The Best Animal in the Forest

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Level 19

Text Type Play (Imaginative)

Curriculum Areas Health and Physical Education; Literacy

Retelling to encourage critical thinking about the content

Ask each student to retell the play in his or her own words.
Record the retelling for further discussion and reflection.

Questions to reinforce meaning and stimulate discussion

Literal

1 Where did the animals meet?
2 What happened when Dragonfly beat her wings quickly?
3 How far could Frog jump?

Inferential

4 Why did Wolf have his turn first?
5 Why could Snake move quietly?
6 Why did the animals ask Owl to help them?
7 Why did Owl watch the animals for a long time?
8 How did Owl help the animals?

Applied Knowledge

9 Who is the wisest person you know? Why?

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Level 20	Book	Poetry	*The Rainforest and Other Poems*

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A Play

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Characters in the Play



Narrator



Wolf



Snake



Dragonfly



Frog



Eagle



Owl

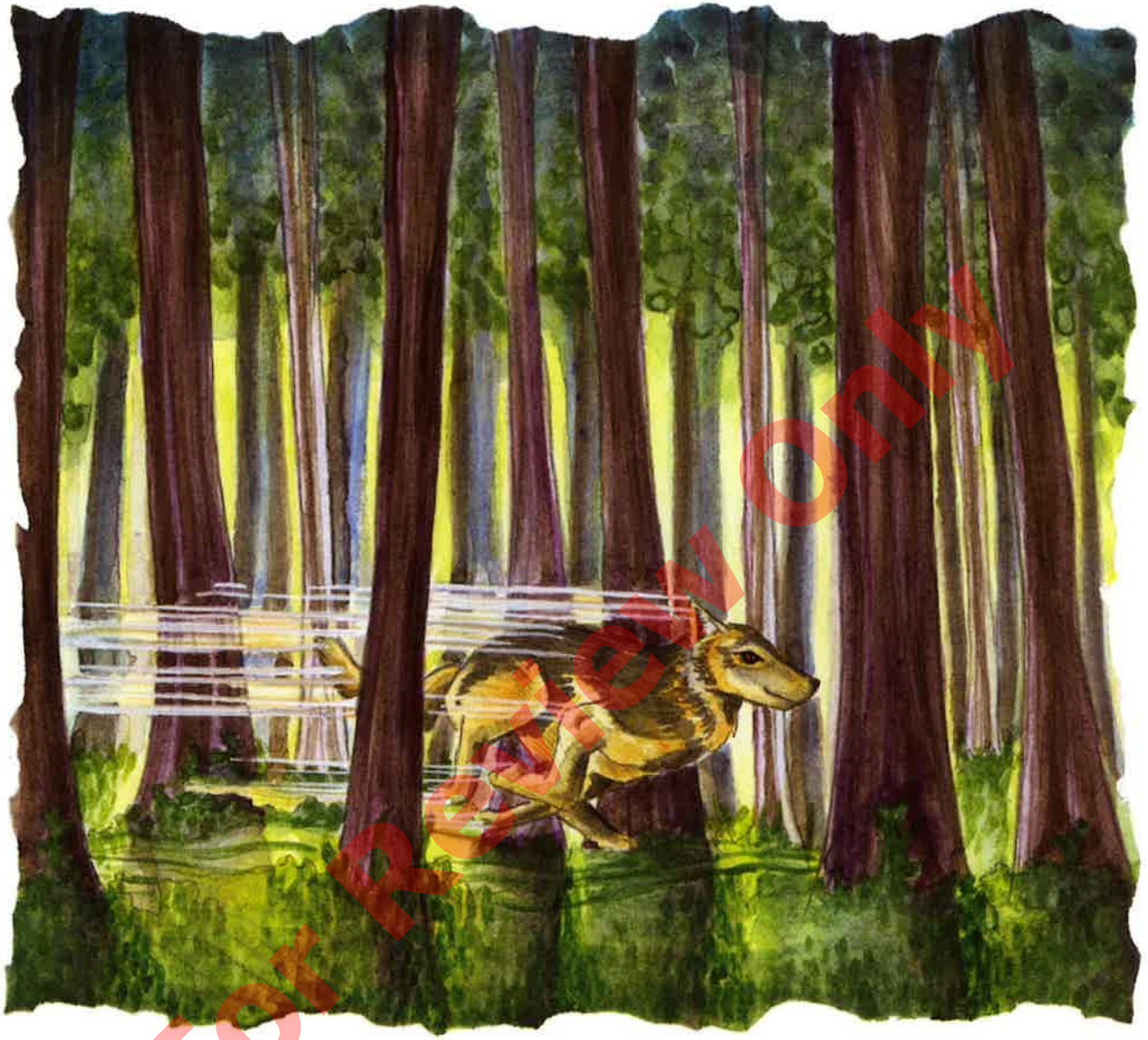
Narrator

One evening, long ago,
Wolf, Snake, Dragonfly, Frog and Eagle
had a meeting in a clearing, in the forest.
They wanted to decide which one of them
was the best animal.

As soon as all the animals had arrived,
Wolf turned to Snake and spoke first.



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Wolf

Hello, Snake. I am the best animal in the forest.
I'm better than you, because I am a very fast runner.
Watch me!

Snake

You are a good runner, Wolf, but I am better than you, because you make too much noise.
Watch me! I can move more quietly than you.



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Narrator

Snake slid in and out of the trees
without making a sound.



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Narrator

As Snake finished, Dragonfly came forward.

Dragonfly

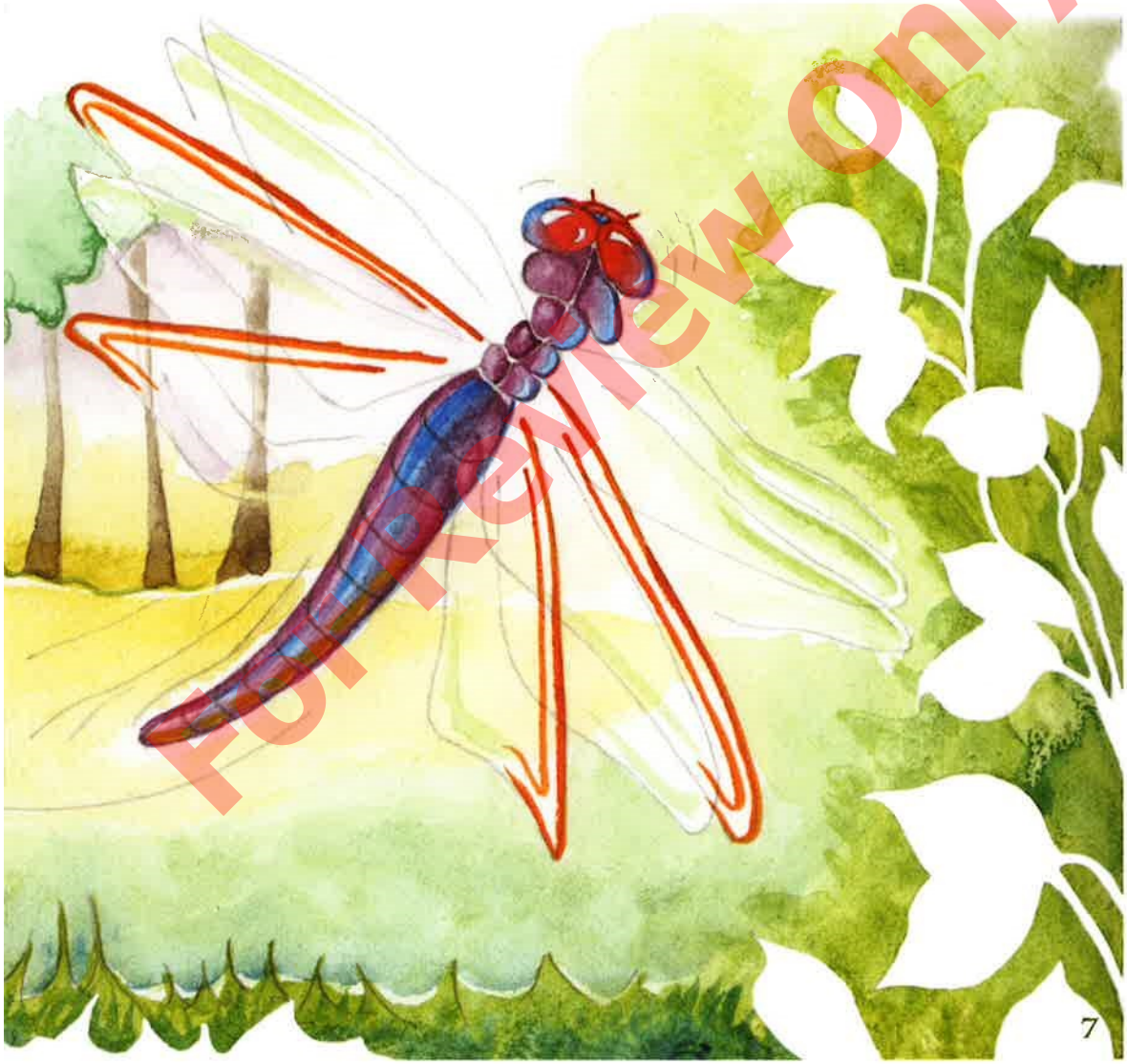
That's nothing, Snake. I am the best animal in the forest, because I can fly faster than any of you. Just watch me.



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Narrator

Dragonfly flew into the air
and began to dart around the trees.
Her wings beat so quickly that they were a blur.



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