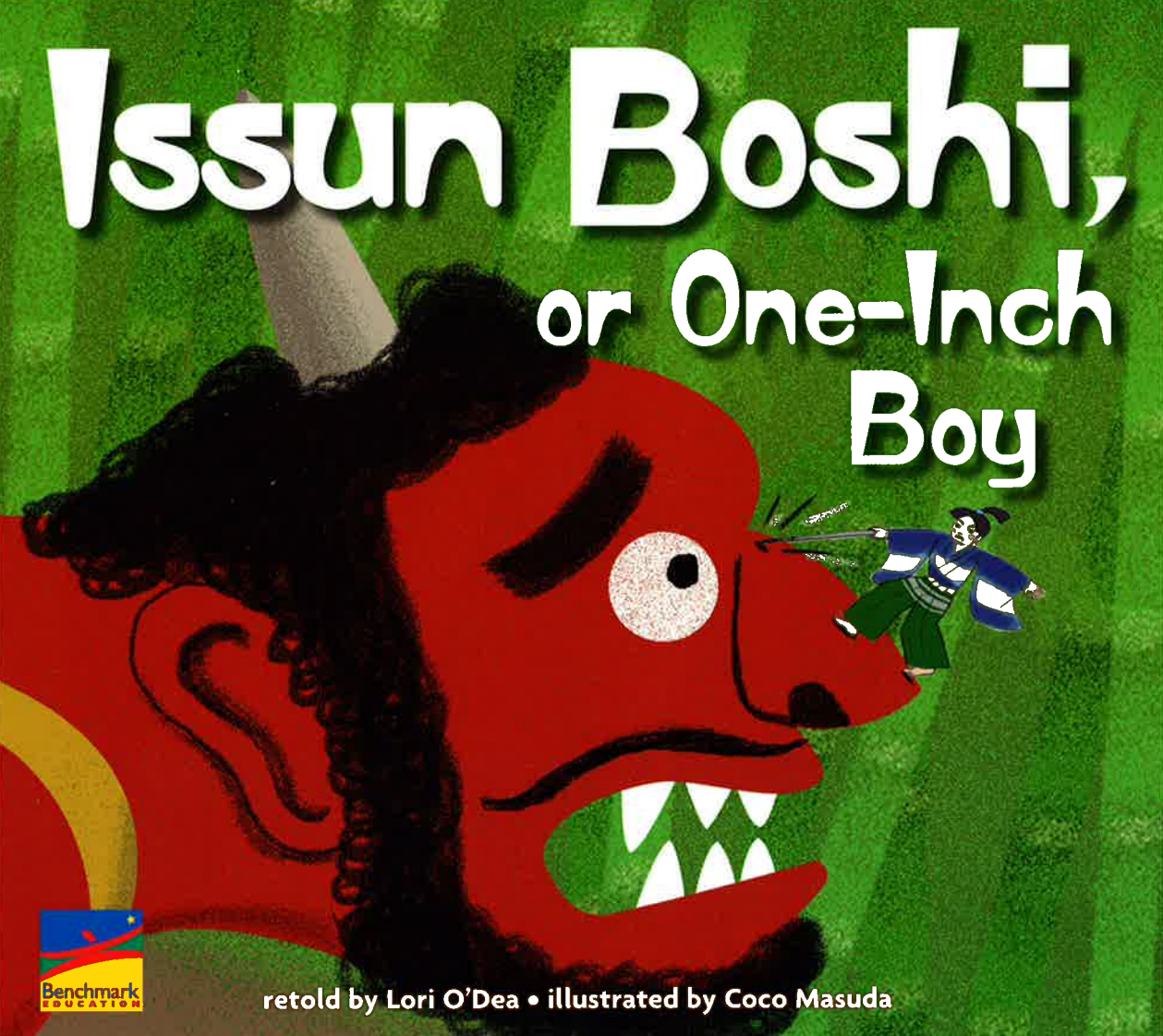
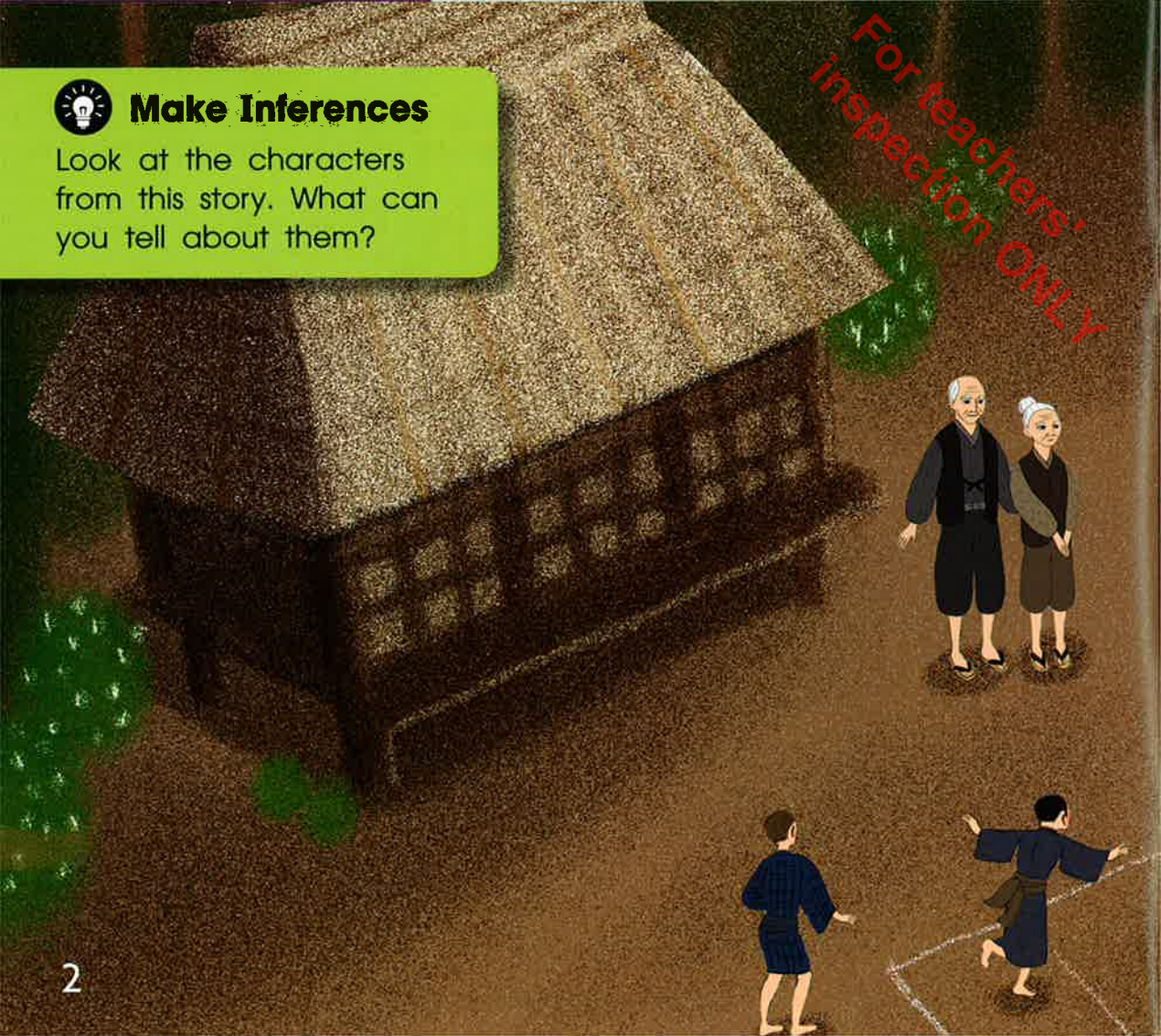
Issun Boshi, or One-Inch Boy



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Make Inferences
Look at the characters from this story. What can you tell about them?
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An old man and woman saw children.
They saw big and small children.
They saw boys and girls.









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They made a wish.
"We want a child, any child!"
Soon they had a little boy.
They called him Issun Boshi,
or One-Inch Boy.



Issun Boshi was a good boy.
He was not big, but he was brave.



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He wanted to go many places.
He went away in a rice bowl.
He had a pin for a sword.

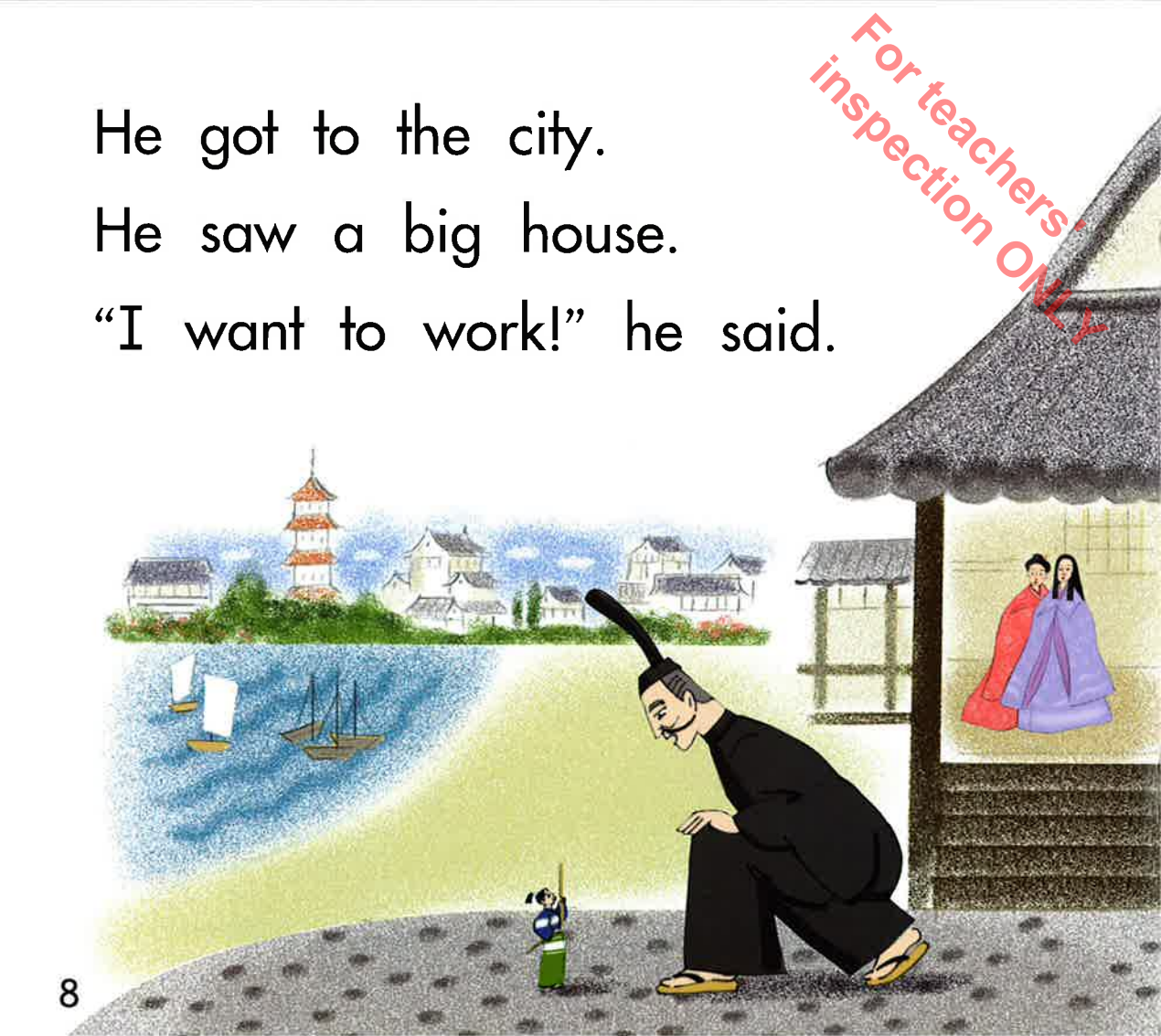


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He got to the city.

He saw a big house.

"I want to work!" he said.



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The princess liked him.
"I will work for you," he said.

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What happened in this tale?

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Analyze Story Elements

What is one problem in this story? What is its solution?