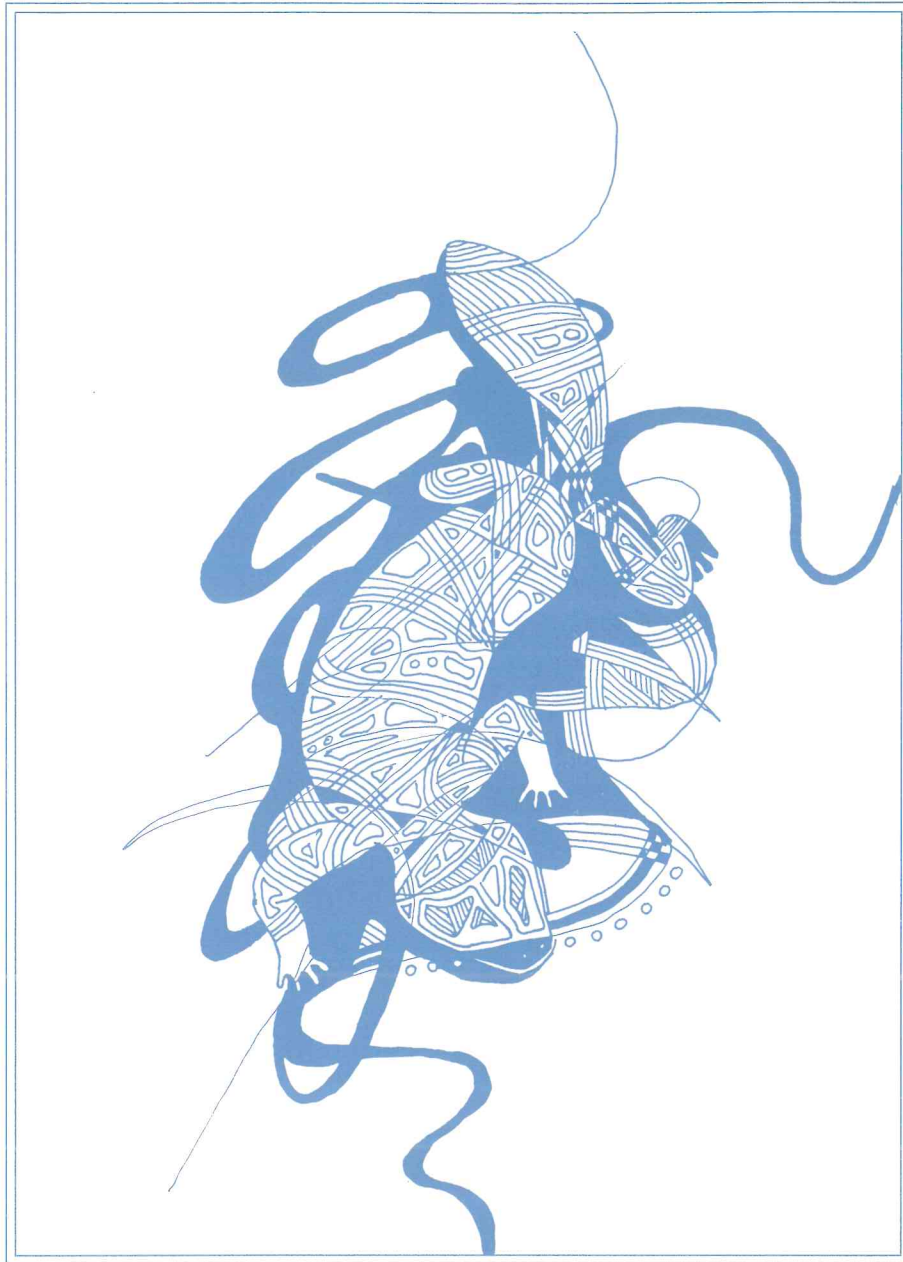


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WHY THE BOBTAIL HAS SCALES

Yourn the bobtail had always been very slow when it came to catching his food, even though he could see very far. One day while on a hunting trip he met Weitch the emu.

The emu could run very fast but had poor eyesight. The bobtail agreed that if the emu had the bobtail's eyes he could see further, and if the bobtail had the emu's legs he could run faster. So they agreed to swap eyes and legs.

And that is why the bobtail has the same scales that cover the emu's legs and the emu has the bobtail's eyes.
