

1. On the fifth night, the astronomers saw that it seemed to be either a bat, or a black angel, or a flying lizard - a dreadful silhouette
2. With slow, gigantic wingbeats, with long, slow writhings of its body...
3. The nameless, immense bat-angel was flying down at the earth, like a great black swan.
4. Then, for one awful night, its wings seemed to be filling most of the sky.
5. Terribly black, terribly scaly, terribly knobbly, terribly horned, terribly hairy, terribly clawed, terribly fanged, with vast indescribably terrible eyes, each one as big as Switzerland.
6. Luckily, the mountains and hills propped its belly up clear of the valleys.
7. There it sat, covering the whole of Australia, its tail trailing away over Tasmania into the sea.