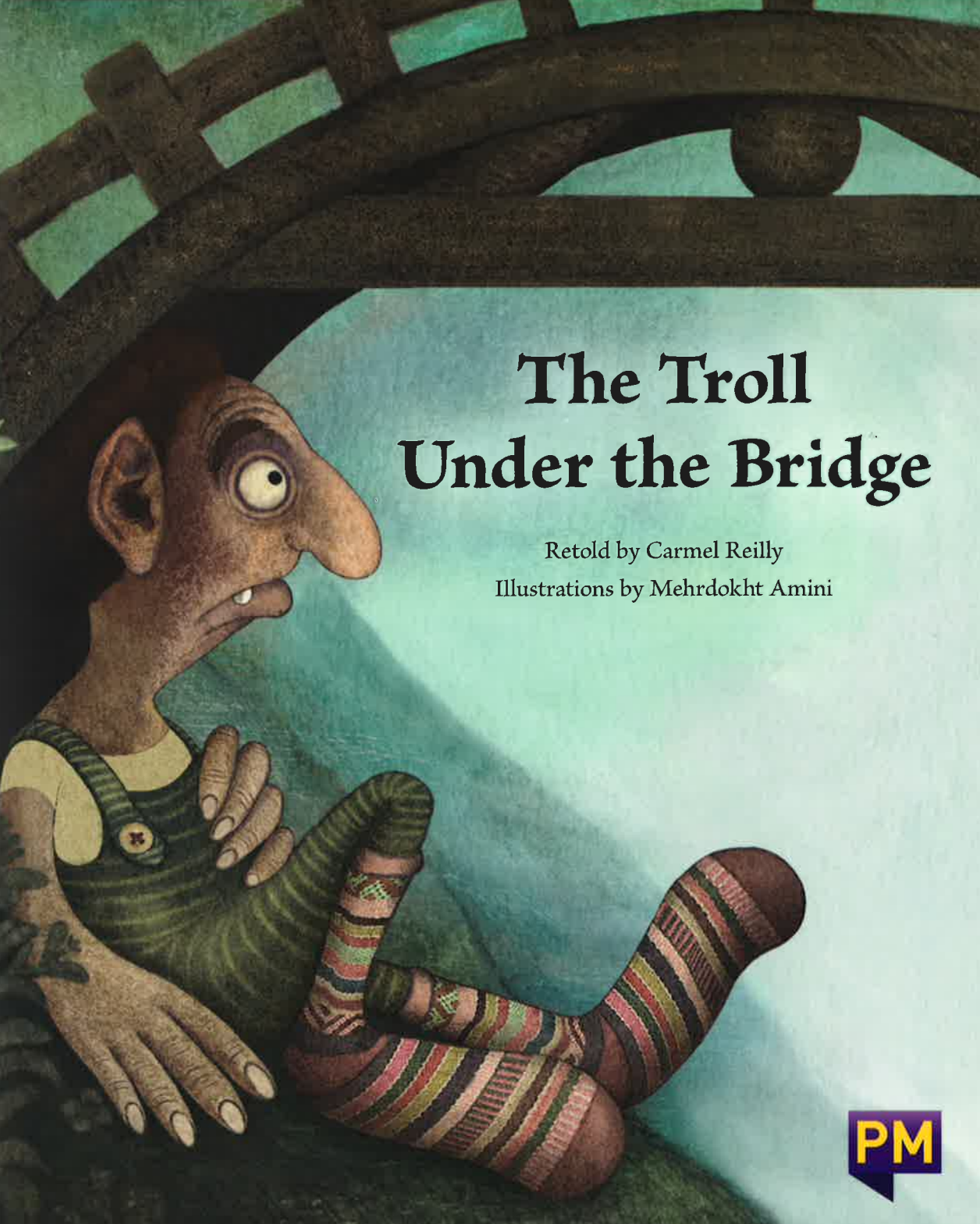


The Troll Under the Bridge

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Level 16

Running Words 358 **Text Type** Narrative (Imaginative)

Curriculum Areas Literacy; Literature

Retelling to encourage critical thinking about the content

Ask each student to retell the story in his or her own words.

Record the retelling for further discussion and reflection.

Questions to reinforce meaning and stimulate discussion

Literal

Where did the troll live?

Which billy goat went over the bridge first?

What happened to the troll when Great Big Billy Goat Gruff pushed him off the bridge?

What did the troll gobble up?

Inferential

Why did the troll let the first two billy goats go over the bridge?

Why could Great Big Billy Goat Gruff push the troll off the bridge?

Why didn't the troll try to catch the billy goats again?

Links with other PM Guided Reading Books and Cards

Level 16	Card	Information Report	*Playground Bridges*
Level 16	Book	Narrative	*The Peacock and the Crane*
Level 16	Book	Information Report	*Animals that Live Under the Ground*



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Once upon a time,
there was a mean old troll
who lived under a bridge.

One day,
he was feeling very hungry.

"What can I eat?" he said.

Just then,
something walked
over the bridge above him.

The troll looked over the top
of the bridge
and saw a small goat.



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The troll jumped onto the bridge.

"Who are you?" he roared.
"And what do you want?"

"I'm Little Billy Goat Gruff,"
said the goat.
"I want to go across the bridge."

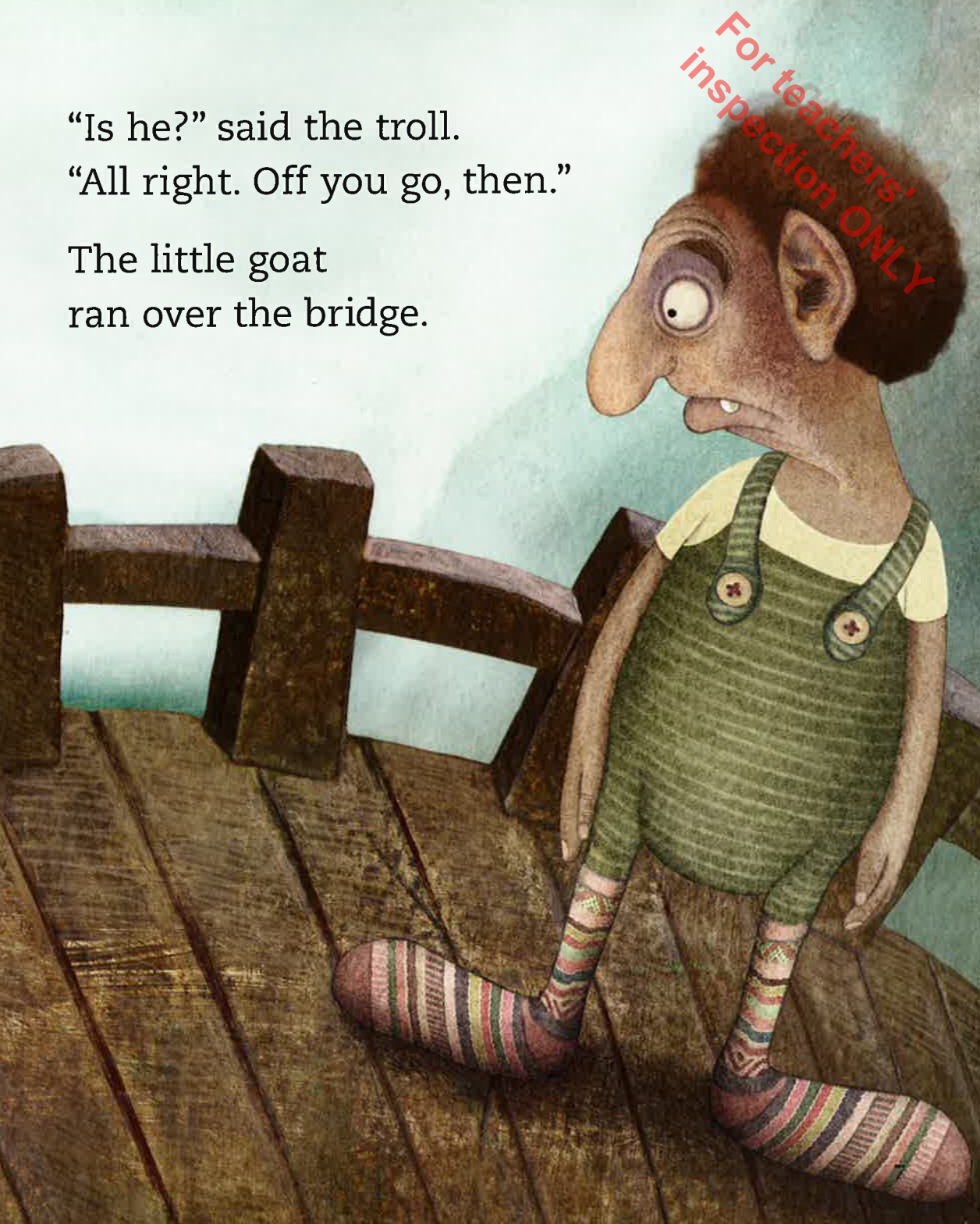
"You are not going to do that,"
roared the troll.
"Because I'm going to gobble you up!"

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"I'm too small to eat!"
cried Little Billy Goat Gruff.

"But my brother is coming soon.
He's much bigger than I am
and much better to eat."





"Is he?" said the troll.
"All right. Off you go, then."

The little goat
ran over the bridge.

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