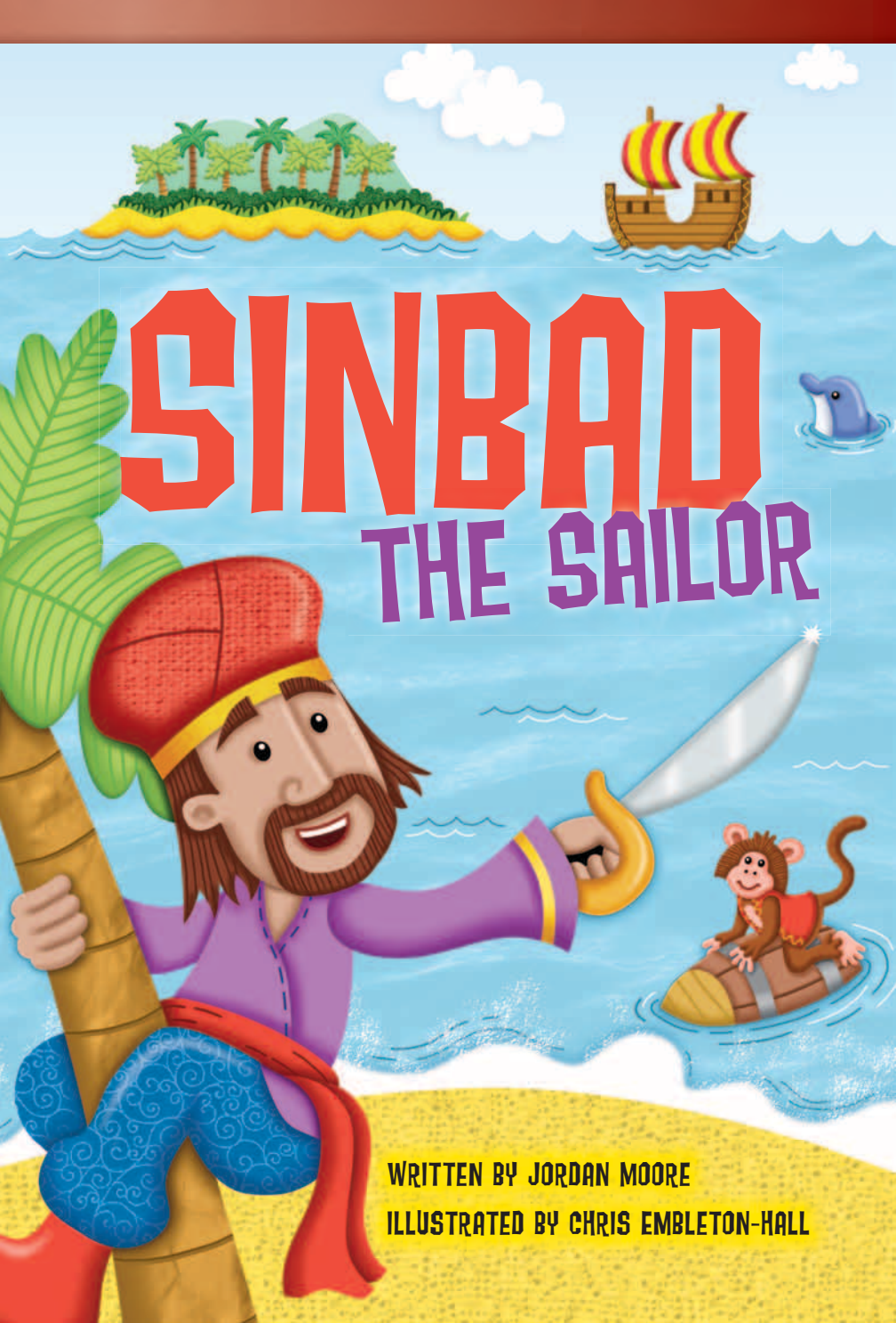

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Chapter One

SET SAIL!

Long ago, a fool named Sinbad lived in the great city of Baghdad. There, he spent his riches carelessly until one day, he ran out of money. It seemed even lazy men needed jobs.

Sinbad was not interested in seafaring. But he had seen merchant sailors come to his city and leave with their wallets heavier. So, Sinbad decided to become a sailor.

He packed his bags. With the last of his money, he bought jewelry, carpets, and silk. Perhaps he could sell these goods. He joined a merchant crew, and they set sail on the big, blue sea.

They traveled for many days and nights. Sinbad grew very tired of the rolling waves. He was unable to sleep.

But at last, they arrived at an amazing island. There were delicious fruits, funny monkeys, and colorful birds. Best of all, there was solid ground! The sand felt wonderful between Sinbad's toes. He slept for hours on the still, unmoving beaches, only waking to eat.

Sinbad was in paradise—or so he thought.



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Chapter Two

FIRED UP



The sailors stayed on the island for weeks. One night, while they were drinking coconut milk and singing songs, they decided to light a fire. As the fire burned stronger, a strange thing happened. The island shuddered.

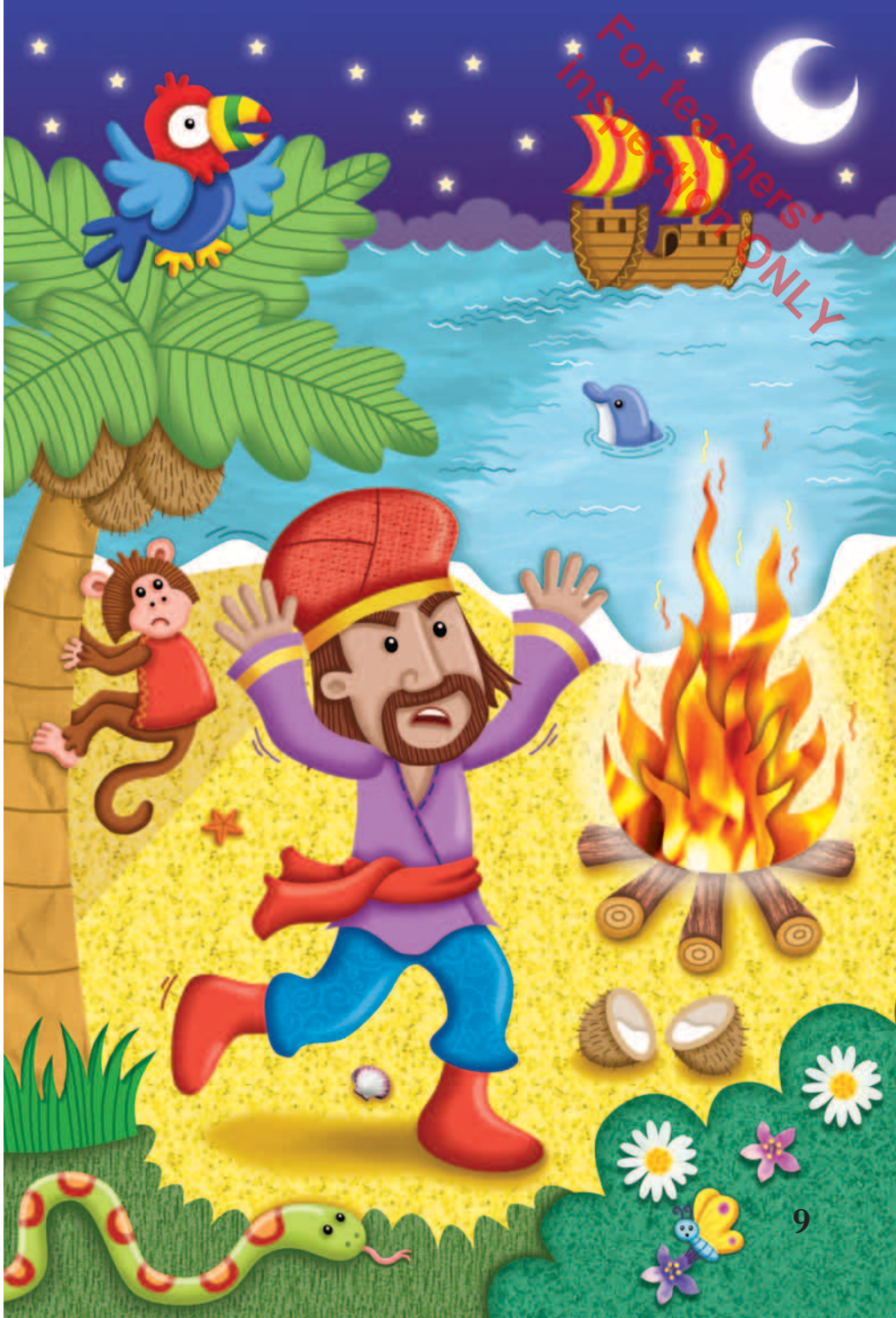
BERRRRGHM!

"How weird," thought the men.

It happened again! The sailors didn't wait for a third rumble before they darted back to the ship and set sail.

Sinbad had been dozing behind a tree. The third rumble woke him. Quickly, he ran to find the others. But when he reached the beach, he only saw the ship far out at sea.

Sinbad was angry with his friends until he realized the island was moving violently. *How can an island move?* he thought. Then, like a boat with a leak, the island began to sink.



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