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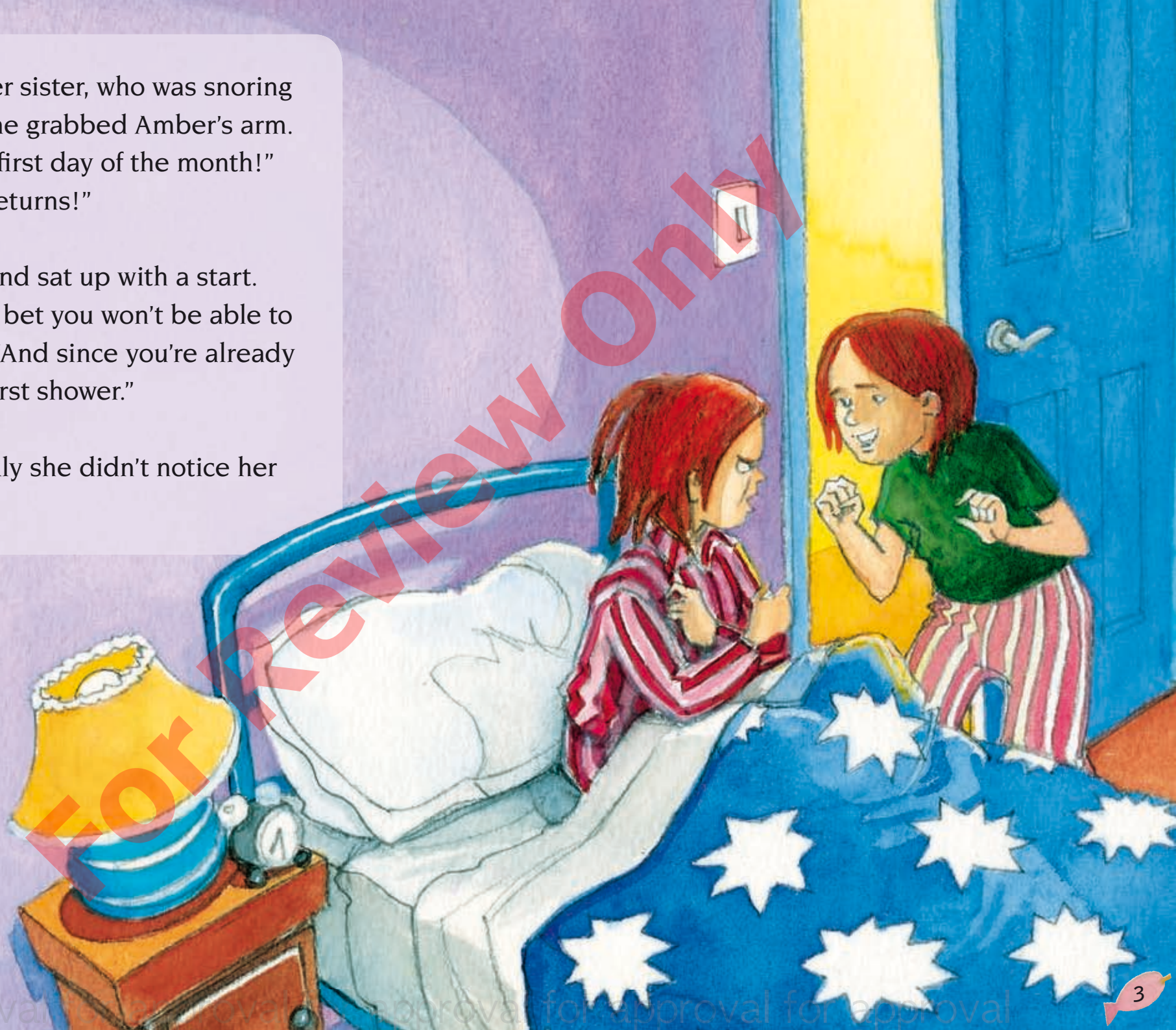


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Amy sneaked up on her sister, who was snoring away, sound asleep. She grabbed Amber's arm. "A pinch and a punch, first day of the month!" Amy hissed. "And no returns!"

"Ow!" Amber yelped and sat up with a start. "You got me first, but I bet you won't be able to do it again," she said. "And since you're already up, you can have the first shower."

Amy raced off so quickly she didn't notice her sister's sneaky grin.

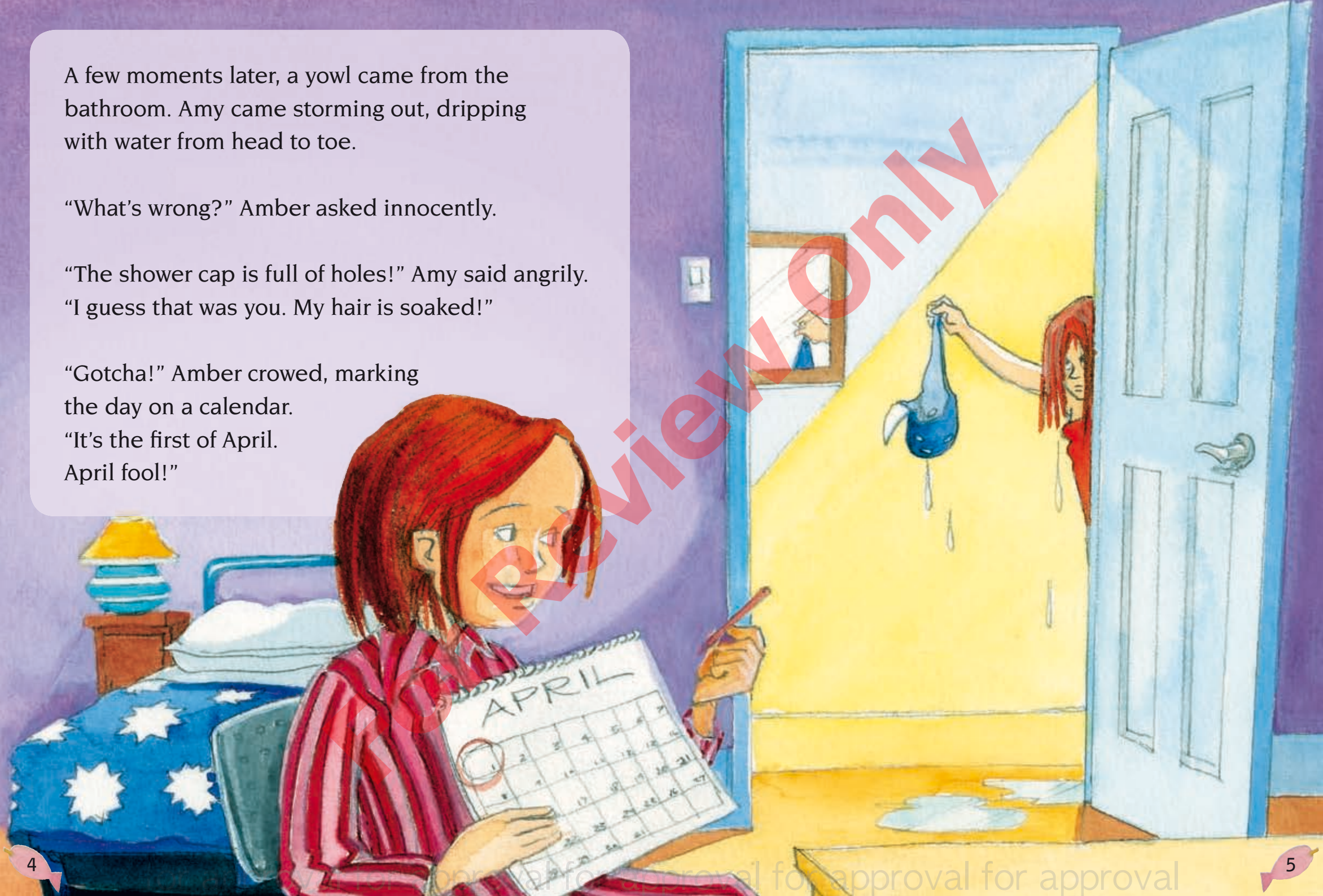


A few moments later, a yowl came from the bathroom. Amy came storming out, dripping with water from head to toe.

“What’s wrong?” Amber asked innocently.

“The shower cap is full of holes!” Amy said angrily. “I guess that was you. My hair is soaked!”

“Gotcha!” Amber crowed, marking the day on a calendar. “It’s the first of April. April fool!”





“I’m sure I’ll get you back. That’s a promise!”  
Amy glared at her sister.

Amber acted as if she hadn’t heard a thing.  
She began to hunt for the toy at the bottom  
of the cereal box.

“Hurry up and eat your breakfast,” demanded  
Mum. “I think you’ll both be late for the bus.”

“We’re not catching the bus today,” claimed  
Amy. “Dad promised he’d take us.”

“Did he really?” said Amber, forgetting her  
hunt for a moment.

“Of course not! April fool!” Amy grinned.