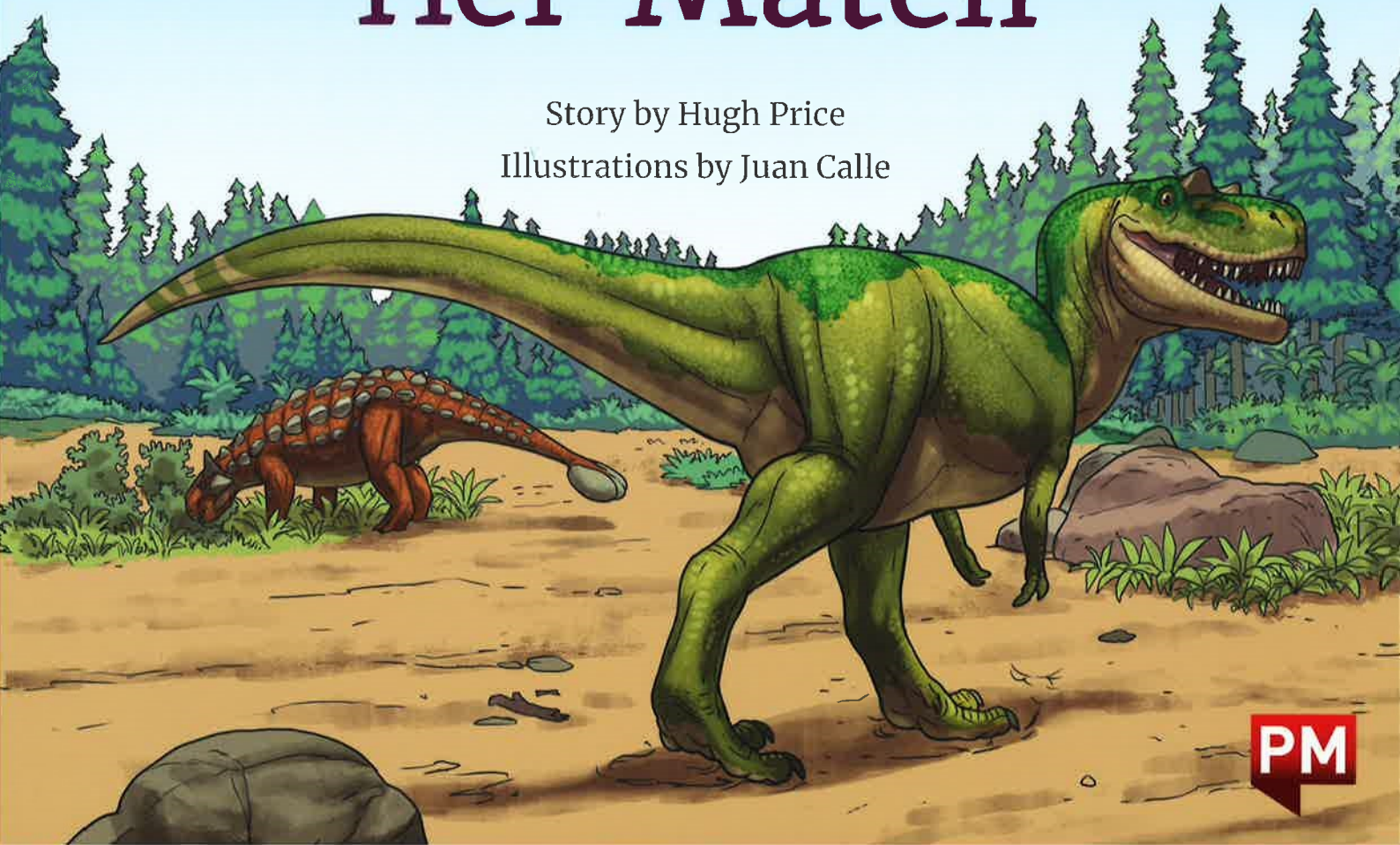


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Level 20

Running Words 456 Text Type Narrative

Curriculum Areas English (Literacy, Literature, Language); Humanities (Geography, History); 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 How big will Gorgo be when she is fully grown?
- 2 Where did the Ankylosaur hit Gorgo with its tail the first time?
- 3 What did Gorgo learn about the Ankylosaur?

Inferential

- 4 Why hadn't Gorgo eaten for more than a week?
- 5 Why did the Ankylosaur have a heavy shell on its back with lots of spikes?
- 6 Why didn't the Ankylosaur try to run away when it saw Gorgo?
- 7 Why didn't the Ankylosaur need to have spikes on its back legs?
- 8 What does 'met her match' mean in the sentence: *Gorgo, the fierce hunter, had met her match?*

Applied Knowledge

- 9 What is another animal with a good sense of smell, like Gorgo?
- 10 What are some other ways dinosaurs protected themselves from enemies?

Links with Other PM Guided Reading Books

Level 19	Narrative	<i>Zala Runs For Her Life</i>
Level 19	Narrative	<i>A Troop of Little Dinosaurs</i>
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Long, long ago, in the days of the dinosaurs,
Gorgo was out looking for food.
She was only a young dinosaur,
but she was already big and strong.
Later on, when she was fully grown,
she would be *nine* metres long!

Gorgo had a great big head
and lots of sharp teeth.
She was a hunter who ate other dinosaurs,
but she hadn't eaten for more than a week,
and she was very hungry.



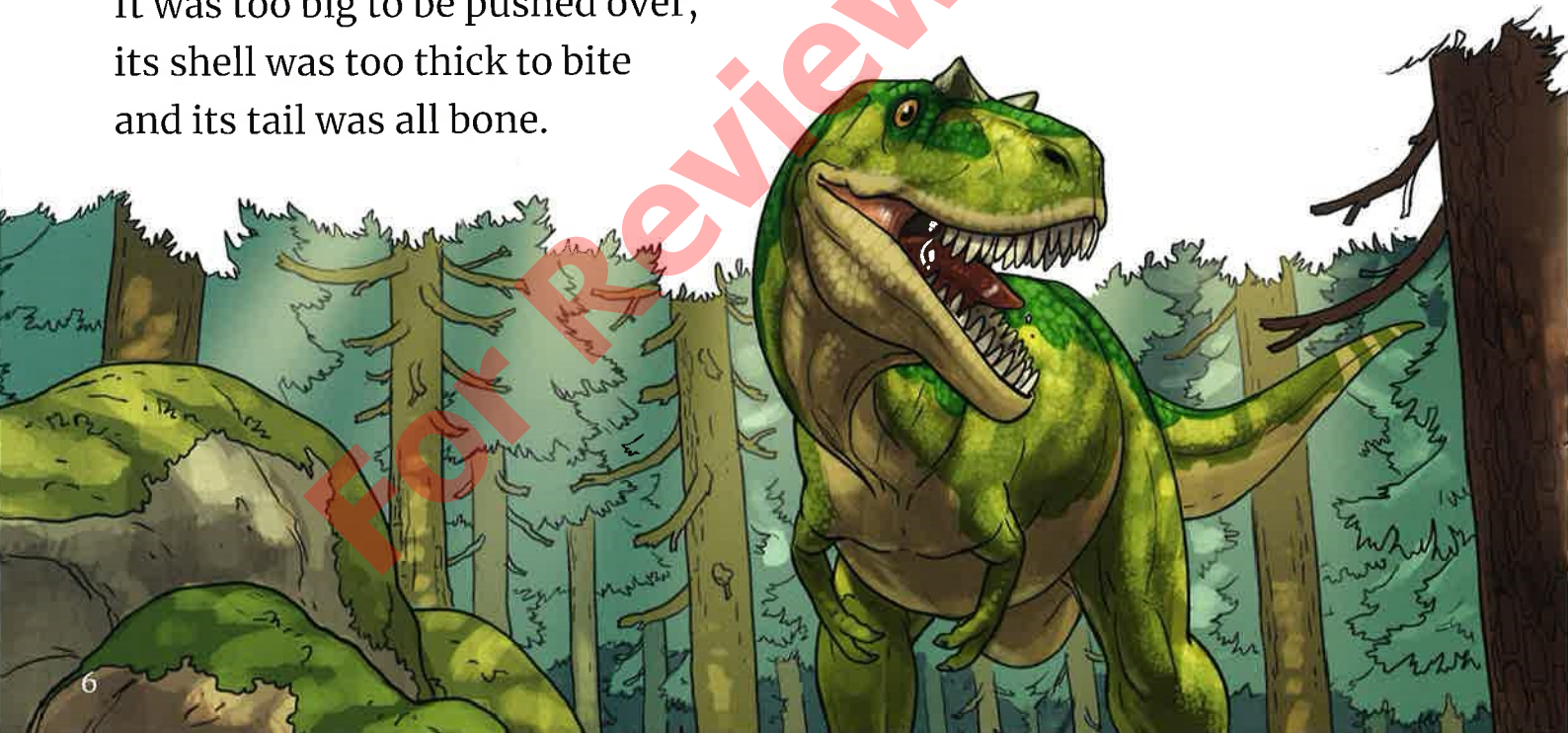
Gorgo heard a noise,
and she turned to see what it was.
A huge animal was feeding on a bush.
Young Gorgo had never seen
an Ankylosaur before.
It was bigger than she was!

The Ankylosaur had a thick, heavy shell
on its back, with lots of bony spikes,
but it seemed sleepy and slow.
It didn't even try to run away.
Most animals fled when Gorgo came along.



The Ankylosaur stayed very still
as Gorgo walked all around it.
Gorgo could tell by its smell
that this animal would be good to eat.

At first, Gorgo could not work out
how to attack the Ankylosaur.
It was too big to be pushed over,
its shell was too thick to bite
and its tail was all bone.



Then Gorgo saw what to do.
She would bite it on the back leg
where there were no spikes.

