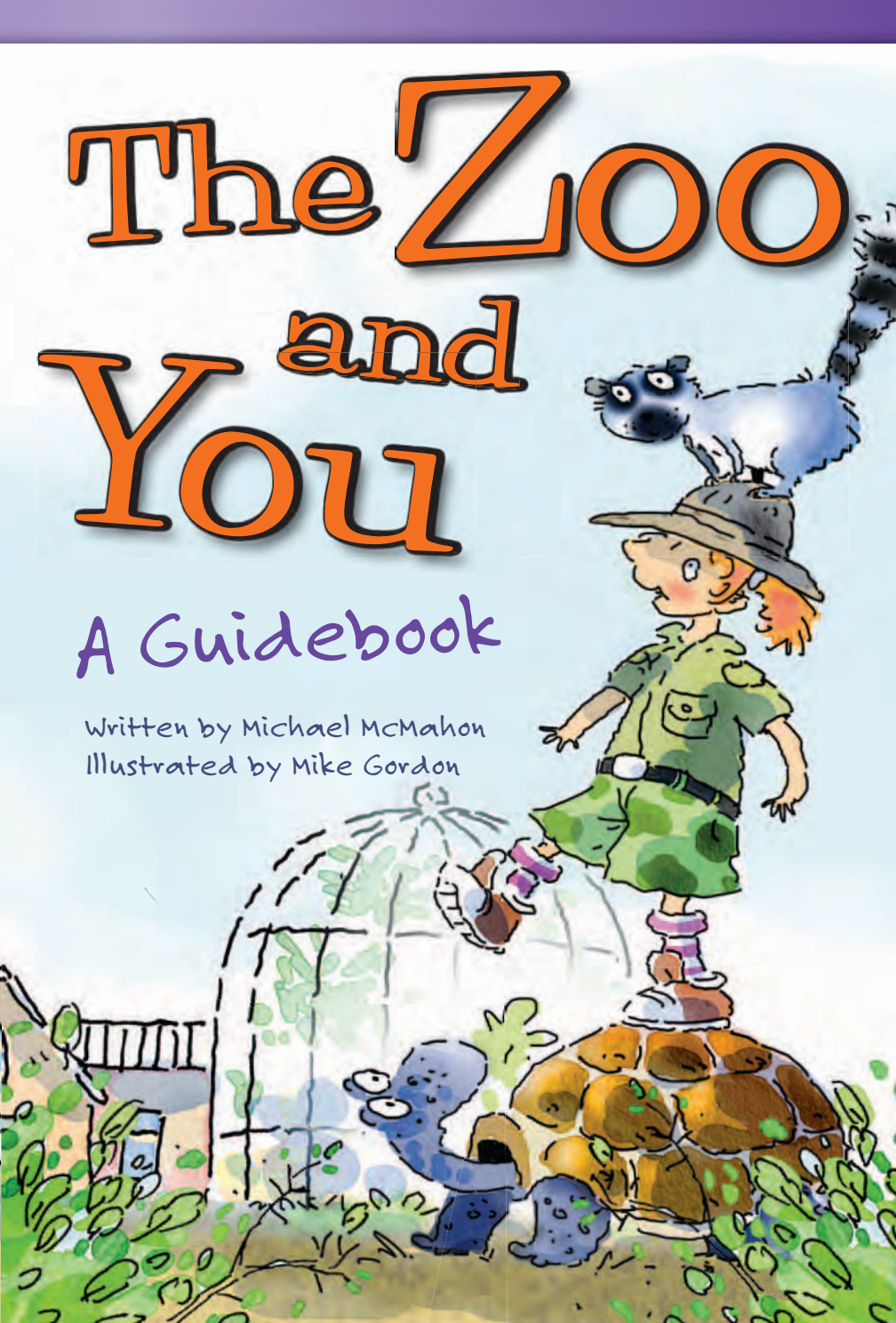
The Zoo and You

A Guidebook

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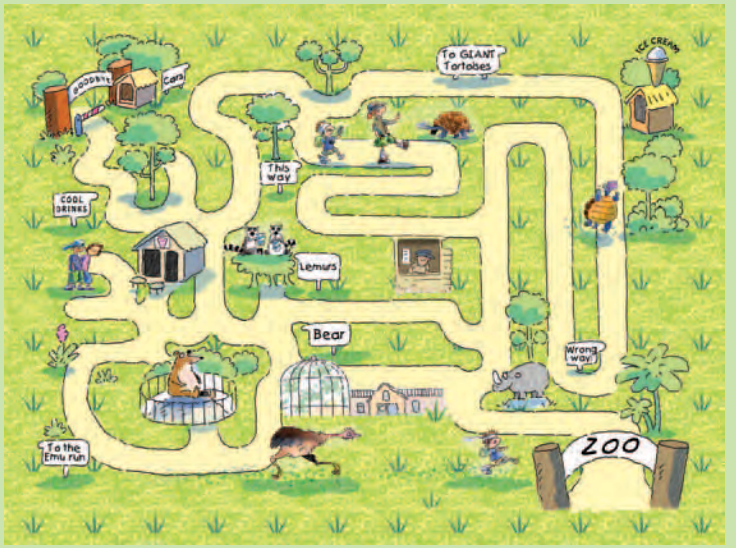
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Chapter One

The Zoo Crew

So you want to be a zookeeper? Marvelous! We can help you become a zookeeper extraordinaire. (That means you will be an out-of-the-ordinary zookeeper.) Zookeepers can work anywhere in the world. (That means you could work in zoos in Melbourne, Moscow, Basel, or Berlin!)

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You can join our zoo crew today! You can help feed the animals and clean their pens. You will have plenty of hands-on action with some of our wonderful animals. All you need to do is dress up for the occasion.

So let's start your zoo-keeping lessons with Aldabra tortoises. You will be the envy of all your friends. You can help with our giant tortoise display. First, you need to know a few things before you tiptoe into their pen.



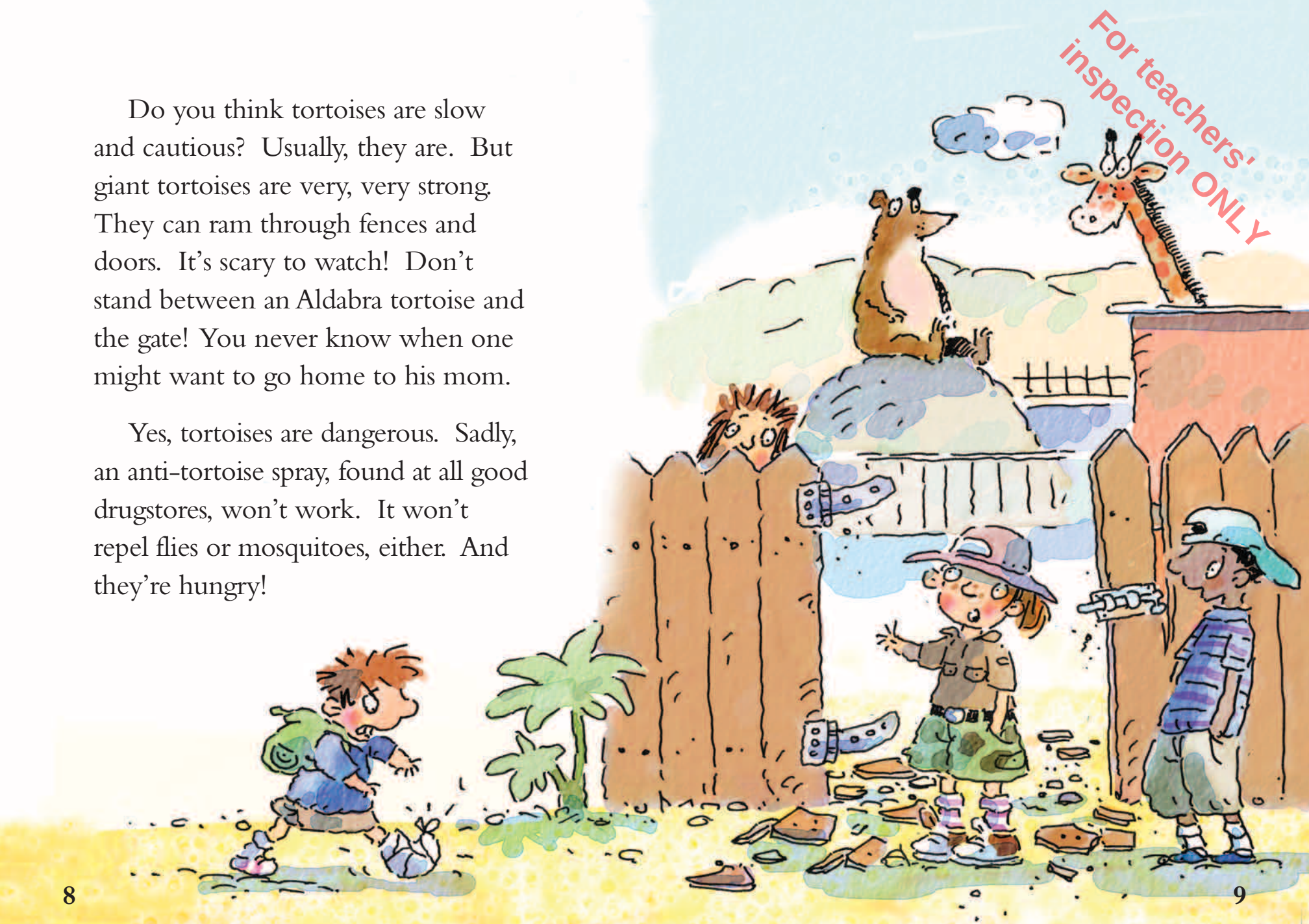
Sometimes, the tortoises think they are Olympic gymnasts. They rise up on their hind legs to eat low-hanging tree branches for lunch. Make sure you aren't under the trees when the tortoises come down to Earth. There won't be much of you left if you are! You may also like to know tortoises love to eat squashed people.



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Do you think tortoises are slow and cautious? Usually, they are. But giant tortoises are very, very strong. They can ram through fences and doors. It's scary to watch! Don't stand between an Aldabra tortoise and the gate! You never know when one might want to go home to his mom.

Yes, tortoises are dangerous. Sadly, an anti-tortoise spray, found at all good drugstores, won't work. It won't repel flies or mosquitoes, either. And they're hungry!



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