



COLOUR IN MR BEAKY THE BLUE BUDGIE.

Mr Beaky is a blue Budgie, not the typical traditional colours of yellow and green. He has been genetically modified to impress people in the pet shop where he lives.

Mr Beaky was lonely and felt out of place, he was alone and miserable in the pet shop in a small cage with no natural light or company. Until one day an Aboriginal woman walked in; she also was lonely and didn't feel connected to her people as she was fair skinned. She was immediately drawn to Mr Beaky, and knew he'd understand her struggles with identity. Neither of them looked as society says they should, despite both being Australian.

They would talk for hours about how important it is to be kind to one another regardless of how you looked. They wanted to let everyone know how they struggled with their identities, to make sure that no one else ever felt like they didn't belong.

After talking with their friends, and each other, they came to the realisation that it doesn't matter how you look. What matters is your connection to Country; the connection to the land, to your ancestors.

After all Mr Beaky is a Budgie and he is native to Australia, just like colonisation has modified and affected our people's skin colours.

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Cassie Leatham is from the Taungurung people from the Kulin Nation. She is an Indigenous artist, master weaver, traditional dancer, bushtukka woman and educator. Mr Beaky is a Native Blue Budgie.

MR BEAKYS SPEAKS TAUNGURUNG LANGUAGE AND HIS WORDS ARE:

Wominjeka

Welcome

Ngarragi

Dance

Djila

Fun

Baabapbul KwiiAp

Bushtukka

Biik

Country

Daungwurrung

Taungurung

Gilbruk

Respect

Liwik

Ancestors

Wurrung

Native tongue

Free the flag

Always Was Always Will Be



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