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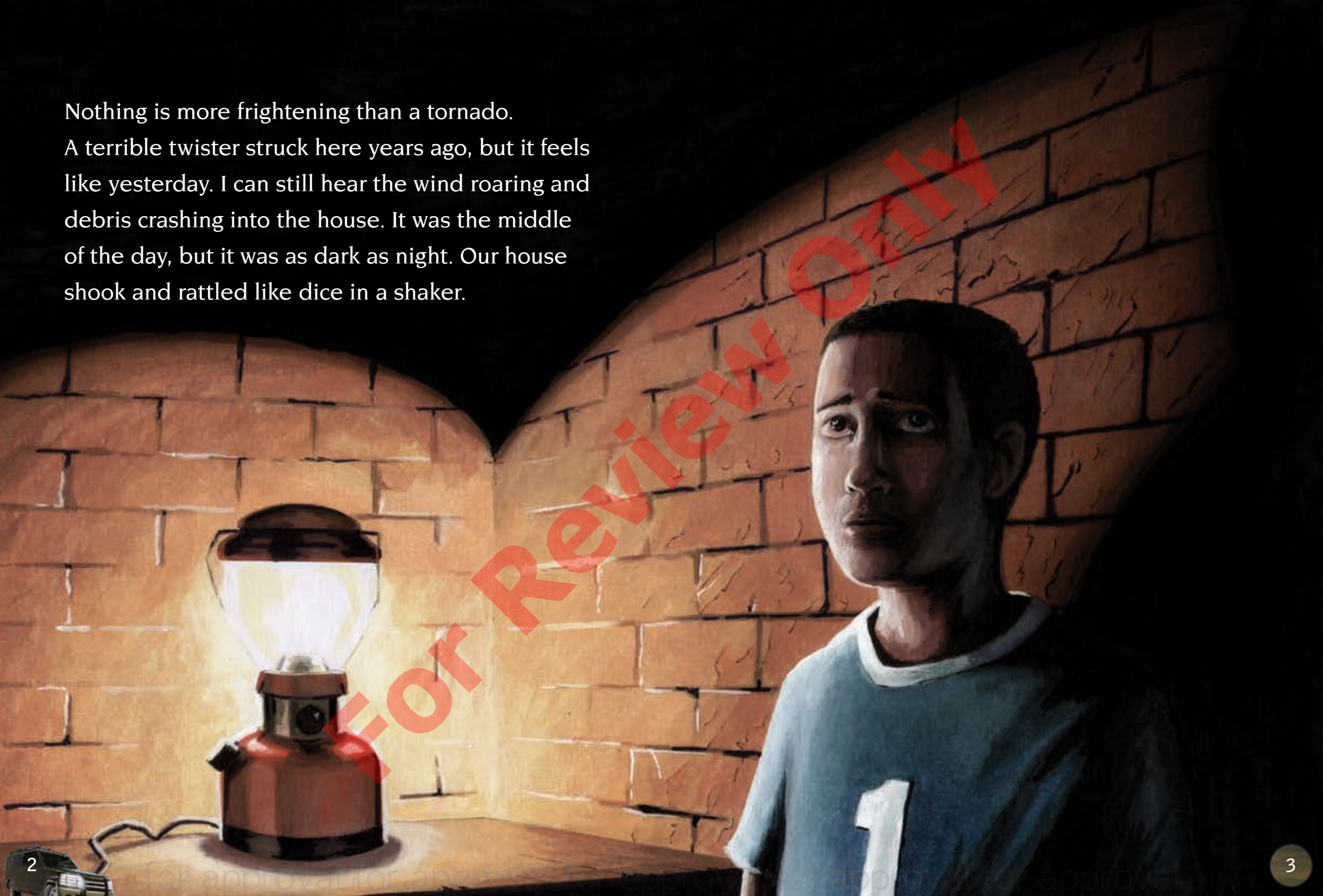
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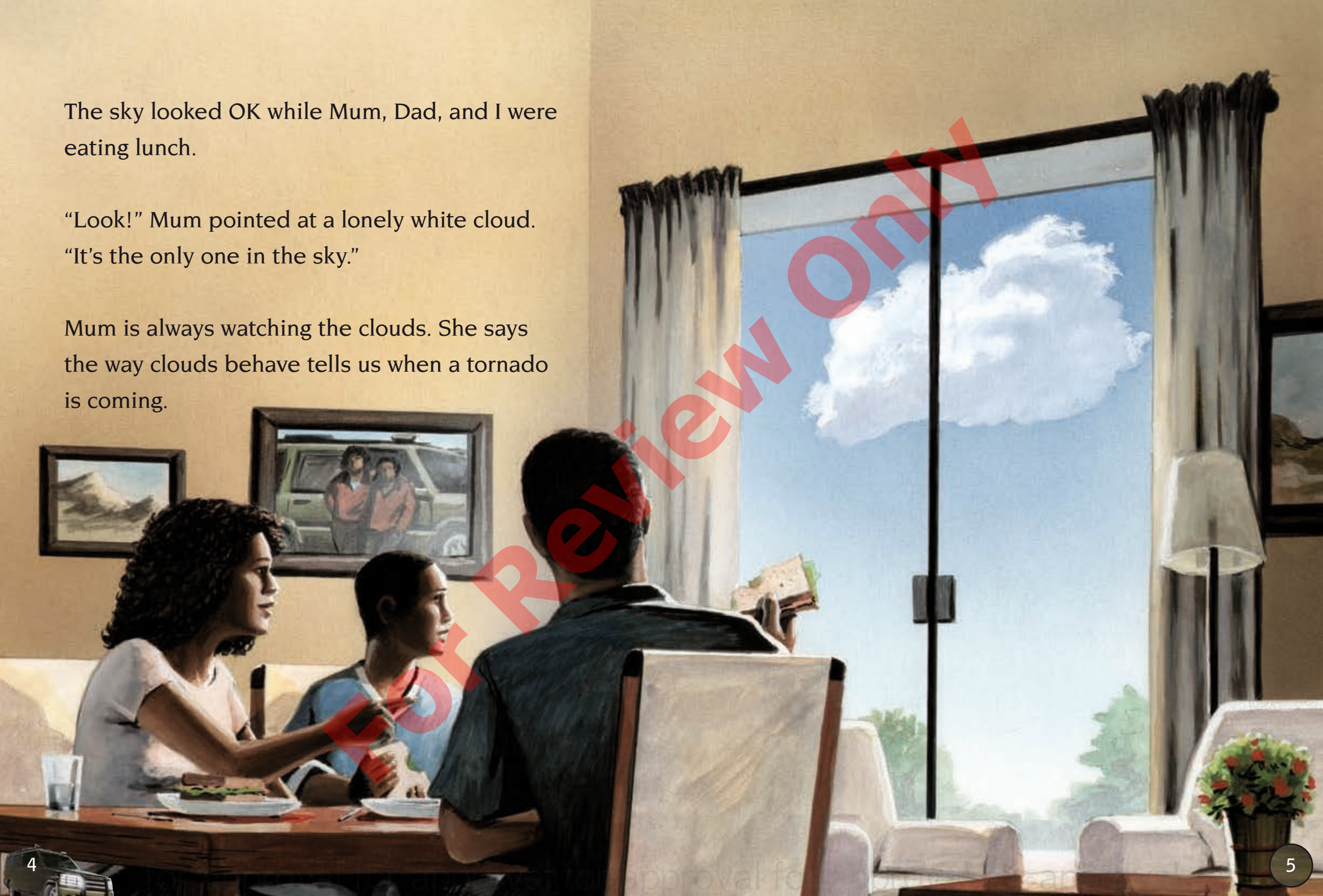
Nothing is more frightening than a tornado.
A terrible twister struck here years ago, but it feels
like yesterday. I can still hear the wind roaring and
debris crashing into the house. It was the middle
of the day, but it was as dark as night. Our house
shook and rattled like dice in a shaker.



The sky looked OK while Mum, Dad, and I were eating lunch.

“Look!” Mum pointed at a lonely white cloud.
“It’s the only one in the sky.”

Mum is always watching the clouds. She says the way clouds behave tells us when a tornado is coming.



Mum is a meteorologist and a storm chaser. Most people run for safety when a tornado is coming, but not Mum. She races for her special SUV, or off-road vehicle, and chases after the tornado to see what happens. She says we need to learn more about tornadoes. Then, we might be able to predict when they are coming and prevent people getting hurt.

