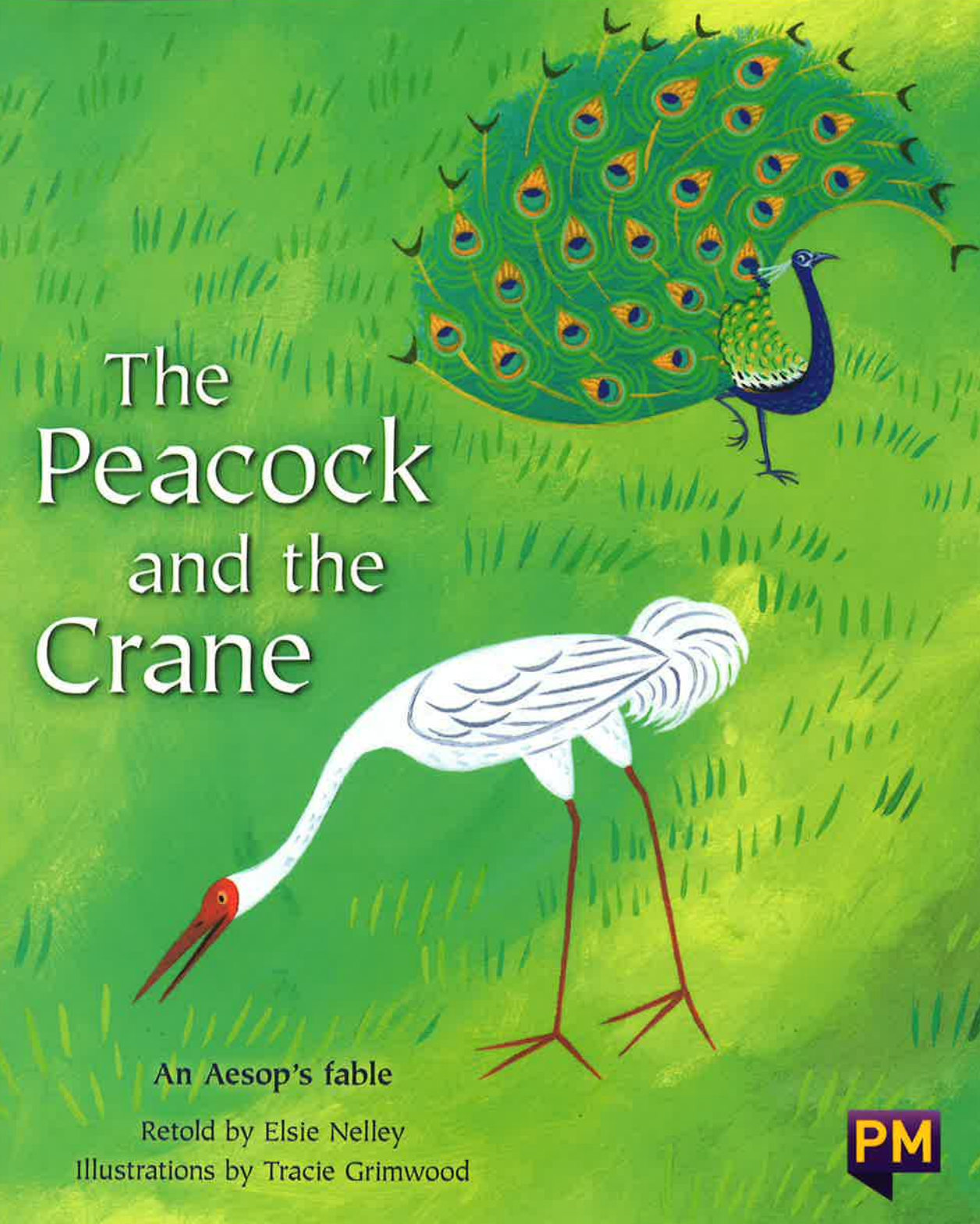

The Peacock and the Crane
An Aesop's fable
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Level 16

Running Words 309 **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

Why did Peacock always walk around waving his tail?

What was Crane looking for in the grass?

What did Crane see when she looked down at herself?

Why was Peacock sad when Crane flew away?

Inferential

Why did Peacock walk in front of Crane?

Why did Peacock get cross with Crane?

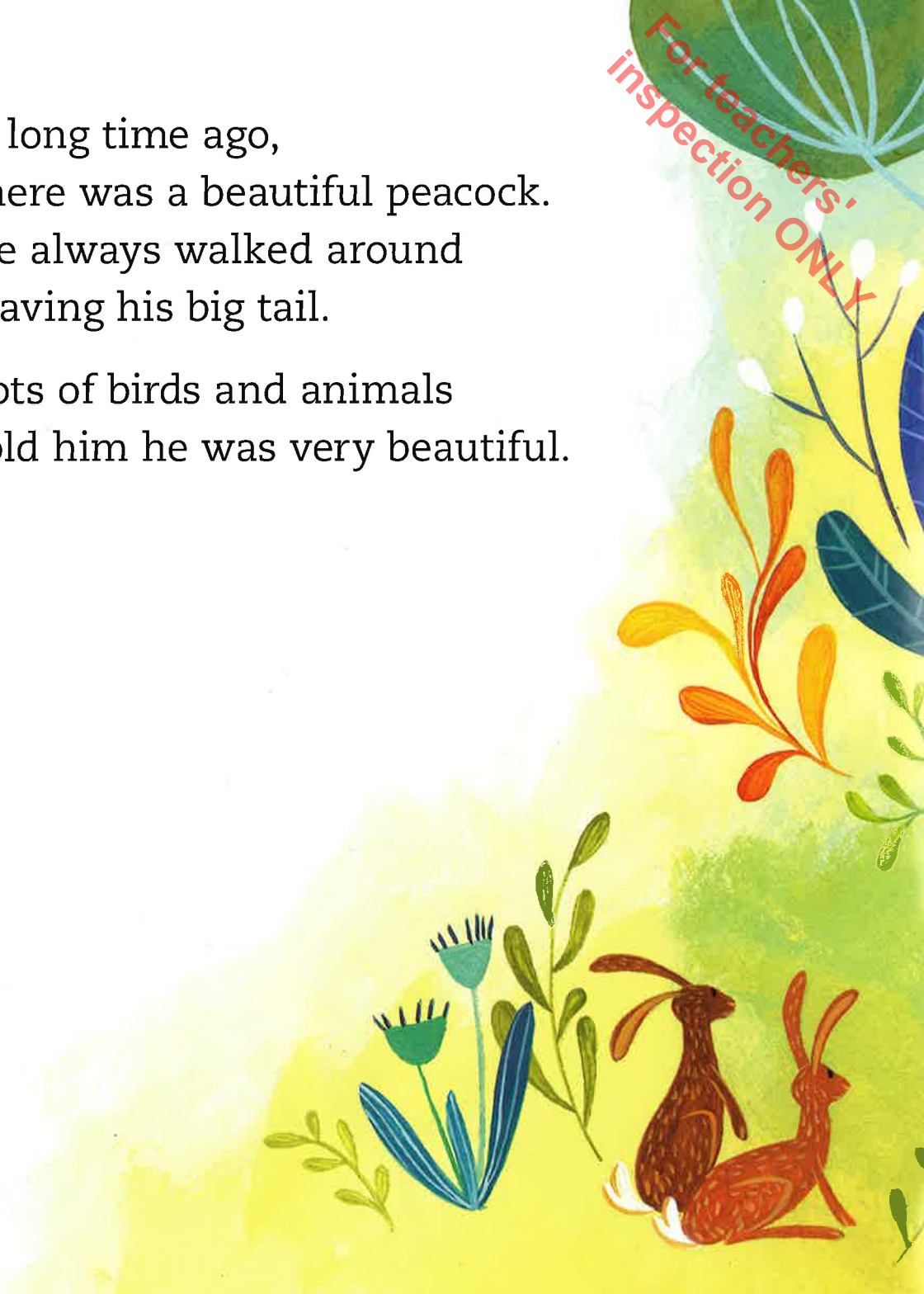
Why did Crane tell Peacock he was the silly bird?

Links with other PM Guided Reading Books and Cards

Level 16	Card	Narrative	*The Best Kite*
Level 16	Book	Narrative	*The Troll Under the Bridge*

A long time ago,
there was a beautiful peacock.
He always walked around
waving his big tail.

Lots of birds and animals
told him he was very beautiful.



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One day,
Peacock was walking along a path,
when he met Crane.

Peacock waved his tail.

Crane did not look at Peacock.
She was looking in the grass
for something to eat.





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Crane walked on down to the pond.
Peacock walked down to the pond, too.

Peacock waved his tail up and down.
But Crane kept looking in the grass
for something to eat.

At last, Peacock said,
"Crane, please look at me.
I am very beautiful!"

Crane looked up.
"Are you talking to me?"
she asked.





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