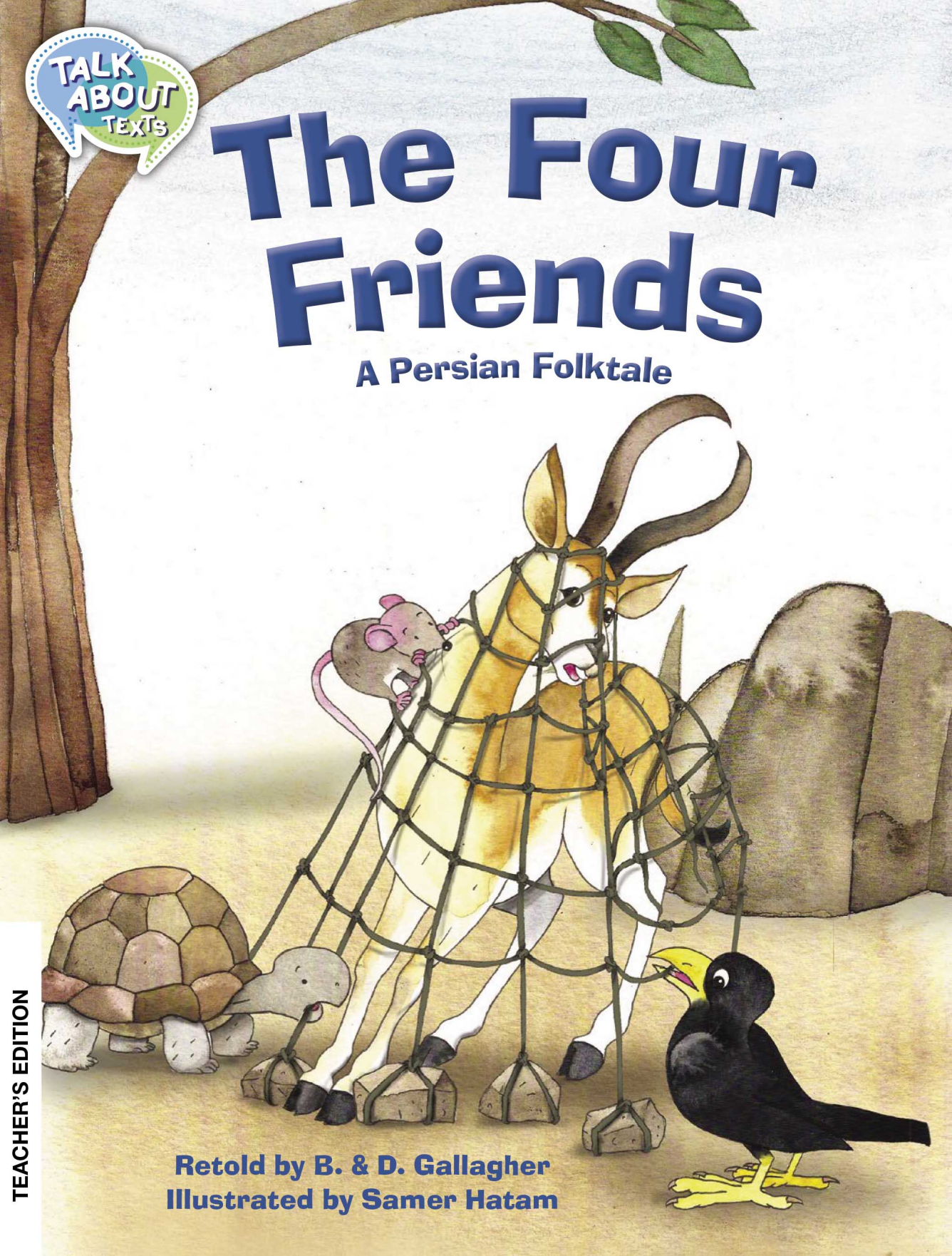
TALK ABOUT TEXTS

The Four Friends

A Persian Folktale



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Say

'Let's read the contents page together.'

Read

Read the contents page together with the students.

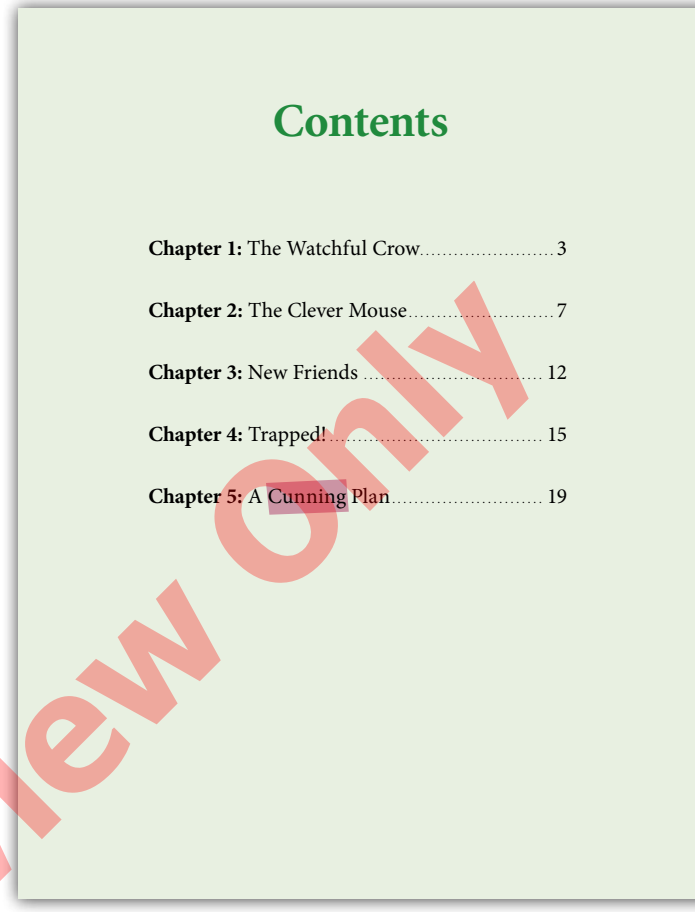
Check Understanding

- What is the title of chapter 2?
- What is chapter 5 about?
- What does the word 'cunning' mean?

Talk

What does the contents page tell you about two of the characters in this story?

The contents page tells us _____ about some of the **characters**.



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Chapter 1

The Watchful Crow



This story about a crow, a mouse, a tortoise and a gazelle is a popular folktale in the Middle East. It was first written down in Persian, about 1500 years ago.

The story takes place in a forest where animals live, but where there are also hunters. Despite their differences, the four animals must learn to work together.

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Say

'Let's read page 3 together. Then read it again to yourself.'

Read

Read page 3 with the students and then allow time for them to read it again to themselves.

Check Understanding

- Where is this story set?
- How long ago was this tale first written down?
- What do the animals learn?

Talk

Who are the characters in this story?

The **characters** in this story are _____.

What is the author's message on this page?

I **think** the **author's message** is _____.

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Say

'Let's read page 4 together. Then read it again to yourself. Talk to your partner about what you can see in the illustration on page 5.'

Read

Read page 4 together with the students. Then ask the students to read it again to themselves and discuss the illustration with a partner.

Check Understanding

- What did the hunter do?
- What happened when the doves started to eat the seeds?
- How did the doves try to escape?
- What does 'horror' mean on this page?

A crow stood on the branch of an old tree, watching as a hunter placed a net on the ground. The hunter carefully covered the net with dirt and scattered some seeds on top of it. Then he hid behind some bushes and waited.

"I'm going to keep an eye on this hunter," Crow thought to herself.

Before too long, some small, white doves landed on the net and began pecking at the seeds. They were so happy to find the seeds that they did not notice the hunter.

Suddenly, the net sprang up and over them, trapping them inside it. Crow gasped in horror.

The doves panicked and flapped around in all different directions, trying to escape the net.

"Stop!" called one of the doves. "If we all fly up together, we can lift the net into the air and escape from the hunter."

The birds did as she said, and up they flew, still covered by the net.

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Talk

What happens at the beginning of this story?

At the beginning of this story, _____.

Can you retell the message the author is trying to give us on this page?

The **message** the **author** is trying to give us is _____.

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