TALK ABOUT TEXTS

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Chapter 1

Crazy about Chickens



Chelsea Chan was crazy about chickens. She especially loved the fluffy, feathered kind that lay eggs with sunshine-coloured yolks. She'd been asking her mum for months to get a couple of the cute creatures as pets, but her mum wouldn't even let her get a stick insect, let alone a chicken.

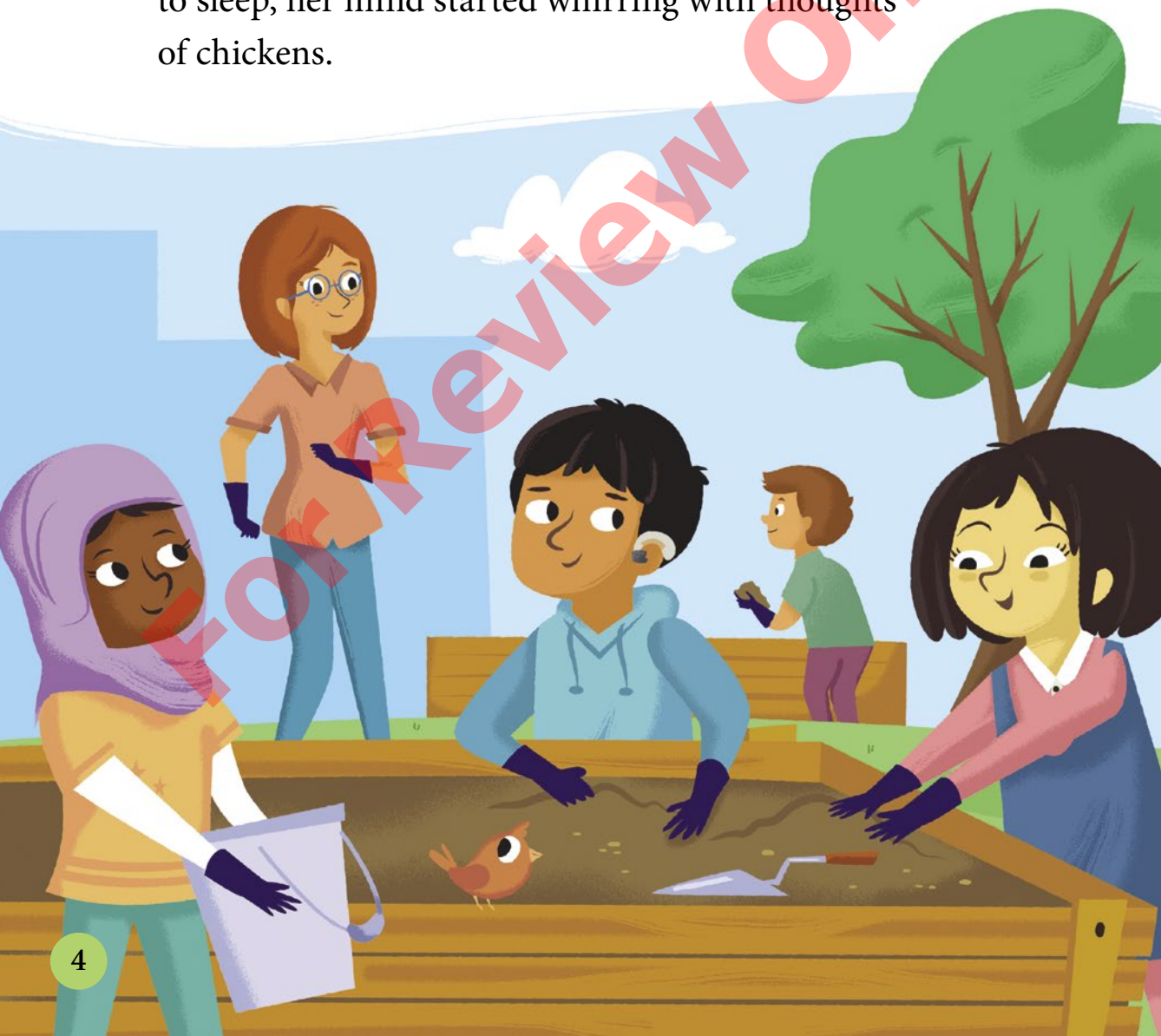
"Please, Mum," she had pleaded. "I promise I'll be responsible and take really good care of them. You won't even know they're here!"

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"Sorry, Chelsea, our backyard just isn't large enough for chickens," Mum had said. "It really wouldn't be fair for them."

Chelsea realised that Mum was right, but she couldn't shake off her disappointment.

That night, as Chelsea was desperately trying to get to sleep, her mind started whirring with thoughts of chickens.



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The following day, Chelsea's class was in the school garden. The students worked there in groups to grow fruit and vegetables and to learn about nature. Today, they were planting tomatoes with guidance from their gardening teacher, Miss McDougall.

As they worked, Chelsea told Seb and Alisha about her strange dream the night before that featured chattering chickens and gigantic stick insects. Suddenly, an idea struck her like a lightning bolt. *Pow!*

"Hey!" she cried. "We could ask Miss McDougall if we could get some chickens for the school garden."

"Brilliant idea!" cheered Alisha.

"We could all pitch in to take care of them, and we could take turns looking after them during the holidays," added Seb excitedly.

"It's an *egg-cellent* idea, if I do say so myself," laughed Chelsea. "Here comes Miss McDougall now."

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