The Adventures of Kingii

the Frilled Lizard



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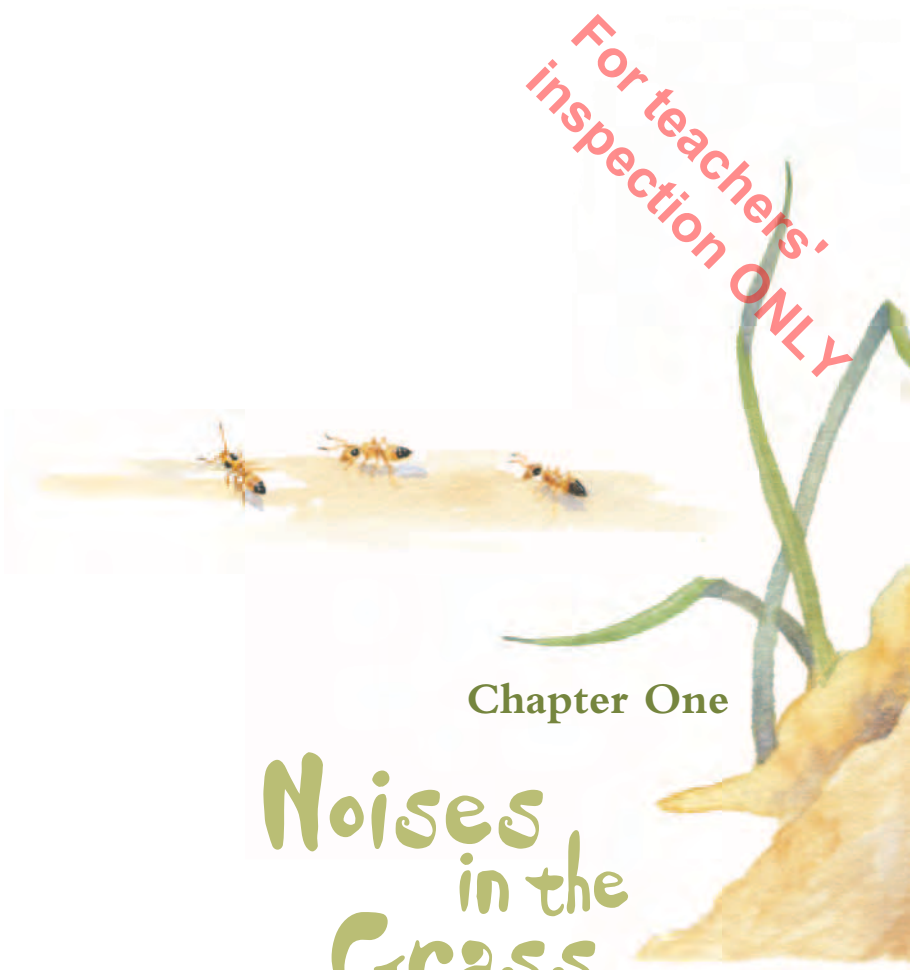
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Chapter One

Noises in the Grass

Kingii the Frilled Lizard climbed down from the tree and padded onto the dry, grassy ground. He was hungry—very hungry.

What will I eat today? he wondered. Perhaps, I will find a cicada or a spider, or maybe even a termite colony. His sharp eyes darted across the land. He spied an ant nest and watched as the insects scurried back and forth to their hole. In a flash, Kingii was there, feasting happily. Ants were his favorite.

Suddenly, he heard a rustling sound and stiffened. The grass quivered in the warm air. Kingii wasted no time. He sprang into a thick clump of grass and snatched a small lizard with his sharp teeth. *Gulp!*

"Tasty!" said Kingii.



He settled on a large rock and let the sunshine warm his body, from his slim legs all the way to the tip of his long, scaly tail.

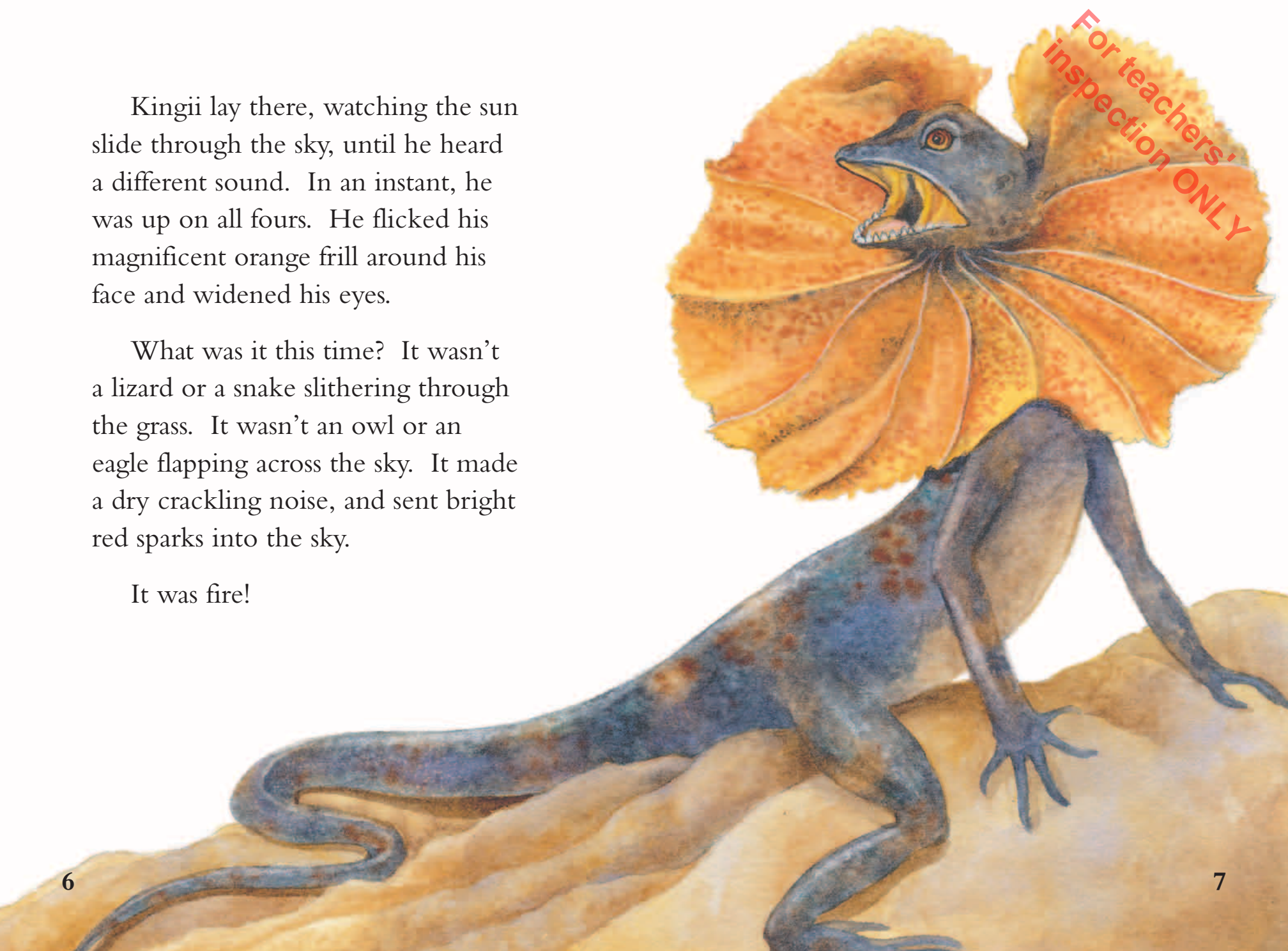


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Kingii lay there, watching the sun slide through the sky, until he heard a different sound. In an instant, he was up on all fours. He flicked his magnificent orange frill around his face and widened his eyes.

What was it this time? It wasn't a lizard or a snake slithering through the grass. It wasn't an owl or an eagle flapping across the sky. It made a dry crackling noise, and sent bright red sparks into the sky.

It was fire!



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Chapter Two

Escape!

A strong, fierce wind sprang up. Flames soared into the air like giant arrows.

