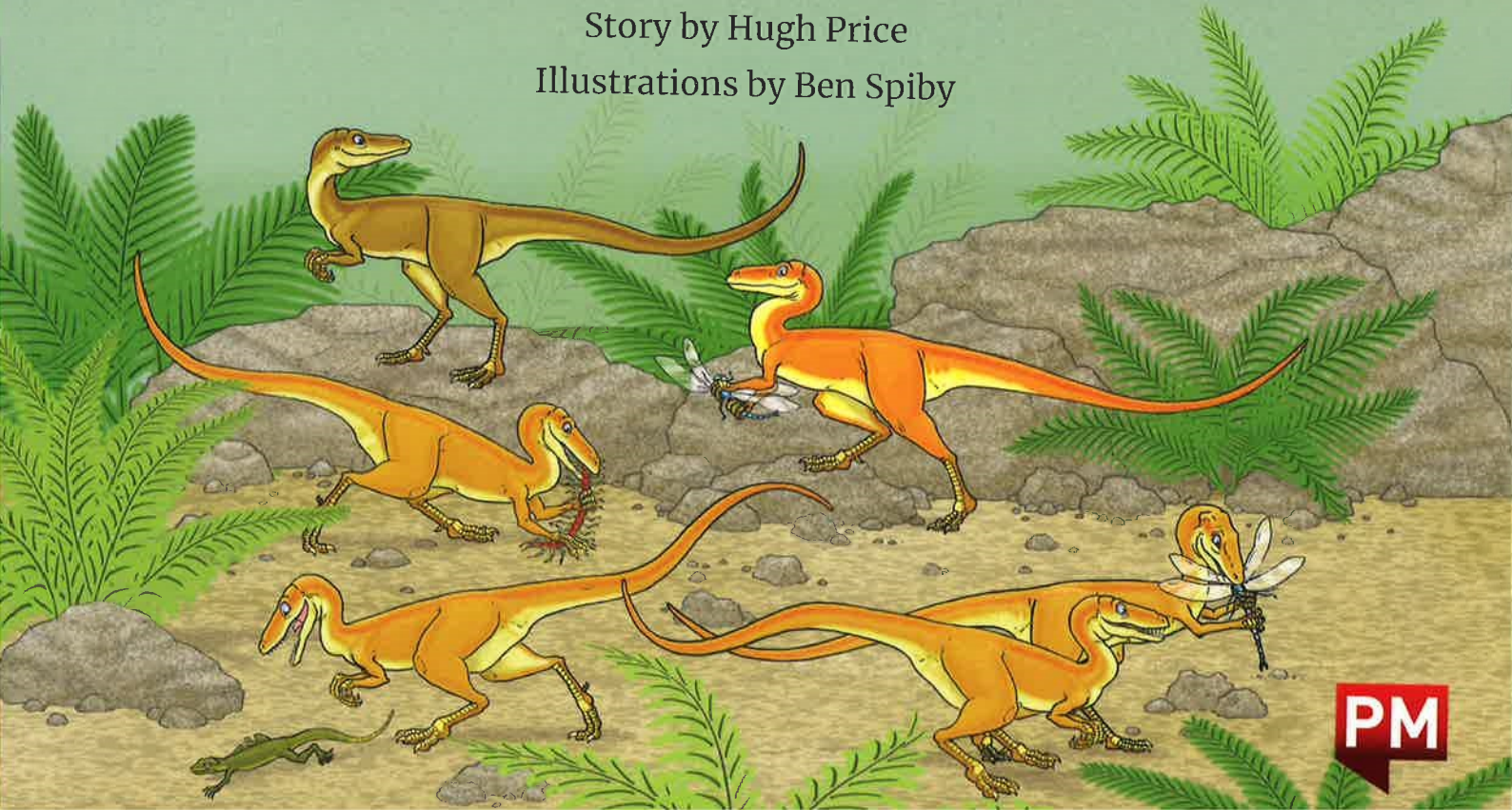


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**Level** 19

**Running Words** 476 **Text Type** Narrative

**Curriculum Areas** English (Literacy, Literature, Language); Humanities (Geography, History); Science (Biological Sciences)

### Retelling to Encourage Critical Thinking About the Content

Ask each student to retell the story in their own words.

Record the retelling for further discussion and reflection.

### Questions to Reinforce Meaning and Stimulate Discussion

#### Literal

- 1 Why was Little Dinosaur lost and far from home?
- 2 Why couldn't Little Dinosaur run fast?
- 3 Why did the oldest dinosaur hit her tail on the ground?

#### Inferential

- 4 Why did Little Dinosaur keep very still as he watched the other little dinosaurs?
- 5 Why did Little Dinosaur follow the other little dinosaurs even though he had to struggle to keep up?
- 6 Why was Little Dinosaur able to smell Big Dinosaur before the other little dinosaurs?
- 7 How did the rest of the troop of dinosaurs treat Little Dinosaur after he gave the warning thump?
- 8 Why didn't Little Dinosaur feel safe before he found the troop of little dinosaurs?

#### Applied Knowledge

- 9 How might Little Dinosaur's leg have gotten hurt?
- 10 What else might the little dinosaurs have found to eat under the rocks?

### Links with Other PM Guided Reading Books

Level 19	Narrative	<i>Zala Runs for Her Life</i>
Level 19	Narrative	<i>Nelson Gets a Fright</i>
Level 20	Narrative	<i>Gorgo Meets Her Match</i>



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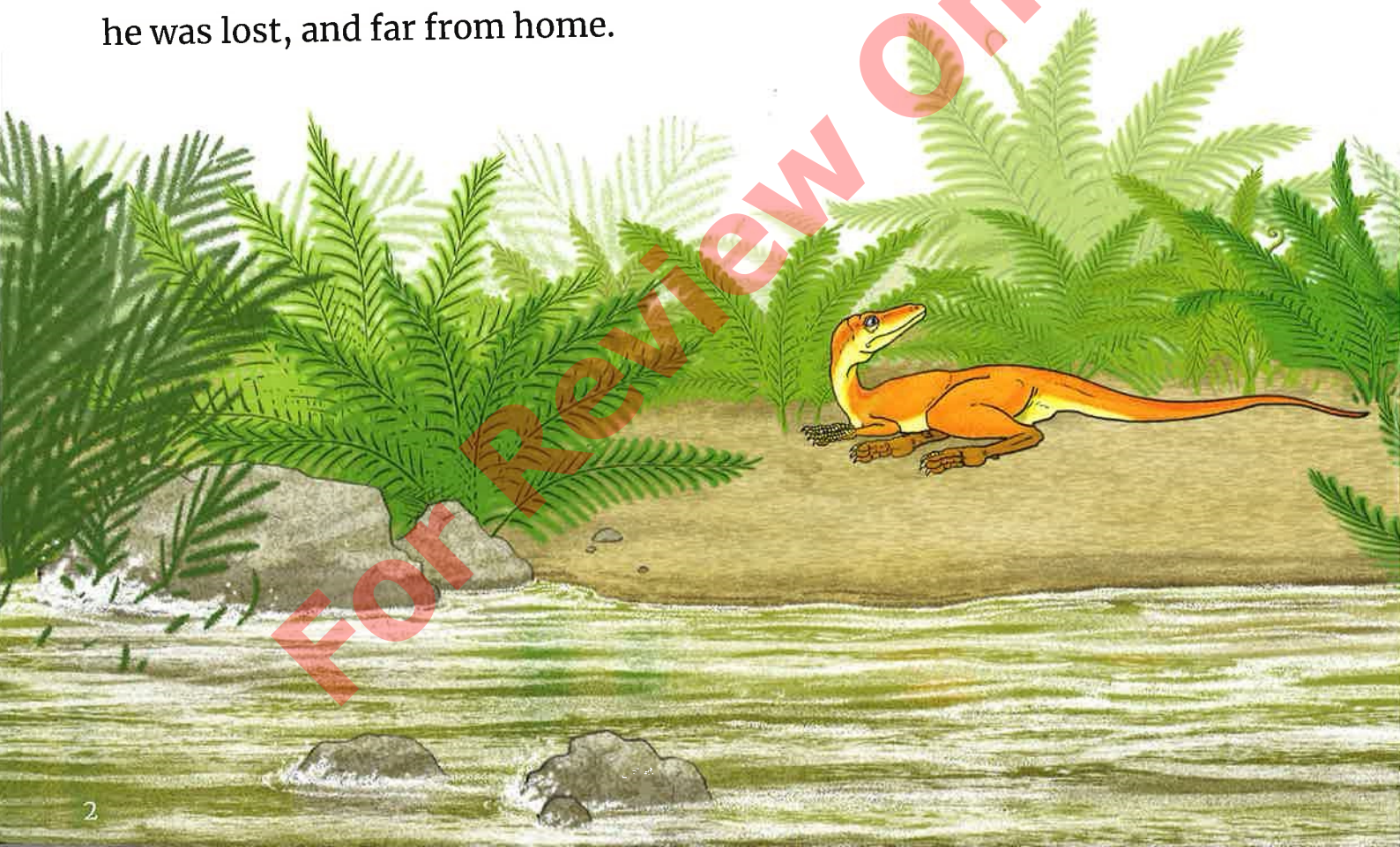
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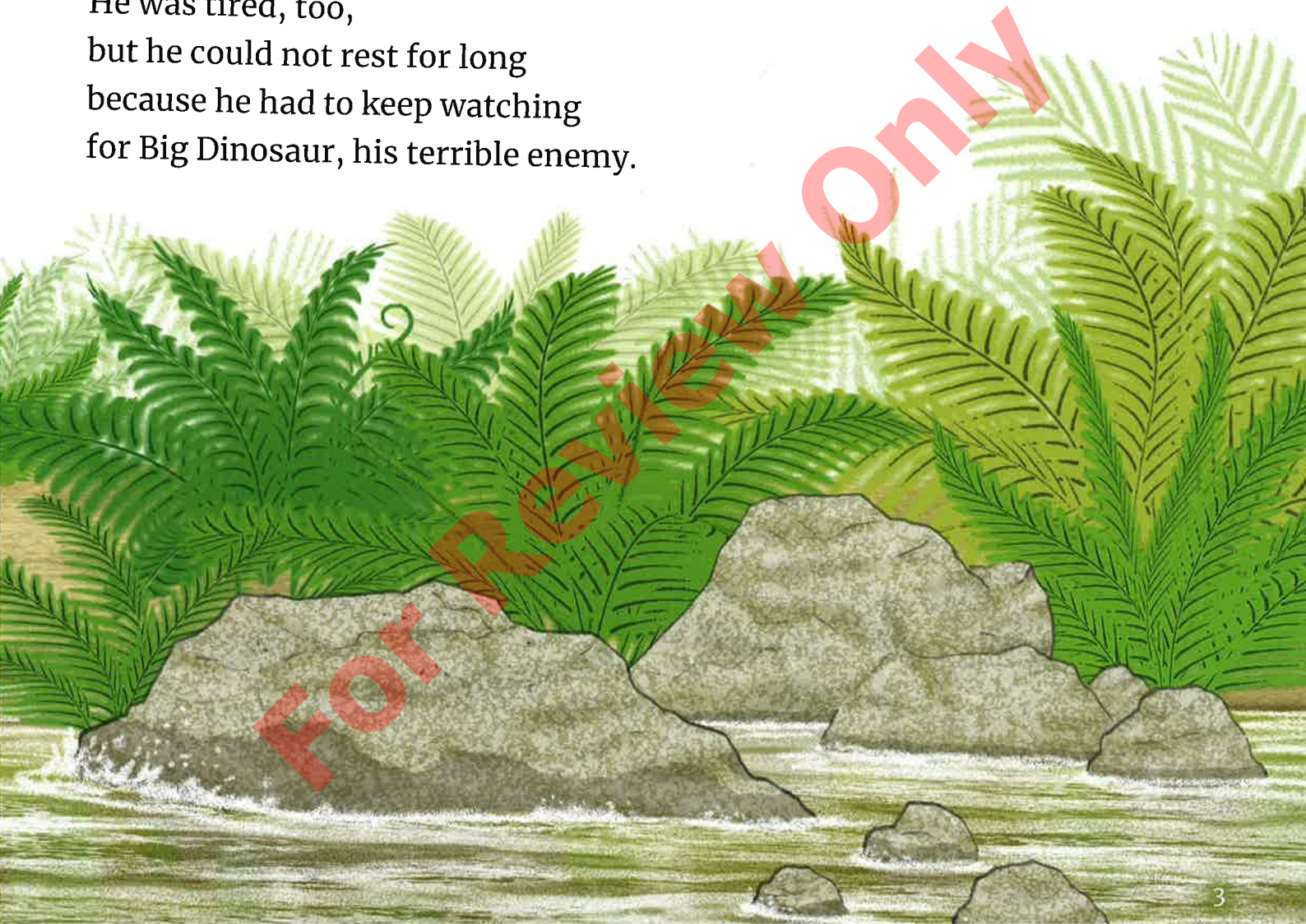


One day, Little Dinosaur was swept away  
down the river in a flood.  
When at last he struggled back to dry land,  
he was lost, and far from home.



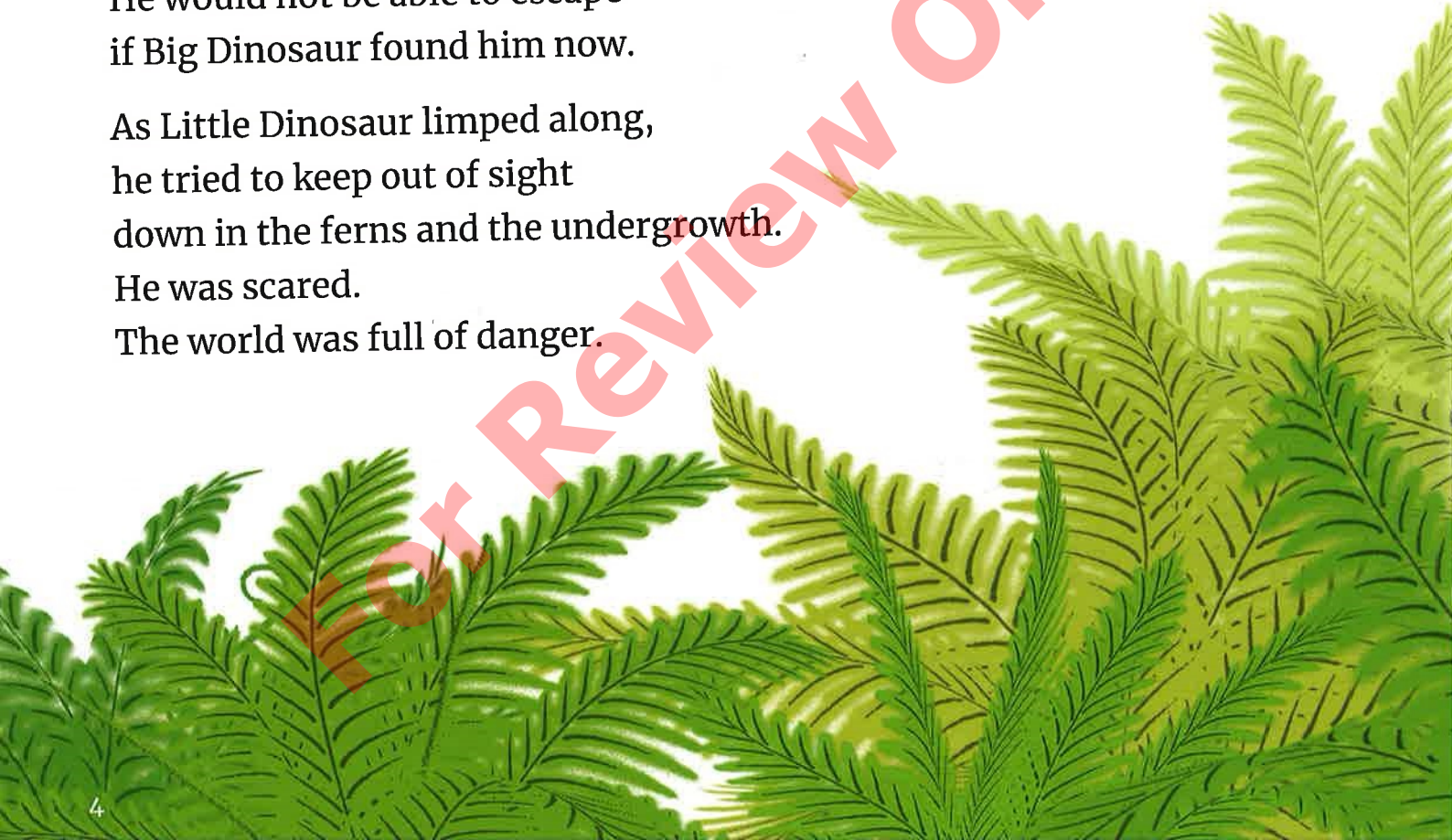


He was tired, too,  
but he could not rest for long  
because he had to keep watching  
for Big Dinosaur, his terrible enemy.



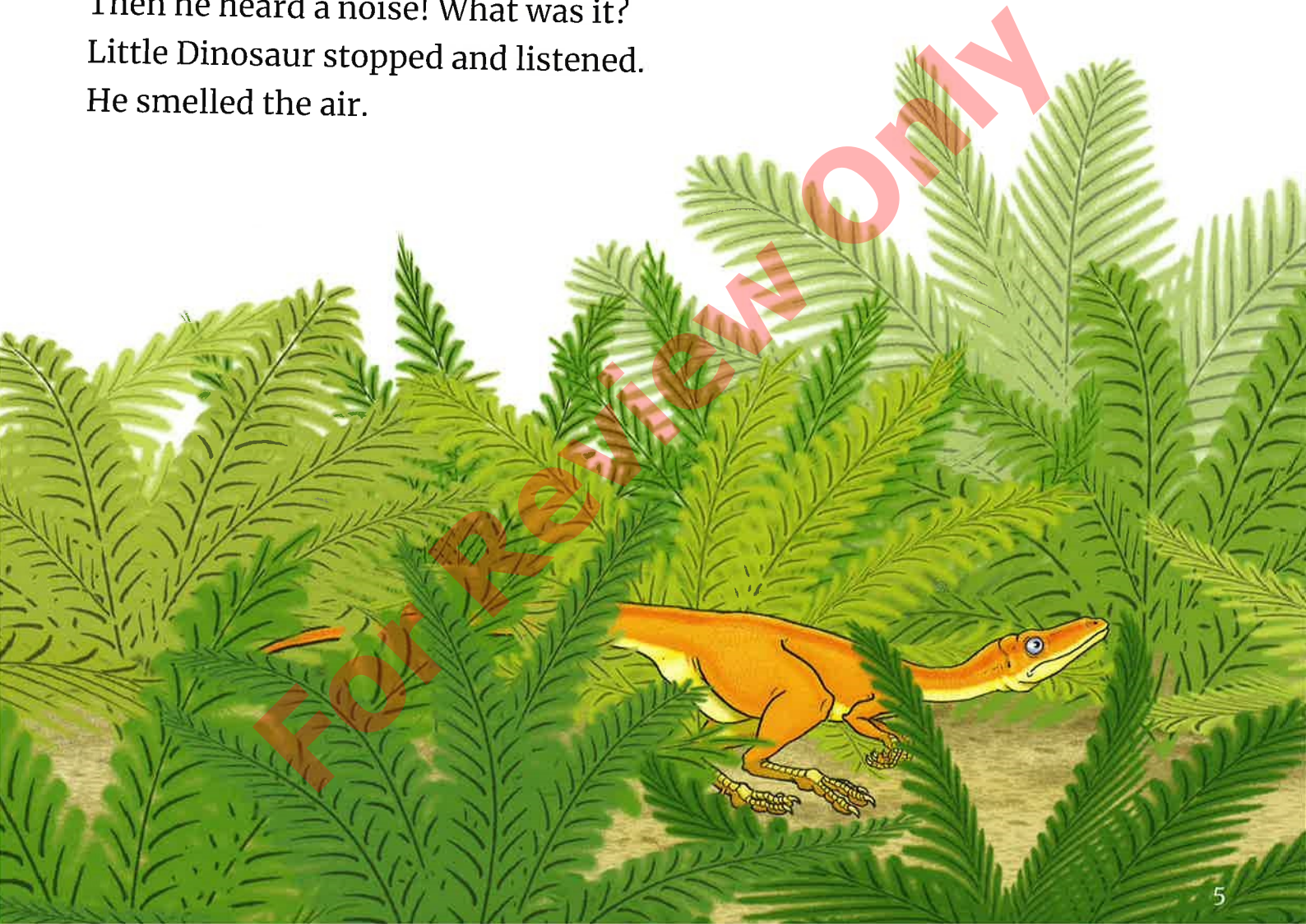
Little Dinosaur had hurt his leg.  
It was stiff and sore,  
and he could not run fast.  
He would not be able to escape  
if Big Dinosaur found him now.

As Little Dinosaur limped along,  
he tried to keep out of sight  
down in the ferns and the undergrowth.  
He was scared.  
The world was full of danger.





Then he heard a noise! What was it?  
Little Dinosaur stopped and listened.  
He smelled the air.





When Little Dinosaur looked through the ferns,  
he saw some other little dinosaurs.  
They were just like him!  
But would they be friends ... or enemies?





The little dinosaurs were scratching around on the ground, and turning over stones as they hunted for things to eat.

Little Dinosaur kept very still as he watched them.

