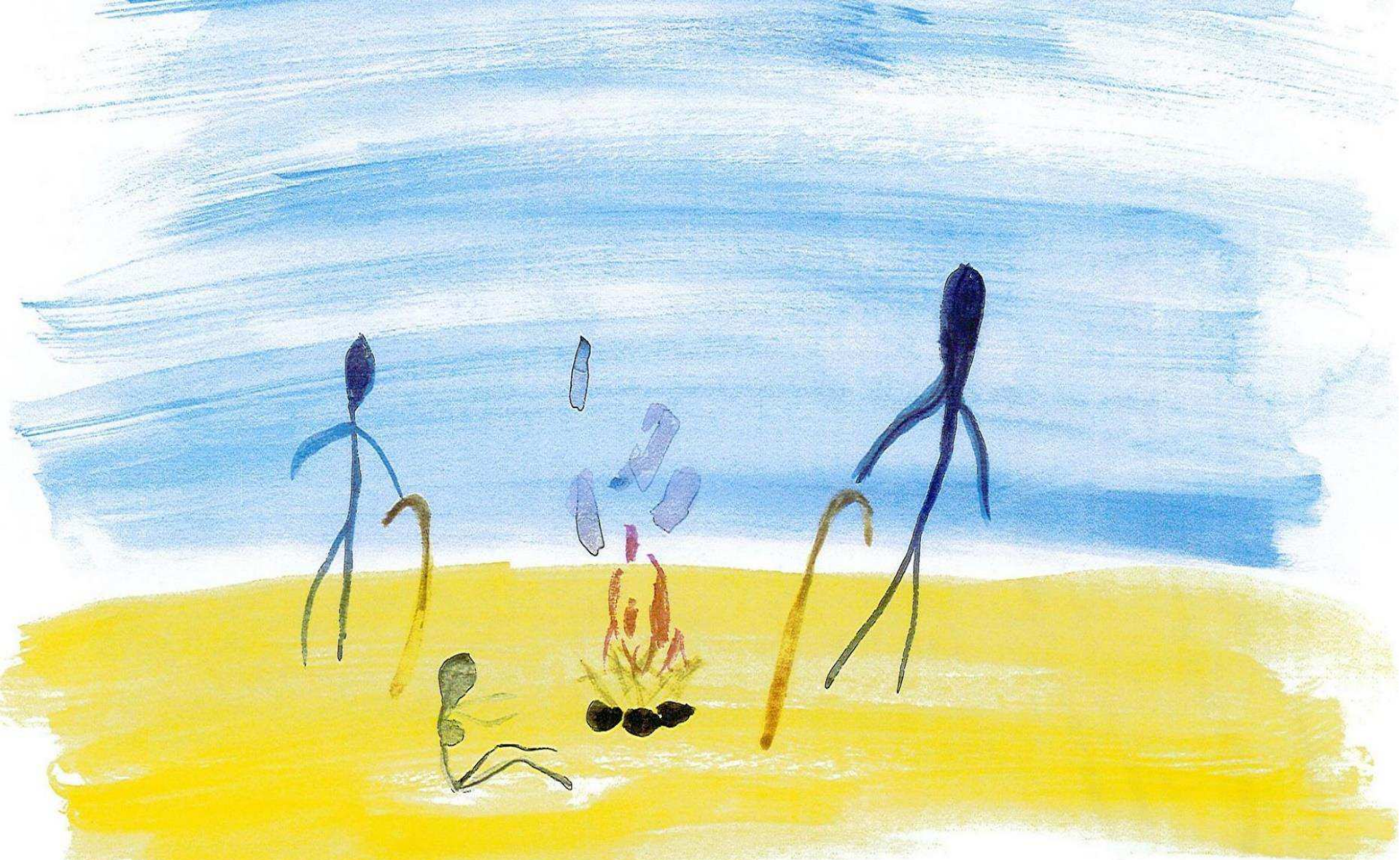
**The ngamadjitj headed back to his country with the
koolik bemborok**



The Elders sent the kanyul dhilpe-gunang (young fighters) after the ngamadjitj



They caught up with the ngamadjitj, speared him and brought back the koolik bermborok



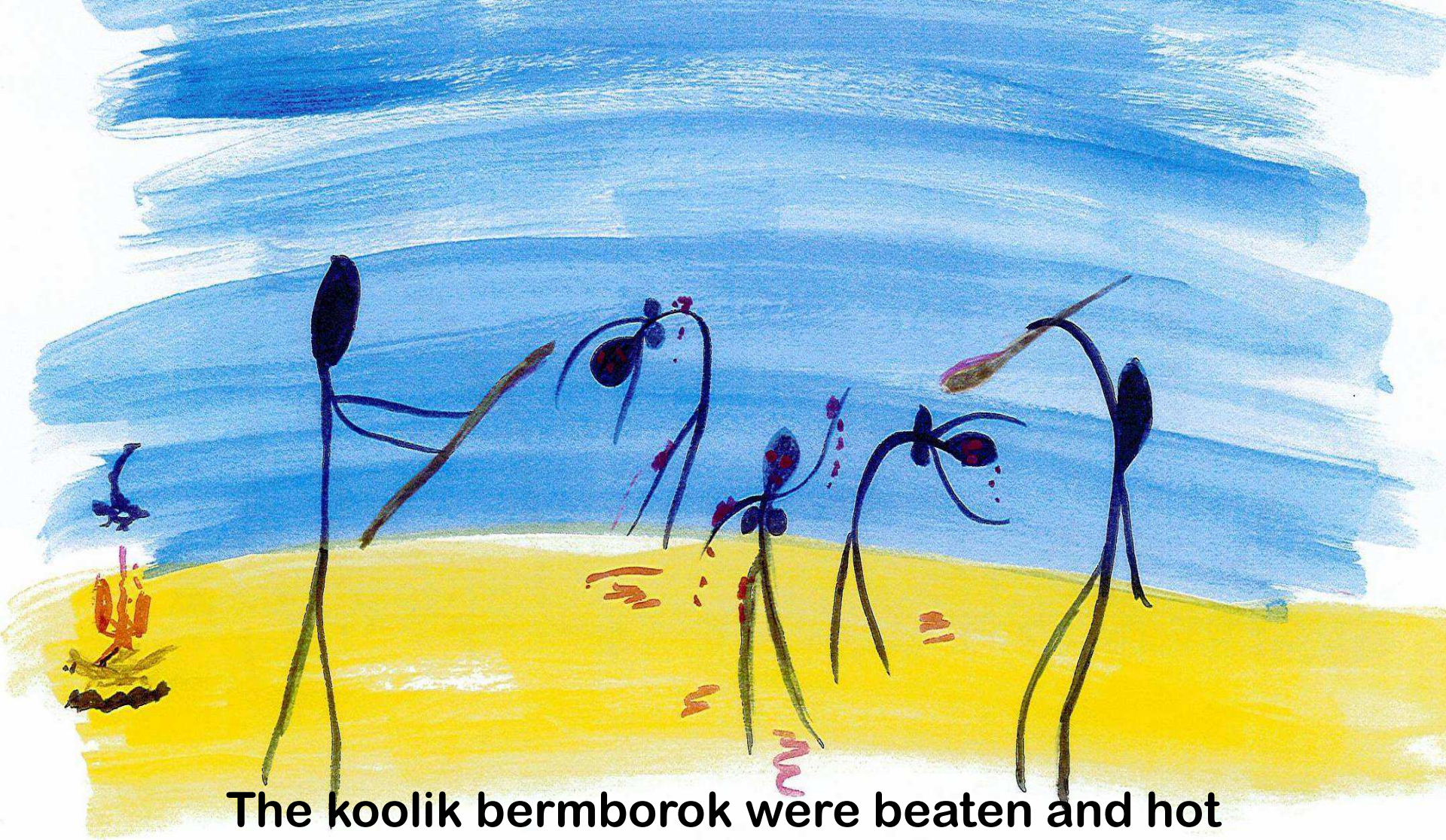
The Elders held a wayaperri (meeting) to discuss what to do with the koolik bermborok



So they called upon Bundjil to ask his advice



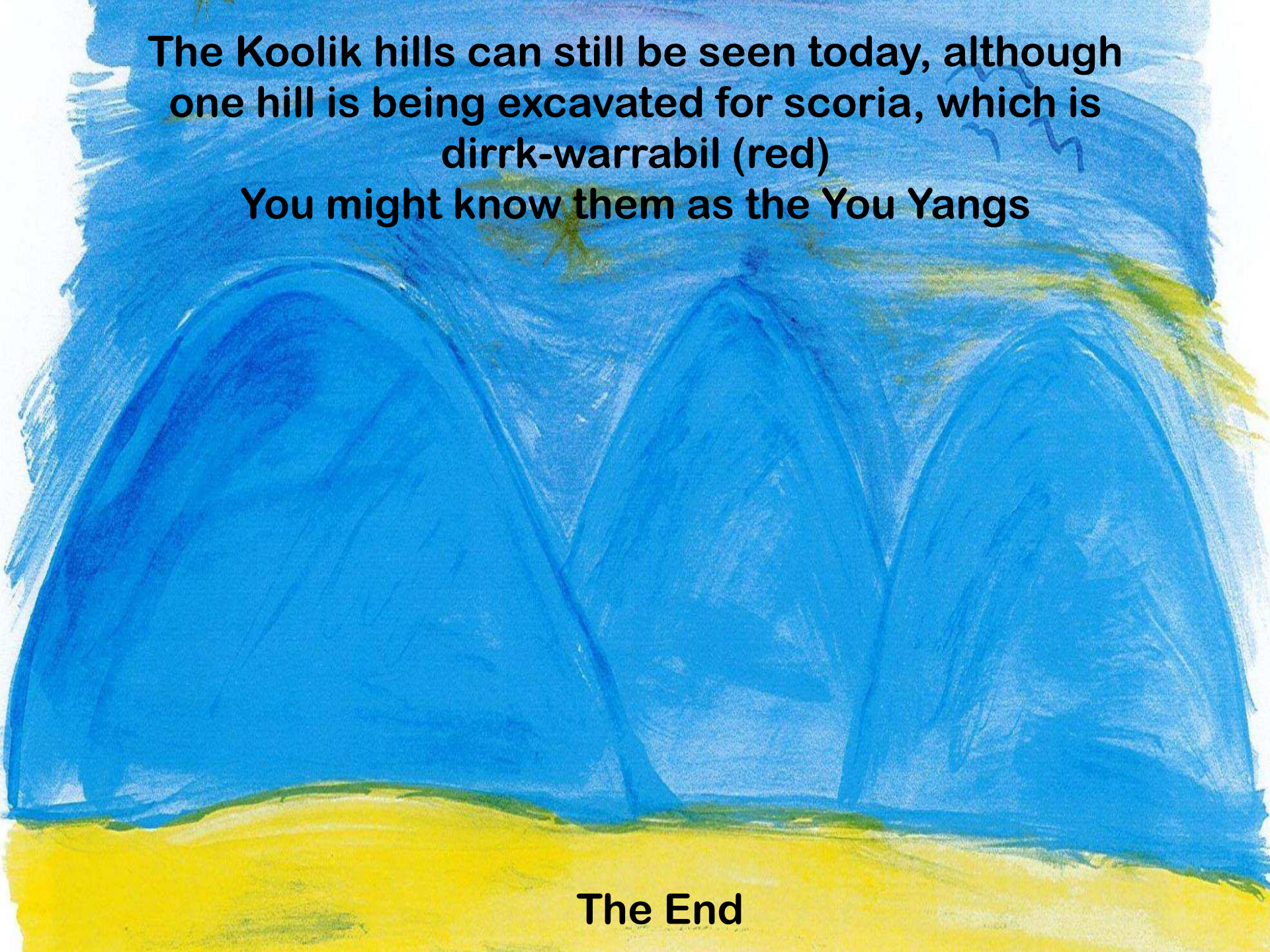
**Bundjil told them the koolik bemborok were
borak-koonyaba (not good)**



The koolik bemborok were beaten and hot coals were placed in their woorroo (mouths) to remind them not to keela (speak) badly and to obey their parents



Bundjil then performed a magic spell and transformed the koolik bemborok into three hills.



The Koolik hills can still be seen today, although
one hill is being excavated for scoria, which is
dirrk-warrabil (red)

You might know them as the You Yangs

The End

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