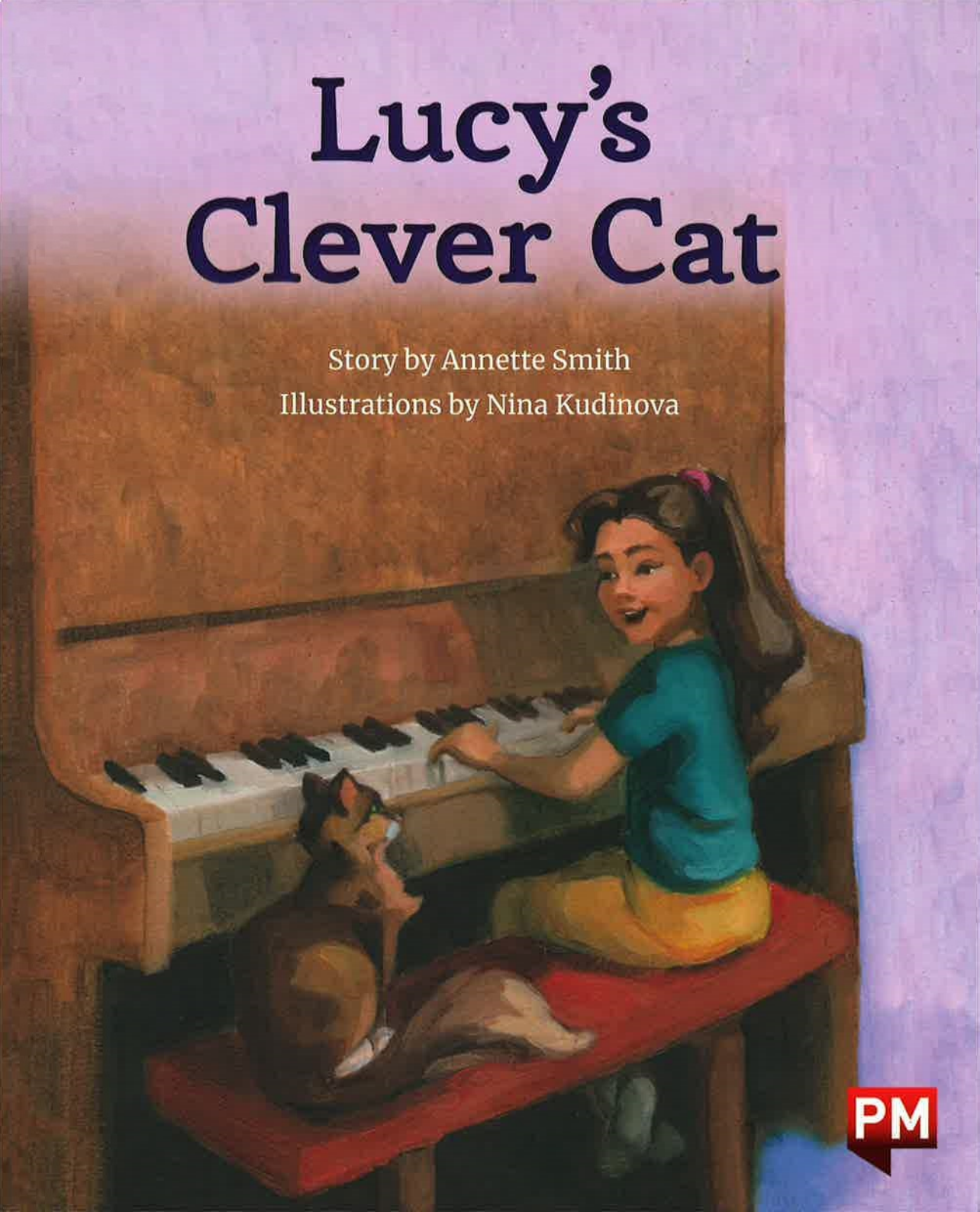
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Chapter 1

Clever Boots

Lucy's mum worked in town.

Every day after school,
Lucy stayed with Ms Webb, next door.

Lucy's cat, Boots, always went over
to Ms Webb's house, too.



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One afternoon, Lucy said to Ms Webb,
"Our class is going to put on a concert.
My friend Piper is going to sing
all by herself.
I want to do something by myself, too."



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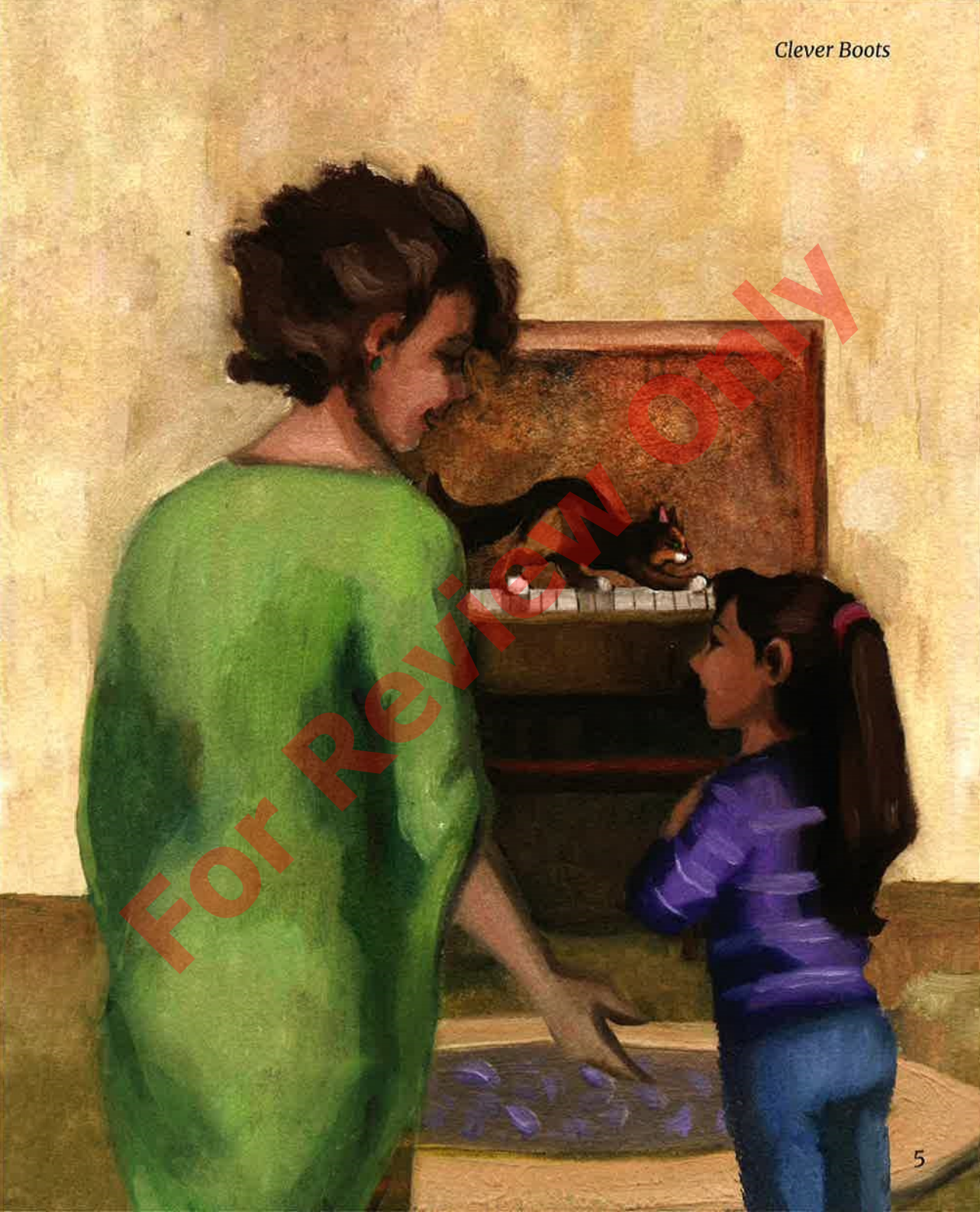
"You can!" said Ms Webb.
"Why don't you play the piano
for everyone?"

"The piano?" said Lucy.
"I can play the piano for *you*,
but I can't play it at a concert."

"Look at Boots!"
said Ms Webb, with a smile.
"*He* can play the piano."

Lucy laughed. "Boots is a clever cat.
If he can play the piano, then I can, too!"

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Chapter 2

A Little Tune

Lucy sat down next to Ms Webb at the piano.

"I will teach you how to play a little tune," said Ms Webb. "You can surprise everyone at the concert."

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