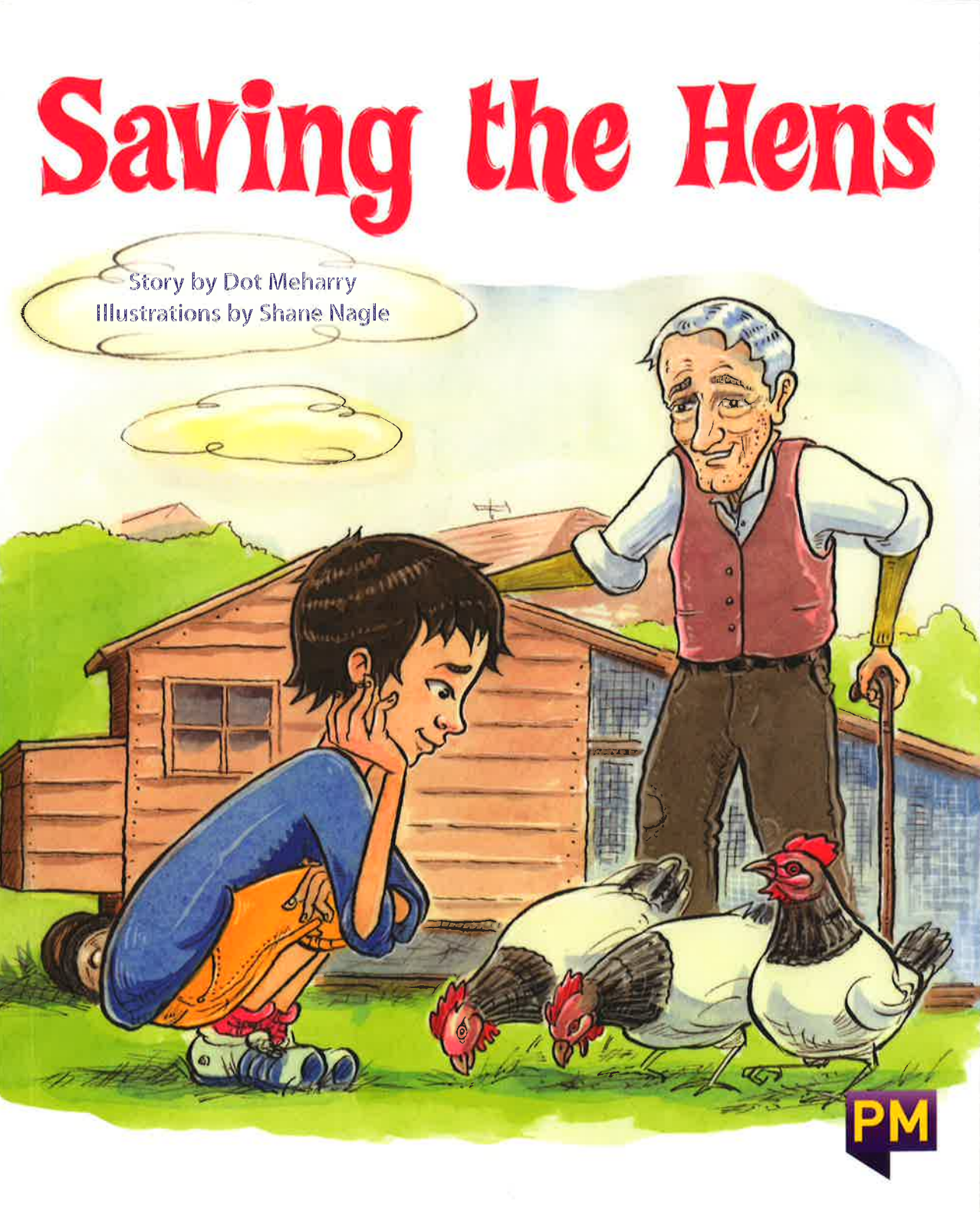
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Curriculum Area Literacy

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

1 Why didn't Mr Grant leave the house?

2 Why did the henhouse have wheels?

3 What did the children include on their plan to show the principal?

Inferential

4 Why did Mr Grant use a walking stick?

5 Why did Sami help to steady Mr Grant before they went down the steps?

6 Why couldn't Mr Grant take the hens with him to the retirement village?

7 Why did the class laugh when Sami said to Ms Broome, *"What birds?"*?

8 Why did Ms Broome like Sami's idea?

9 Why was the area behind the caretaker's shed a good place for the henhouse?

Applied Knowledge

10 What is a retirement village?

11 What did Mum mean when she said, *"And hens might attract rats and mice"*?

12 Why did Ms Broome have to check with the principal before they could have the hens?

Links with other PM Guided Reading Books and Cards

Level 23	Card	Recount	*Our Superhero Chickens*
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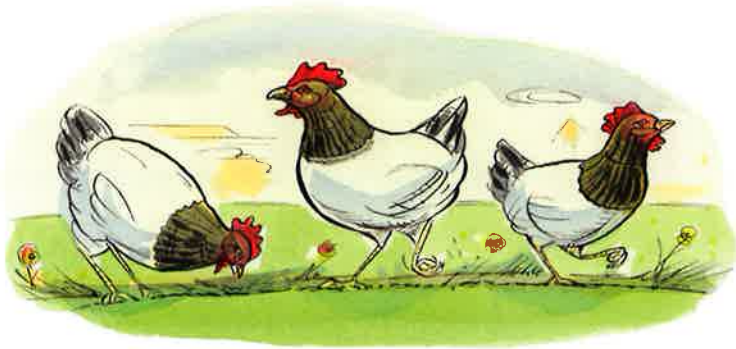
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Chapter 1

Mr Grant's Hens



Sami ran down the narrow path that led to the back of his next-door neighbour's house.

"Hi, Mr Grant," he called. An elderly man opened his back door and stepped onto the veranda.

"Hello, Sami," said Mr Grant, as he walked slowly towards the steps.
"How was your day at school?"

"Good," said Sami. "How was your day?"

"I didn't leave the house today." Mr Grant sighed and leaned heavily on his walking stick.
"If it wasn't for these shaky legs of mine, I'd be out and about."

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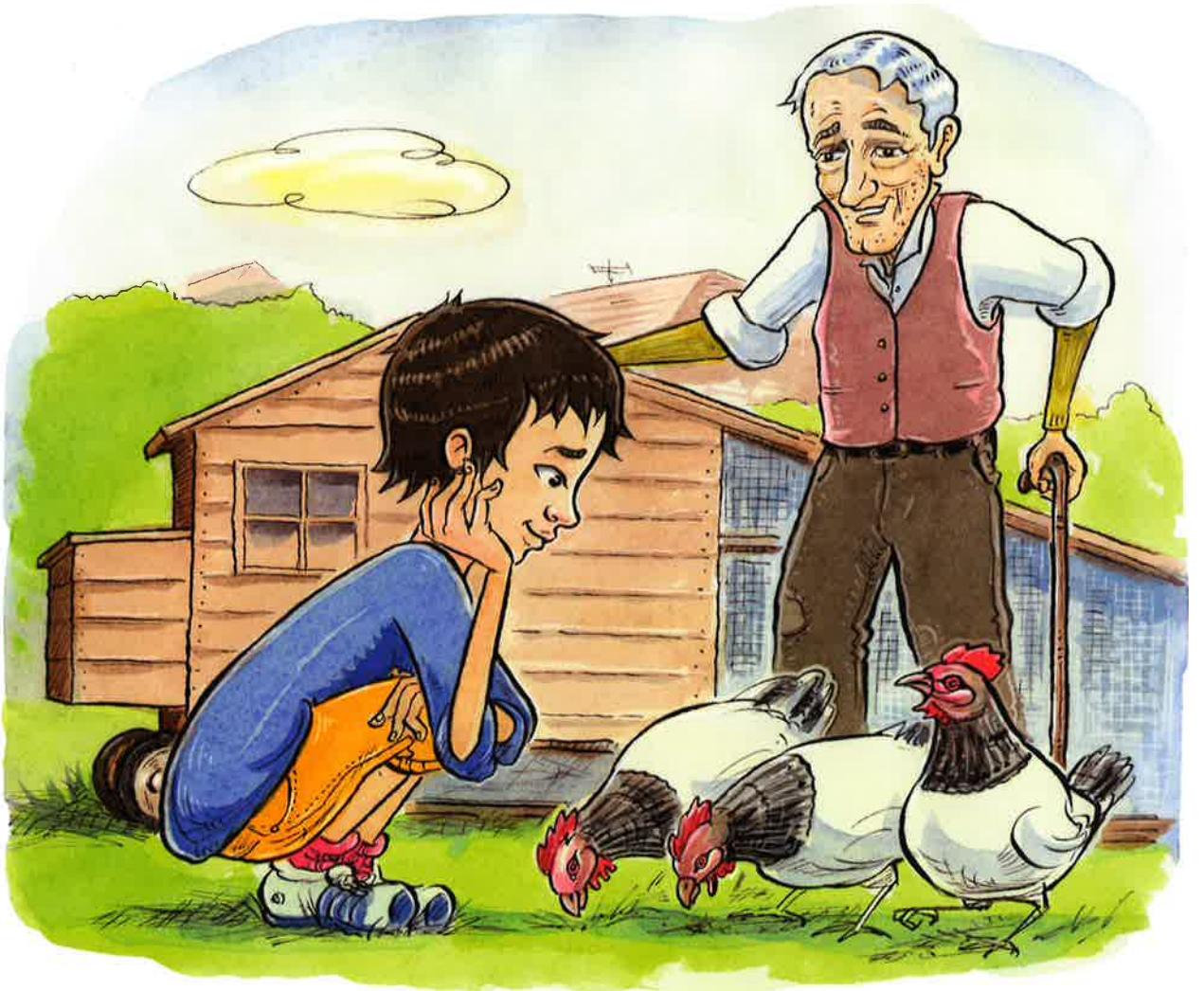


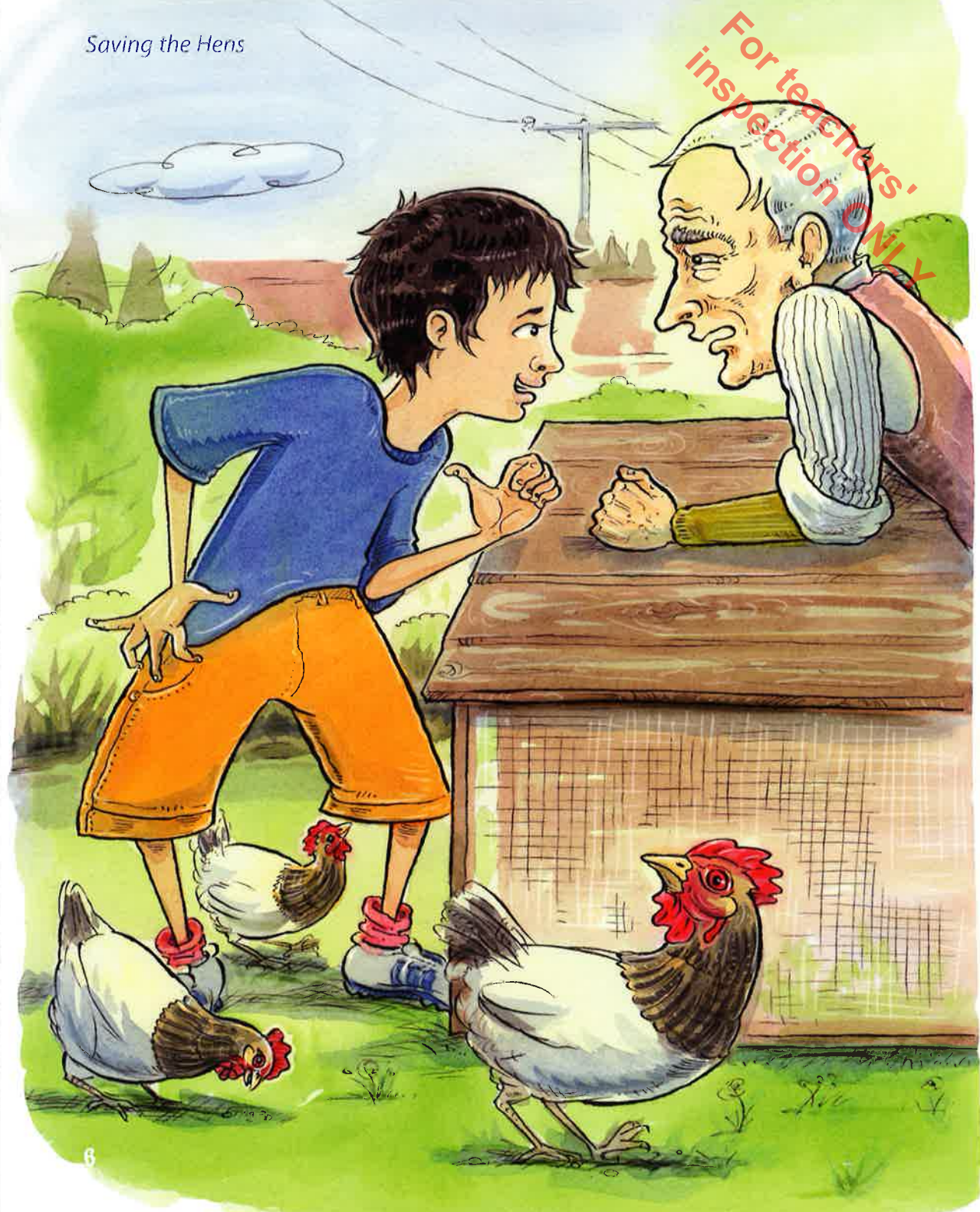
Sami reached out and helped to steady Mr Grant
as he came down the steps.
They walked across the back lawn towards the henhouse.

"Tuk-tuk," called Sami to the hens. "Tuk-tuk."

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Mr Grant watched Sami open the door of the henhouse.
The hens were used to Sami.
Every day, he helped Mr Grant with them.
He let them out to scratch for grubs and insects
in the grass and the gardens.





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But Mr Grant was moving into a retirement village next week. Sami was going to miss Mr Grant and his hens.
"What are you going to do with your hens when you move?" asked Sami.

"Well, I have been thinking about it," said Mr Grant.
"I know you love my hens. Would you like to have them, if your parents agree?"

Sami was very pleased. He did love Mr Grant's hens.

"I'll ask them as soon as I get home! Thanks so much, Mr Grant. I'm sure they will say yes."

