

# SHAPES OF LIFE

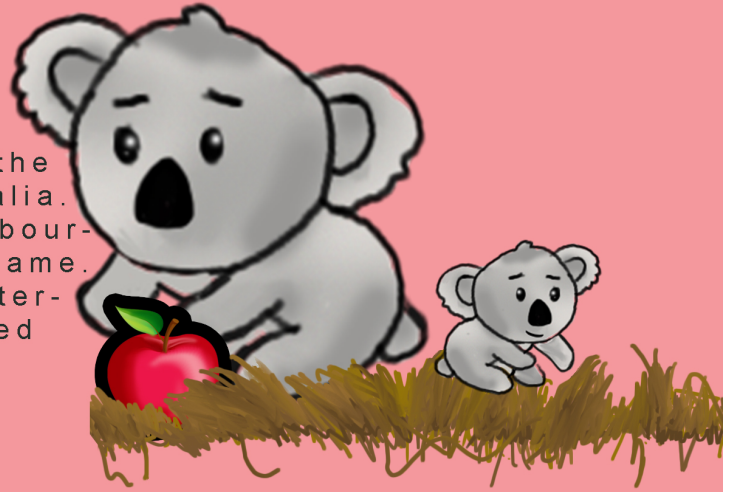
Kelly, the kingfisher flew up to the home tree of Charlie and begun,

'Hey, Charles, it's raining like cats and dogs. You must be so excited.'

He replied,

'The Gods above have looked at us, koalas for the first time in over 240 days. All the fires, everything, stopped.'

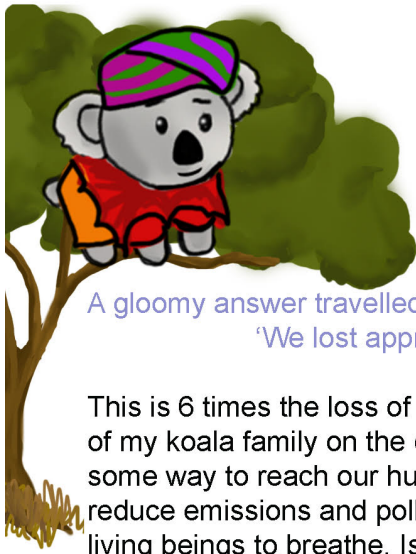
'I can not even begin to review the painful bushfires. All over Australia. My extended family in our neighbourhood has also experienced the same. Apparently, our South Wales fraternity is much better off,' continued Charlie, the koala.





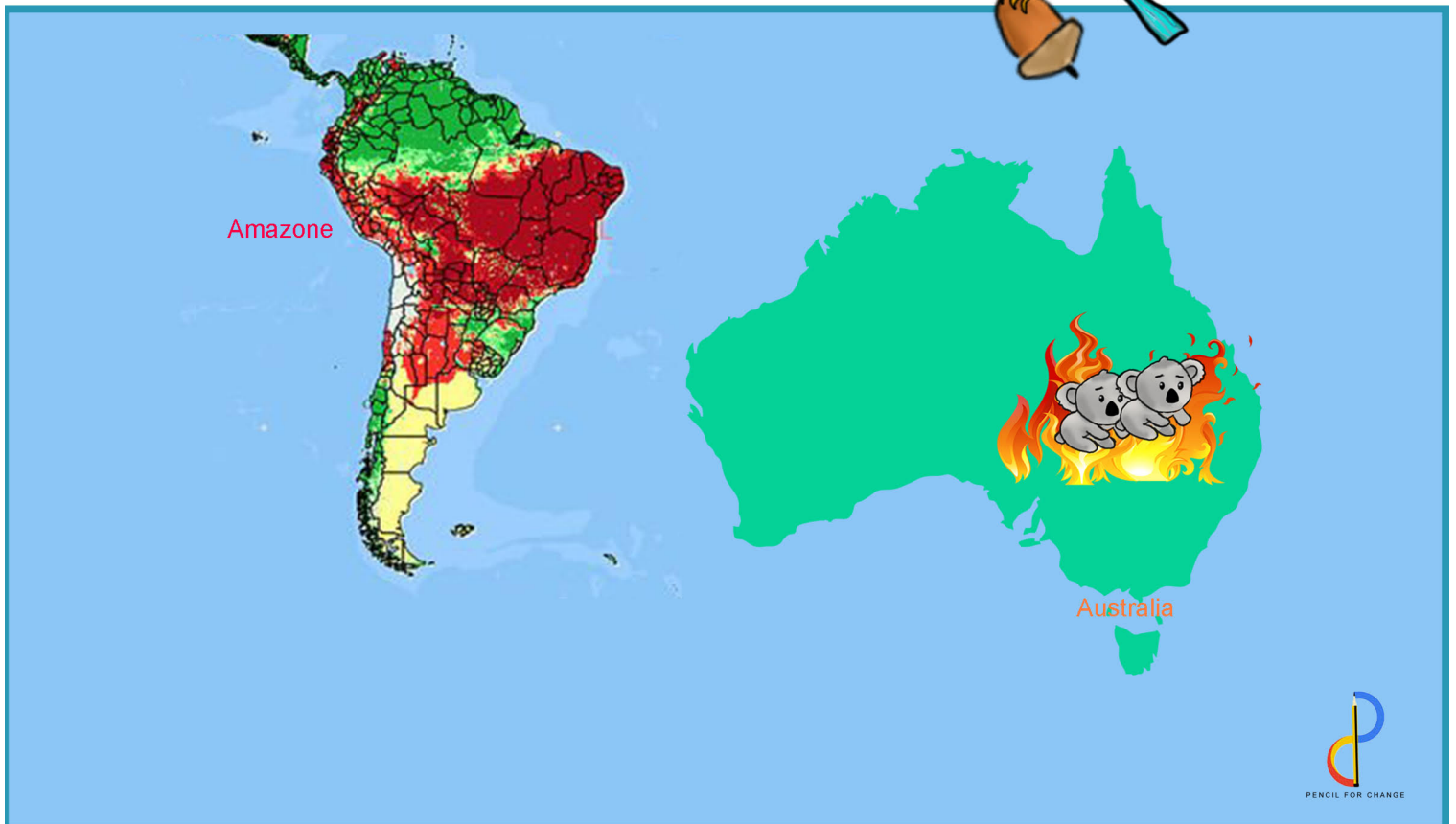
Then, amused by his feathered friend's medley of colours, said, 'Oh!  
Look at your red, square-tipped tail. It never fails to  
help me forget our losses.'

'I am glad I can help you do so, what else are friends for?  
I love your round belly and oval limbs too! However,  
help me recollect- did we lose 1 crore acres of land or more?',  
Kelly asked sadly.

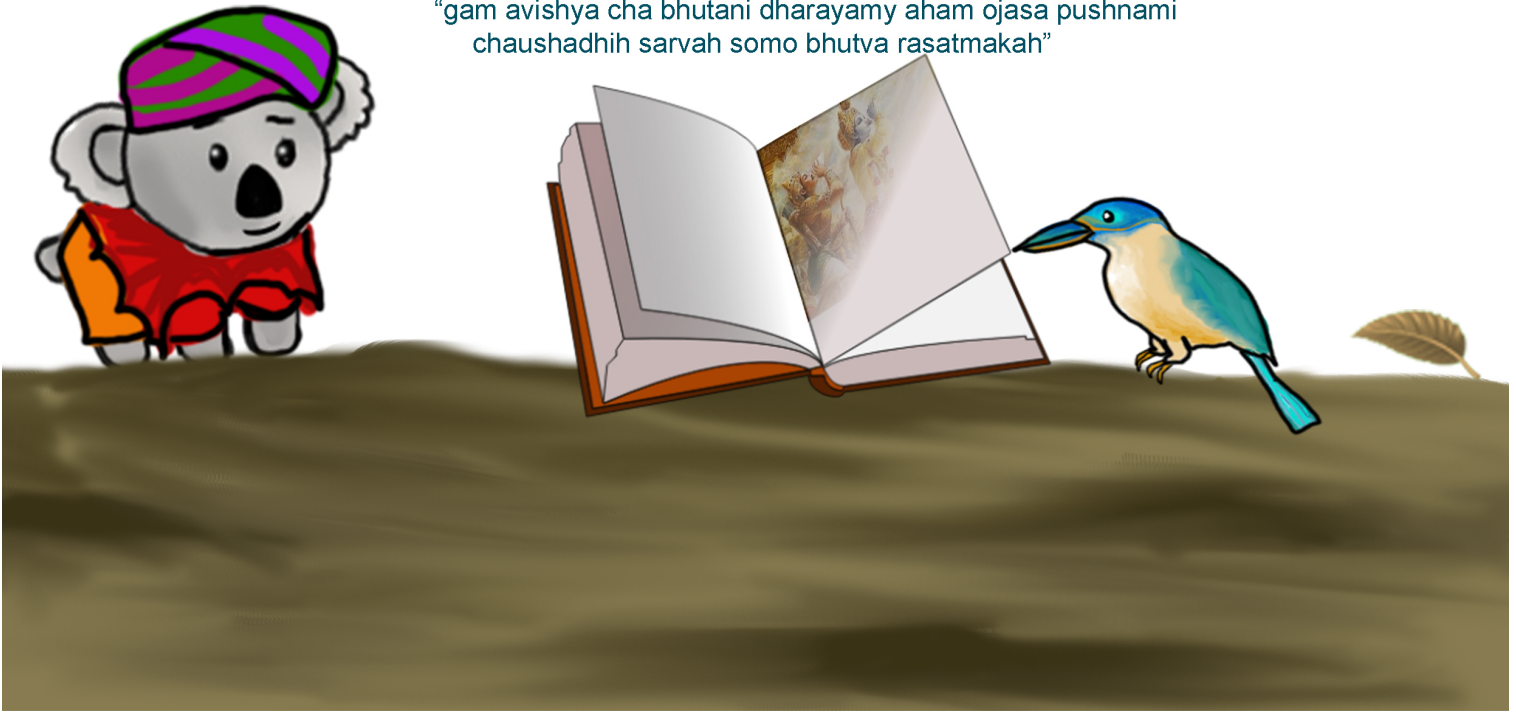


A gloomy answer travelled back from the cuboidal length of branches,  
'We lost approximately 1 crore and 20 lakh acres of forestland.

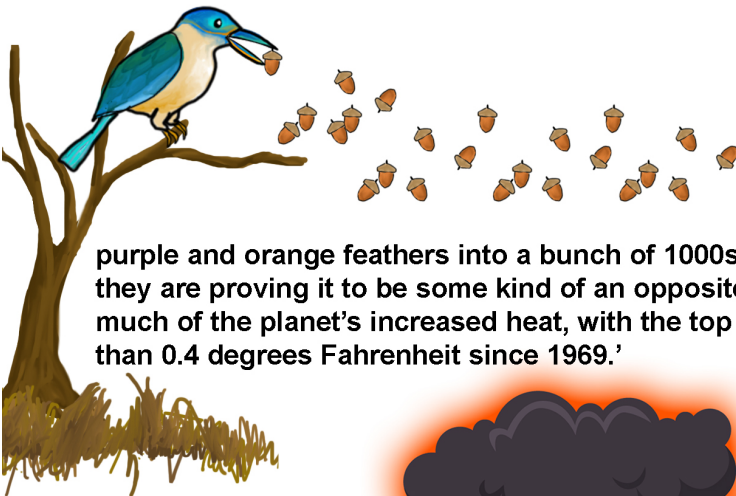
This is 6 times the loss of the Amazon. Did you know that up to 30%  
of my koala family on the coast may have perished? I wish there was  
some way to reach our human brothers and sisters to ask them to  
reduce emissions and pollution. God made Mother Earth for all  
living beings to breathe. Isn't it?'



As it is rightly said in the Hindu scripture of **Bhagwad Gita**,  
“gam avishya cha bhutani dharayamy aham ojasa pushnami  
chaushadhih sarvah somo bhutva rasatmakah”



Picking up a spherical as well as a triangular acorn, the colourful kingfisher shimmied its blue, purple and orange feathers into a bunch of 1000s, and replied,



purple and orange feathers into a bunch of 1000s, and replied, ‘Of course, but by causing climate change, they are proving it to be some kind of an opposite. You know, not only land, the oceans have absorbed much of the planet’s increased heat, with the top 700 meters (about 2,300 feet) showing warming of more than 0.4 degrees Fahrenheit since 1969.’



'I wish we changed. I wish we changed to become pure.  
For ourselves, and all others around us. I think God could  
support us through that. Yes?'

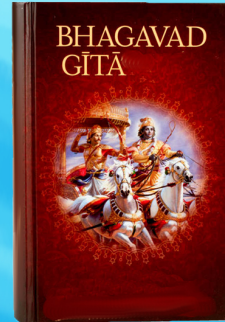


About 100 green and brown linear needle-shaped leaves fell  
off just as Kelly finished, as if in agreement.



### MORAL

“niyatam kuru karma tvam karma jyayo hyakarmanah  
sharira-yatrapi cha te na prasiddhyed akarmanah”



Perform your obligatory duty; for action is superior to inaction.  
There are actions, or obligatory duties, prescribed for individuals.

Duties toward the earth, such as caring for the soil, water,  
and plant and animal life. If nature is harmed by pollution in the air,  
water, and earth, the whole universe will be negatively affected.

When one does not perform obligatory duties, it is a form of inaction,  
which Lord Krishna says is not desirable for those who are active in the world.



## QUESTION TIME:

Charlie and Kelly wanted to go to a food supply shop nearby. However, they were unsure of a few things like how far the store is, the number of fruits they need to buy, required amount of money, etc. So, can you help them a bit?



- Q1. A boat goes 5 km in 1 hour.  
a) How long will it take to go 45 km?  
b) How far will it go in 2.5 hours?

- Q2. Charlie bought 10 dozens of crab apple, for Rs.80/dozen.  
a) What is the exact number of apples he bought?  
b) How much money does he have to pay to Jack, the shopkeeper?

- Q3. Kelly did not have enough money to pay the bill of Rs.6000. So she has to give Rs.550 every month, for a year.  
a) What is the total amount Kelly has to pay?  
b) What is the interest?

