

#32 The Kangaroo



Once upon a time an angel brought a new flower. Its beauty was beyond compare. Its fragrance could send one into a dream. Nevertheless, the sudden appearance of the new flower created quite a stir in the outback - and not a good stir. It seemed that a kangaroo schoolmaster was arguing with a crocodile over how the school should teach about the origin of this new flower. "I saw the angel bring it," said the crocodile, "I was lying right there, in the mud when it happened!" "Look," said the kangaroo, "you know that we kangaroos cannot see angels, and frankly do not believe they exist. Are you saying that we should teach our children that something can just appear out of thin air? Where is your scientific evidence?" The crocodile managed a wide smile through his frustration and answered, "My kangaroo friend, I just gave you my evidence. I observed the flower's origin, first hand. I saw the angel. Perhaps you could too, if you try." "I'm sorry, but that kind of evidence is not admissible in court," repeated the kangaroo, "you must tell me of some physical evidence. Do you know the material cause of this flower's appearance?" "No, the cause in this case is simply not physical," conceded the crocodile. "Then," continued the kangaroo, "we will teach the children that we have not yet found the origin of the flower."

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