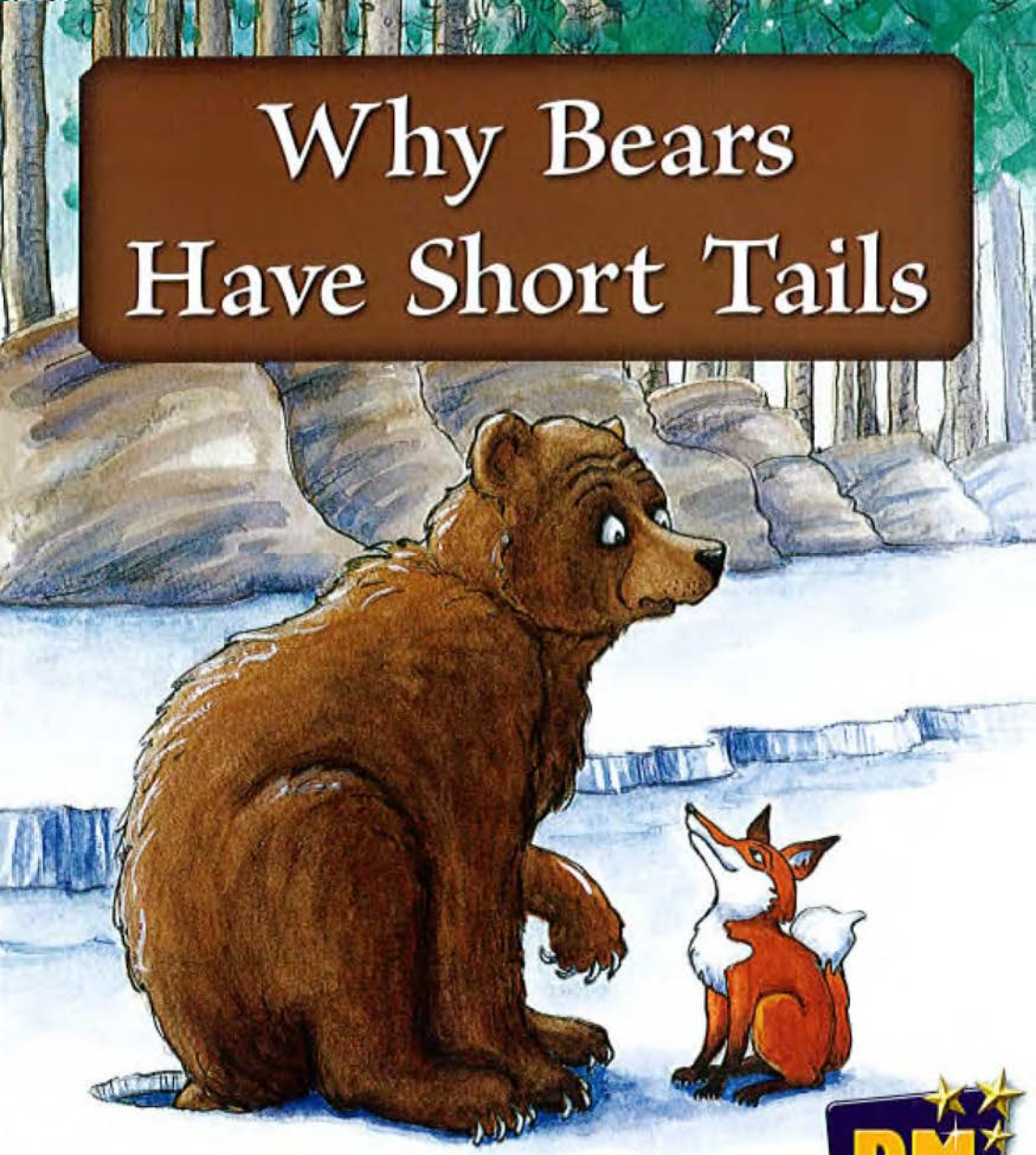
Why Bears Have Short Tails



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Level 14

Running Words **270**

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Key High-frequency Words

behind, meet, pull, push, secret, their, yet

Key Teaching Points

- Explain that the trickery of foxes is a theme used in many traditional tales.
- Talk about how the rigidity of frozen water had an impact on the outcome of the story.

Key Questions

- Why was Bear surprised when he saw Fox eating some fish? ***(Inferential)***
- Why did Fox tell Bear to *"Stay very still"*? ***(Inferential)***

Word Study

- Locate questions in the book. Talk about *Where* and *Is* as entry words to questions.
- Discuss the irregular plural form of some nouns, e.g. *man, men.*

Links with Other PM Books

PM Library	*The fox who foxed*	Level 13
PM Traditional Tales and Plays	*Chicken-Licken*	Level 15



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One cold day in winter,
Fox saw two men
sitting by a barrow.

The barrow was filled
with fish.
The men were not looking
at Fox.

So Fox came up behind them
and took some of their fish.

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Bear came out of the forest.
He saw Fox eating the fish.

Bear got a surprise.

"Where did you catch
your fish?" he said.
"There is thick ice
all over the river."

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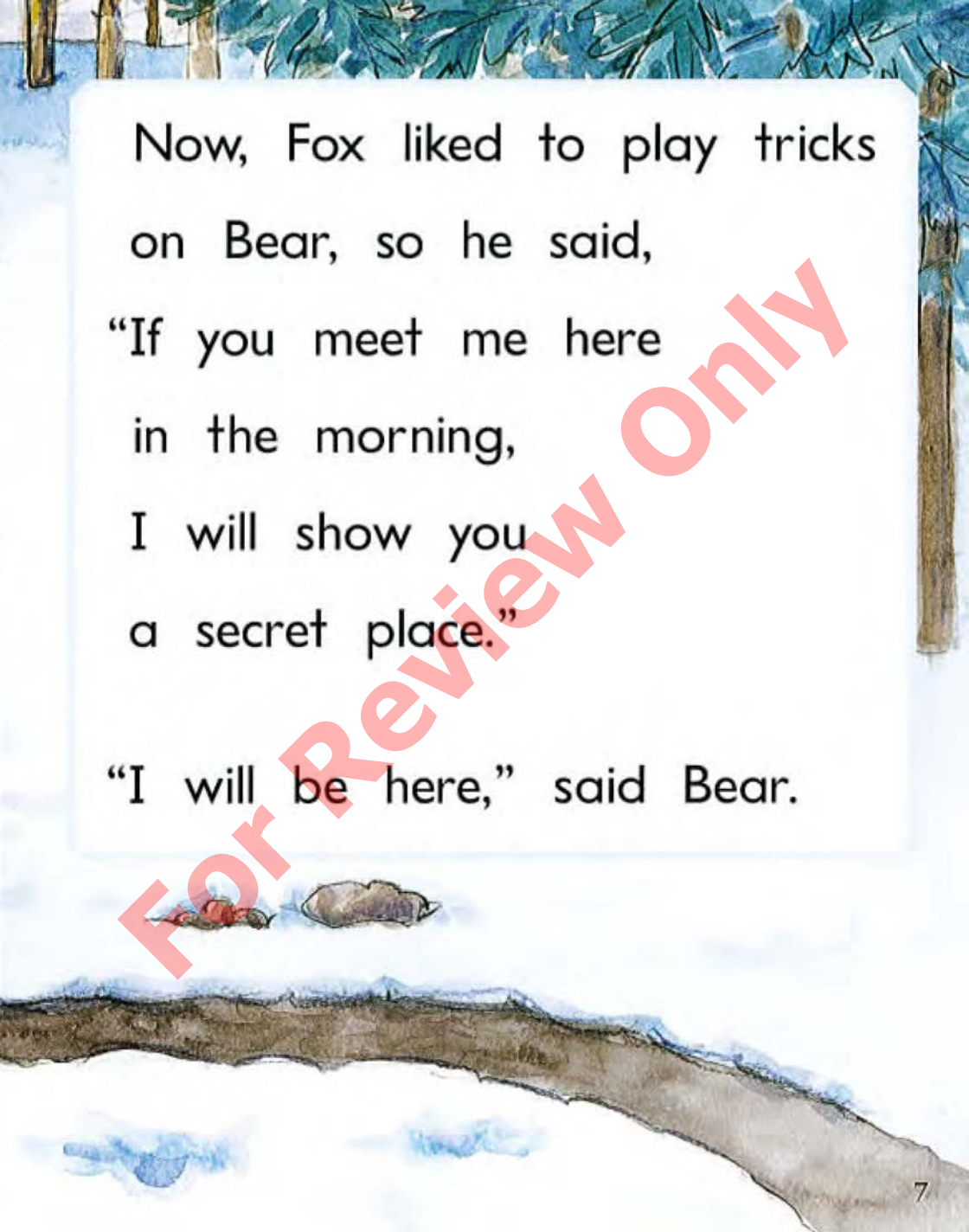
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Now, Fox liked to play tricks on Bear, so he said,

"If you meet me here in the morning, I will show you a secret place."

"I will be here," said Bear.

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