



**What
if
A
Koala
had
a
Voice?**

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Hey there, my name is Lily and the little koala on my back is teddy, my son, and I'm going to tell you the story of my life. But that's not all this book is about. It is also tells humanity an animal's side of the world and what we, animals have to deal with-**DEFORESTATION & HABITAT LOSS!** But if you're one of the humans who continues to cut down our home, you can respectfully leave because you have caused my family great loss.



Then this happened...



and that turned into this ...



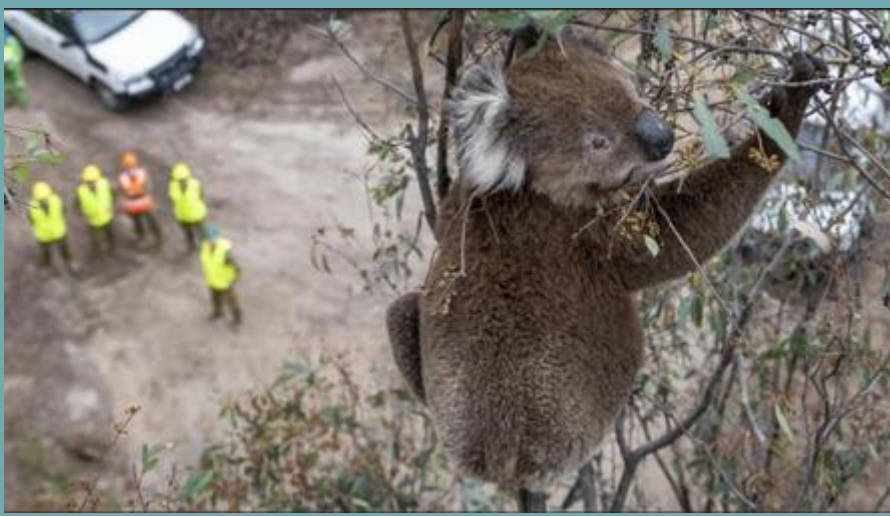


But that was only the beginning of my story, after they cut down our trees, they then proceeded to build houses for the humans. The only thing is -why did they have to take away our home to make theirs?

So as my mother always says, "There is no time for weeping. You've just got to get back up and keep moving".

So, we were off to find our new home-somewhere safe, I hope...





However, after days of walking and with no food on our journey to find our new home, we were spotted by the humans. I remembered them, they were the ones in uniform who came and took the rest of my family away, I was ready to fight them but I, I was just too tired and then everything went black.



When I woke up it was blurry, but from what I could see it was those humans who had captured my family, had finally captured me.

When I was able to take a proper look Teddy was nowhere to be seen. As the humans saw I was panicked th



I started to notice that these humans aren't as bad as I thought, they fed us and let us drink warm milk. They had also noticed all the cuts found on my body and stitched them back up.



They then started to show us our "New home"! Well, that's what they called it! It was nice but it was nothing compared to our real home. All it was, was a big cage filled with gum tress, and some other fellow koalas.

It was sad to reflect back on everything that has gotten taken away because of the humans, first my family then my home. But not only my home but every other animal's home. We have not only lost our homes and family due to you humans cutting down our home, but also to the bushfires!



But the worst of it is you humans just let all these things happen and think it's great, and that this is good work about what they're doing, and you only realise how much damage you're causing until the damage is already caused.


Although after all of that, that is it! But to think that we have lost so much because of some human acts! All animals have to suffer. This has all happened due to deforestation. Now you humans need to do something about it before every animal ends up in the zoo like Teddy & me.





So before you cut or burn down another tree think twice about what the cause and effect it has on us animals, too, and how you could be taking away another animals home to build yours?

Thank you for taking your time to read my story and hear my voice. But please don't just go and read my story and keep on continuing doing these horrible things. So, go out into the world that I once called my home and fix it or try and make a difference. So, what are you going to do about it?



This picture book is about a koala having a voice and telling her story and her view on deforestation, and how deforestation also has an effect on animals too and how it causes them to lose their home and sometimes their family.