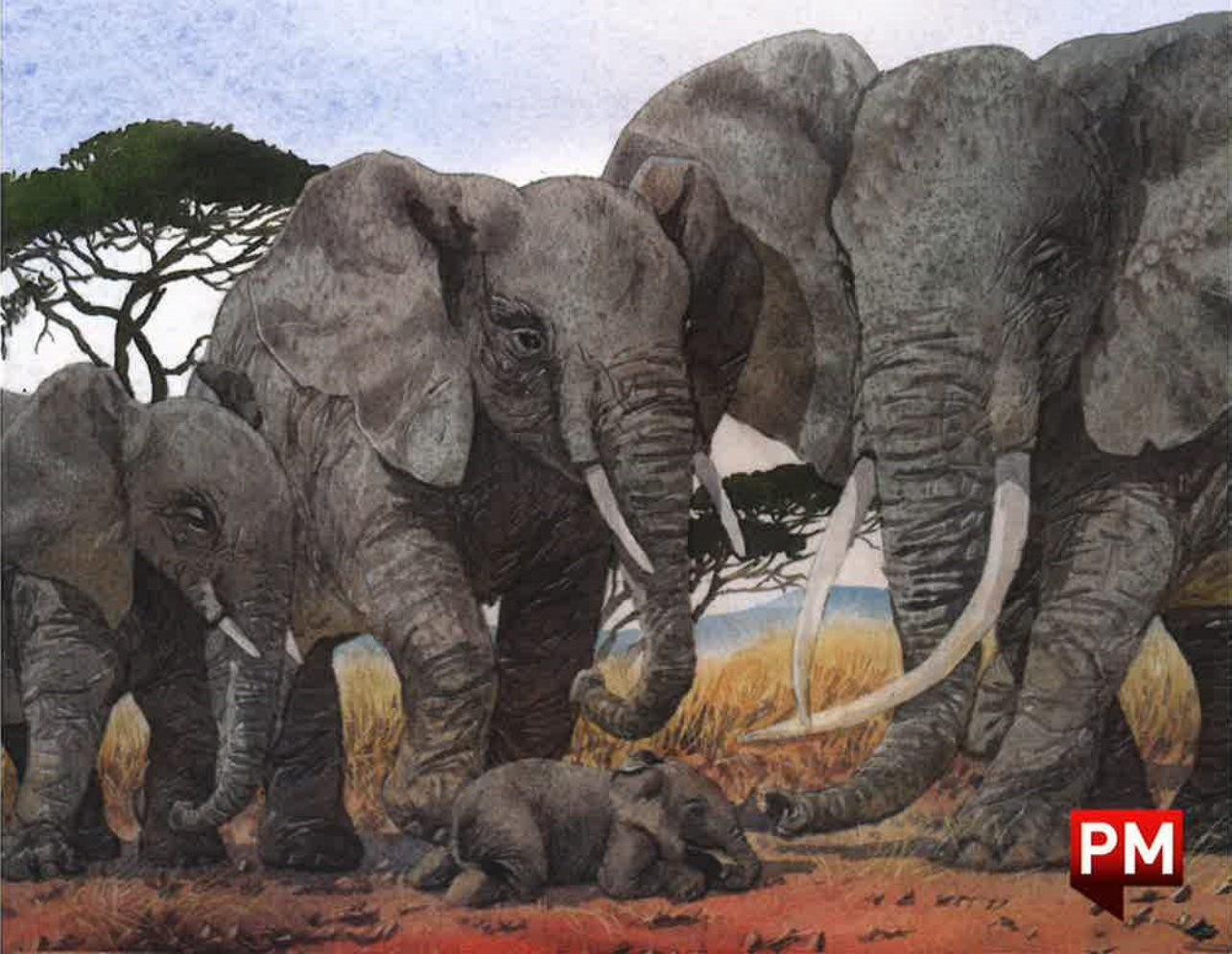
Nelson, the Baby Elephant

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Level 17

Running Words 347 **Text Type** Narrative

Curriculum Areas English (Literacy, Literature, Language); Science (Biological Sciences)

Retelling to Encourage Critical Thinking About the Content

Ask each student to retell the story in their own words.

Record the retelling for further discussion and reflection.

Questions to Reinforce Meaning and Stimulate Discussion

Literal

1 What did the other elephants do to show they were pleased Nelson had been born?
2 How did Nelson's mother help him stand up?
3 What made Nelson's legs feel stronger?
4 Why did all the elephants need to move on?

Inferential

5 Why did Nelson use his trunk when he tried to stand up?
6 Why were Nelson's legs so wobbly?
7 Why were the other elephants' legs described as a 'forest'?
8 Why did Nelson have to run to keep up with his mother?

Links with Other PM Guided Reading Books

Level 17	Narrative	*Rescuing Nelson*
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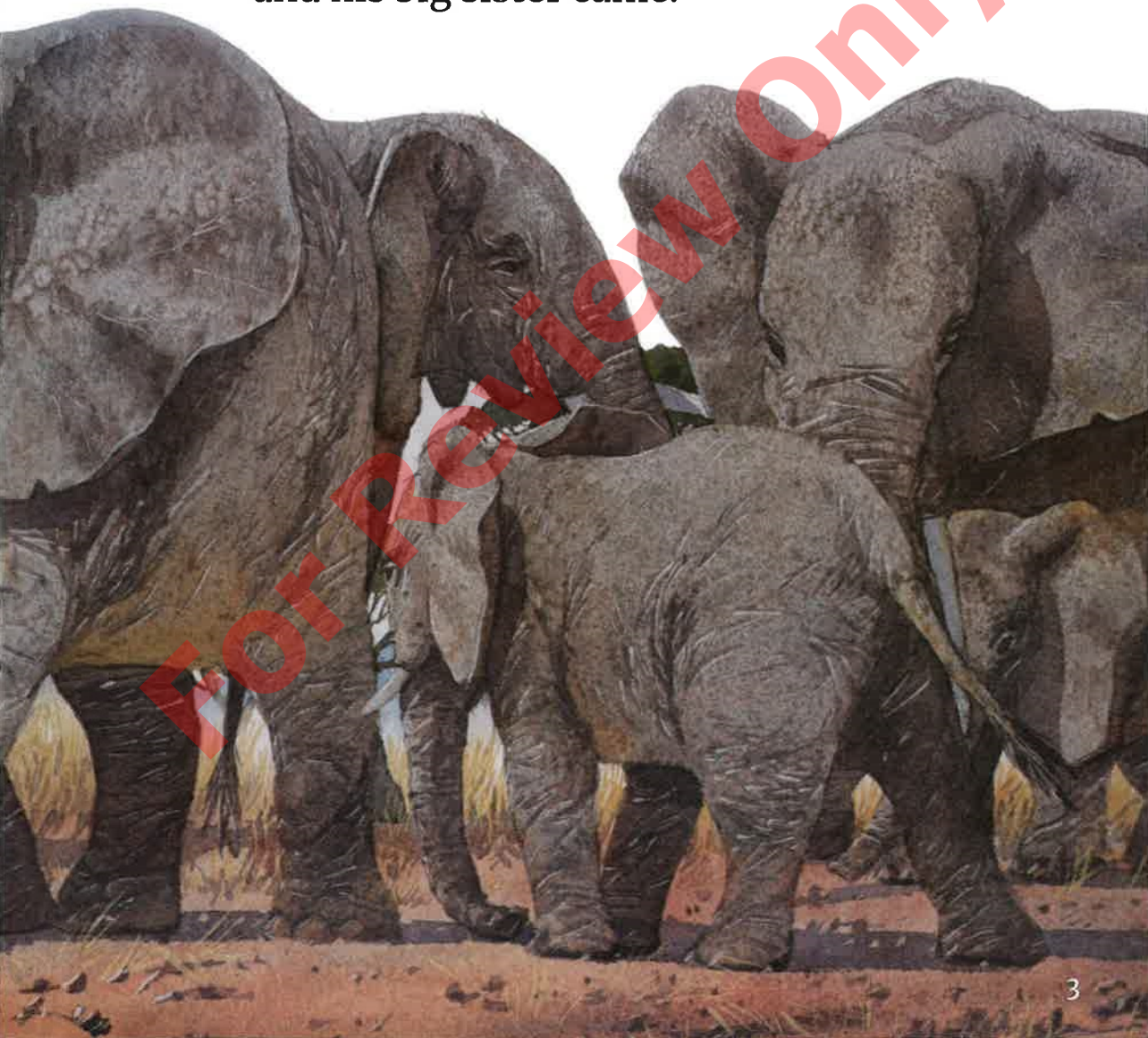
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When Nelson,
the new baby elephant, was born,
all the other elephants in his family
came to look at him.



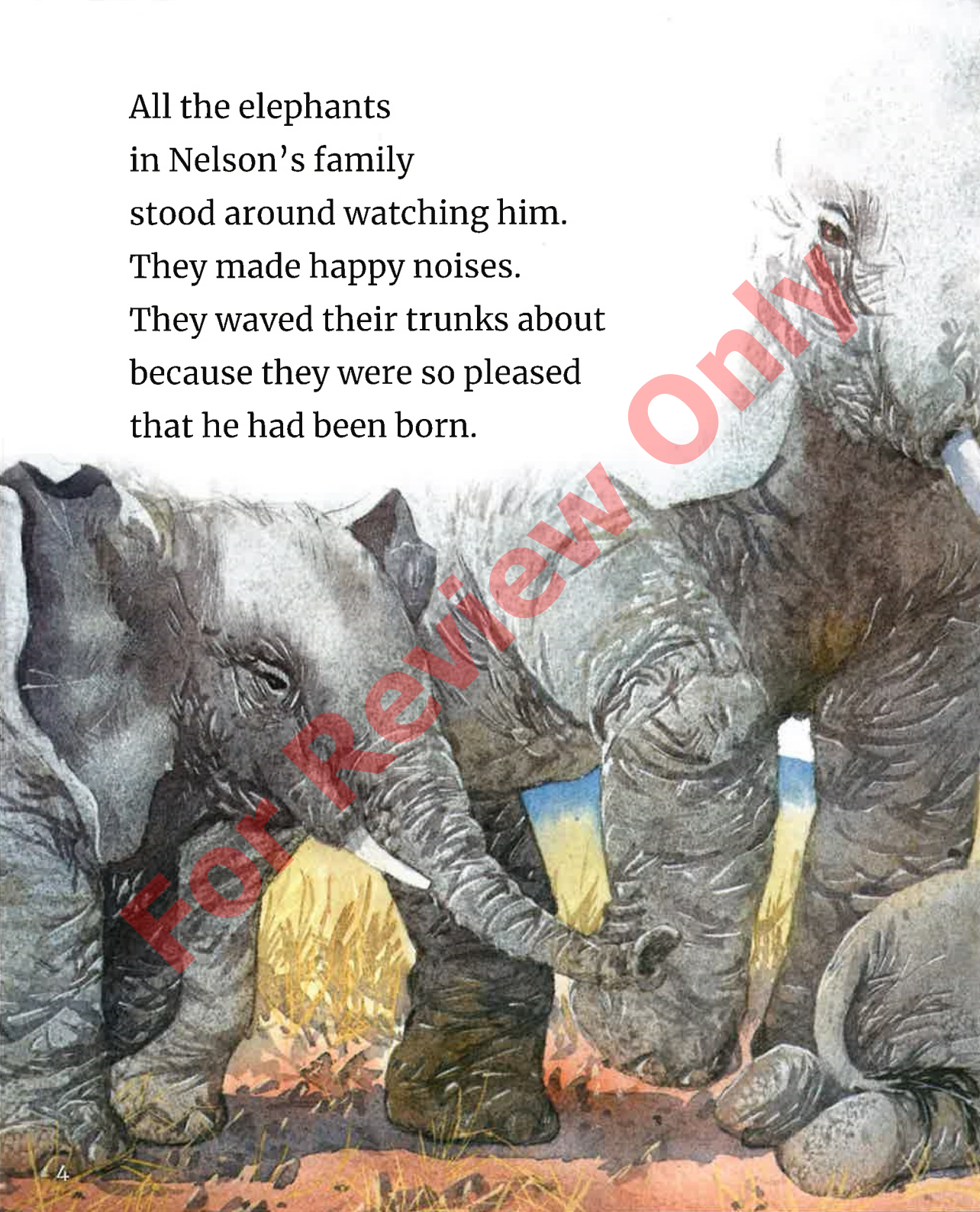
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His wise old grandmother
was there first.
His aunts came,
his cousins came,
and his big sister came.

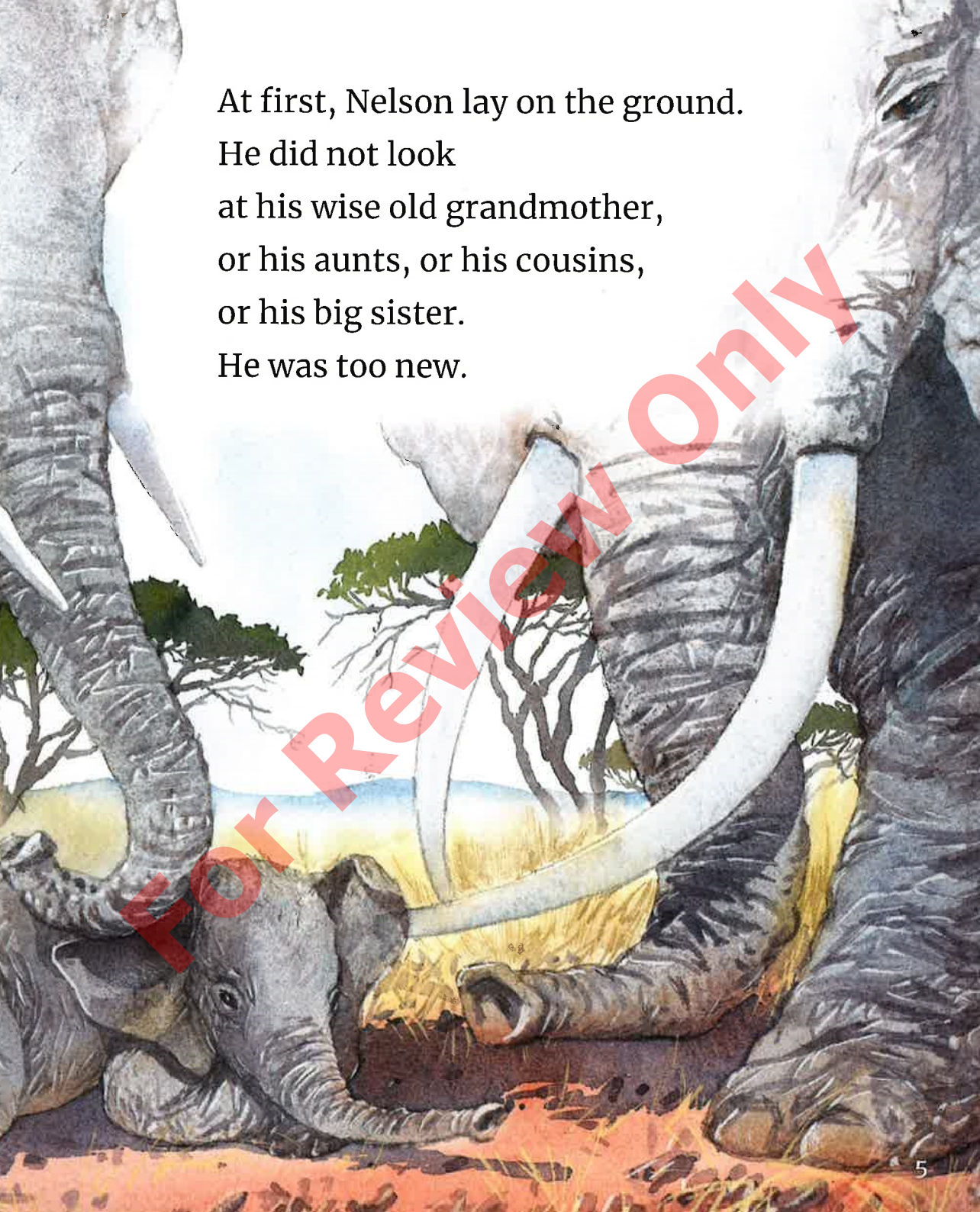


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All the elephants
in Nelson's family
stood around watching him.
They made happy noises.
They waved their trunks about
because they were so pleased
that he had been born.



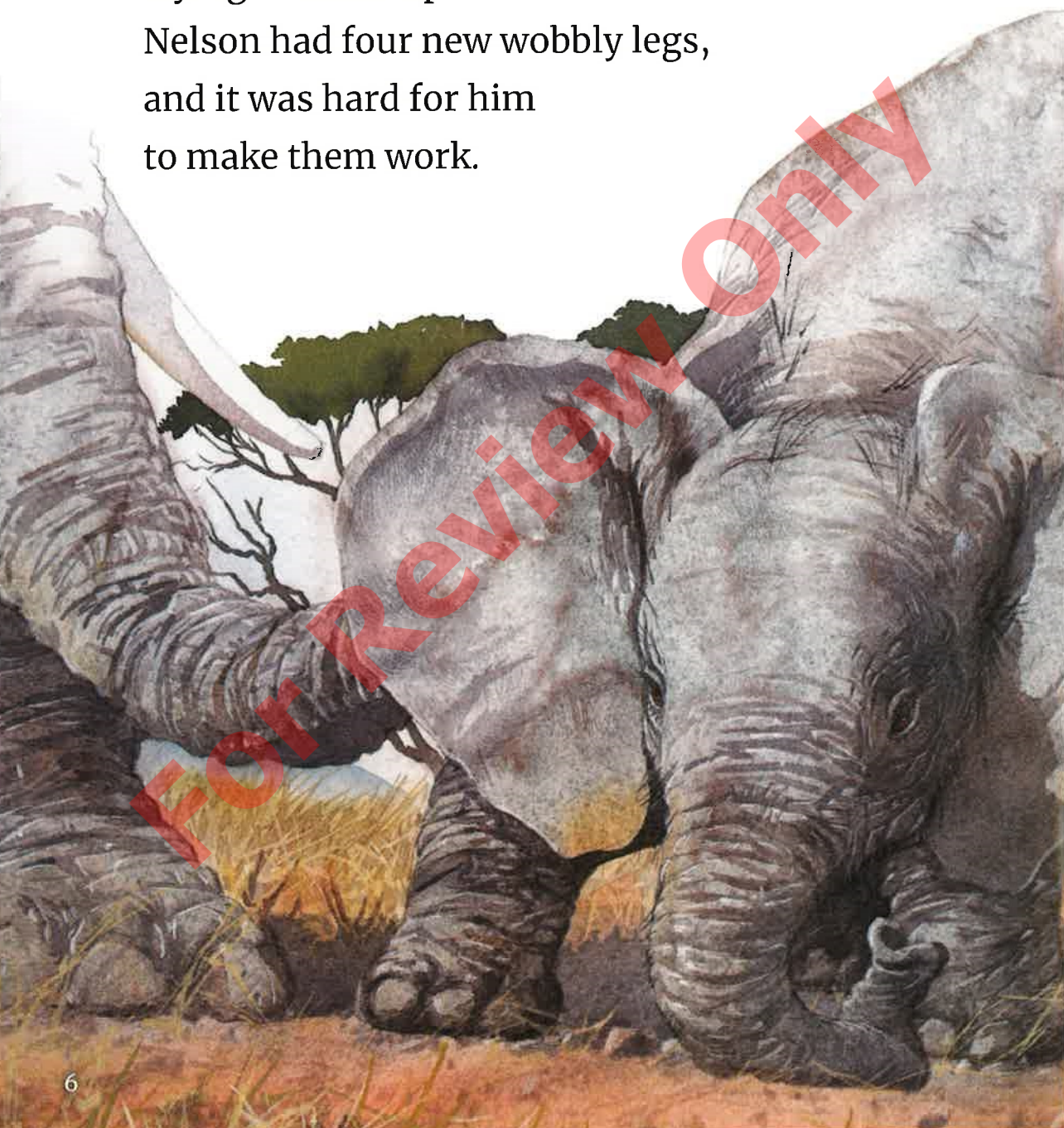
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At first, Nelson lay on the ground.
He did not look
at his wise old grandmother,
or his aunts, or his cousins,
or his big sister.
He was too new.

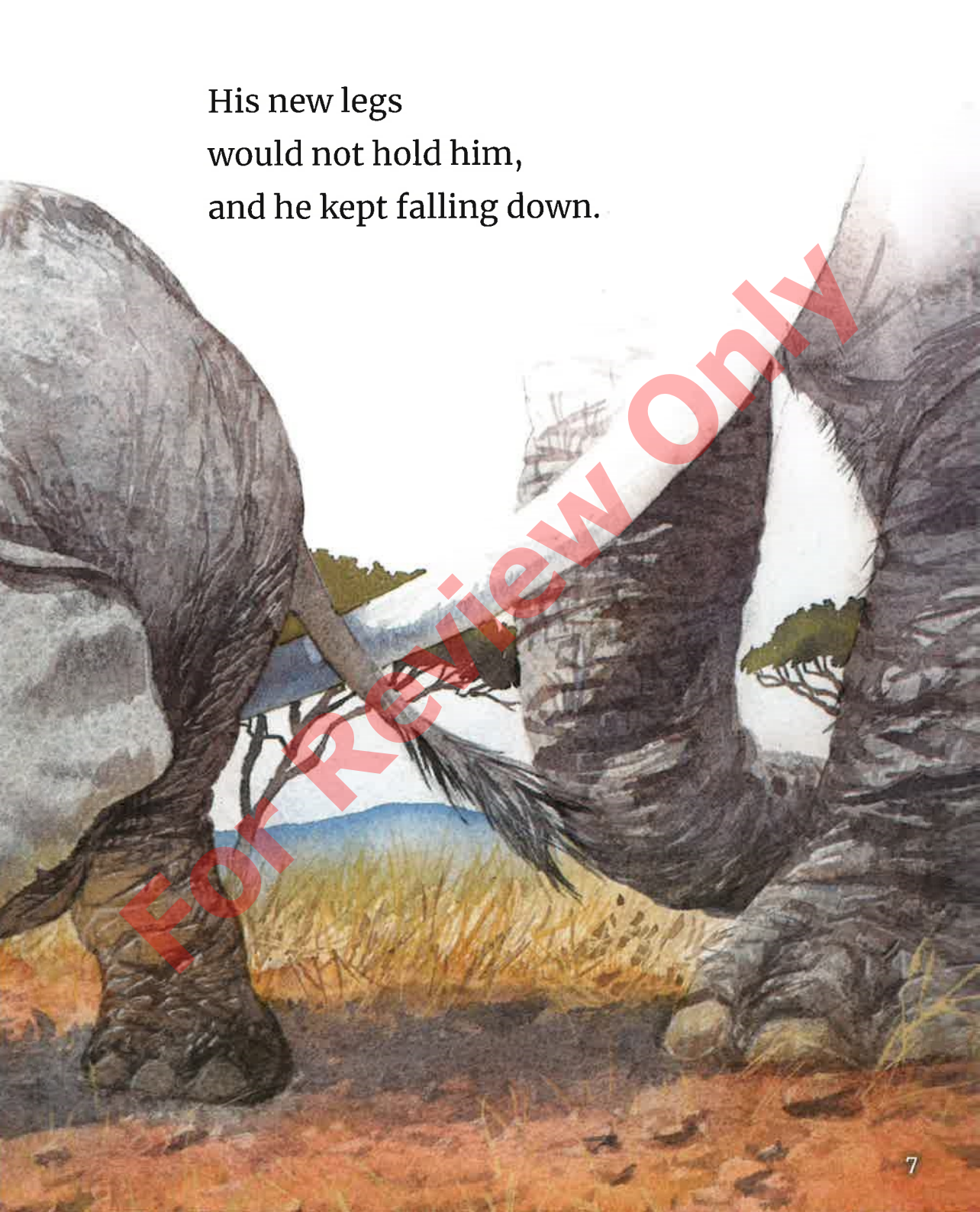
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But soon he was very busy
trying to stand up.
Nelson had four new wobbly legs,
and it was hard for him
to make them work.



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His new legs
would not hold him,
and he kept falling down.



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