Snakes Alive!



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My brother, Simon,
got a new fish tank.
Simon has so many fish
that he needs a bigger tank,
and my parents said
I could have the old one!

At the pet shop, I saw lots of tanks
full of cool fish, and one empty tank.

Wait, there was something in that tank!
There was something moving.



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A yellow and brown face
looked out at me.
Its eyes stared coolly,
and its tongue flicked out.
It was a snake!

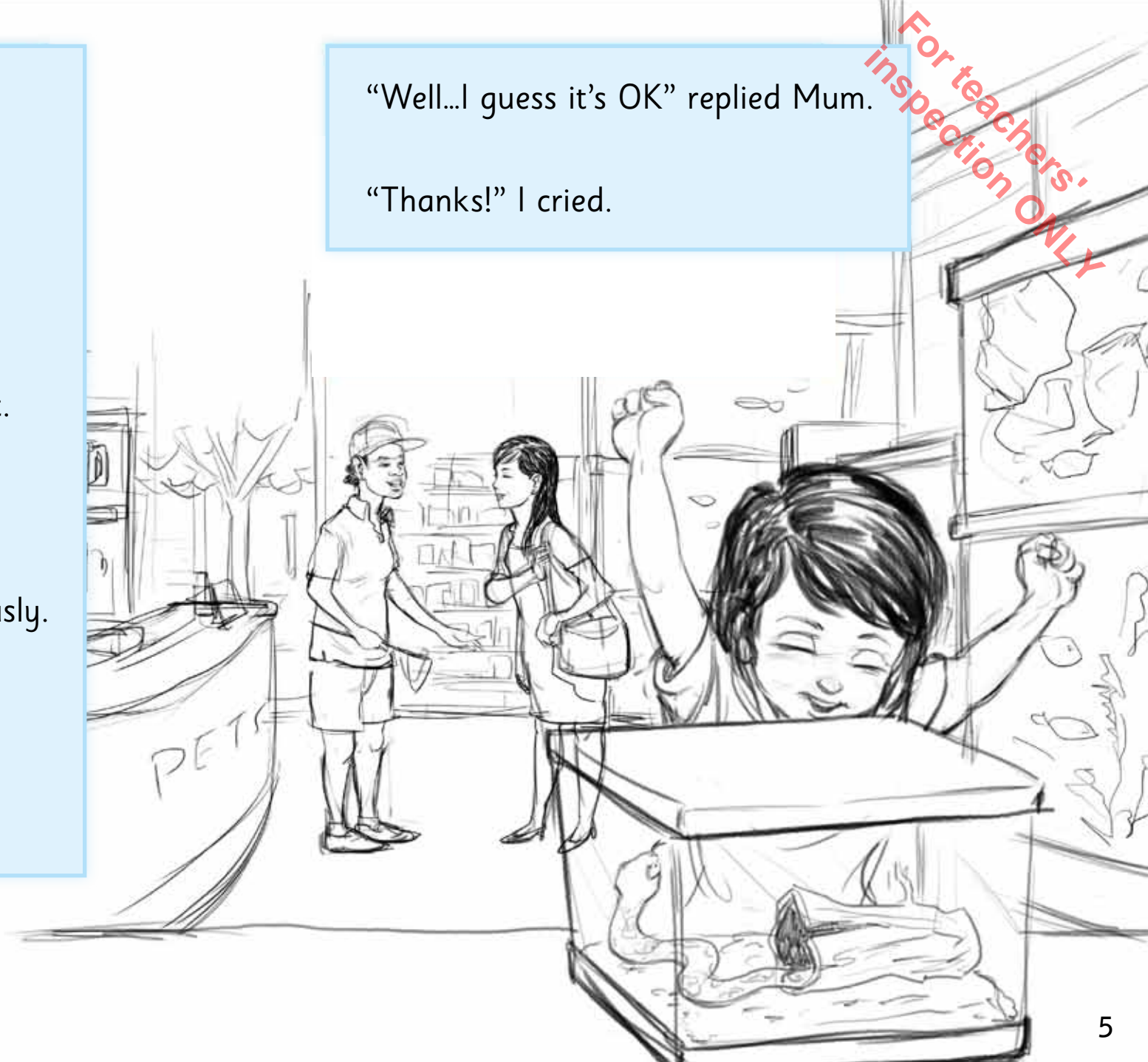
"Mum, forget the fish!" I called out.
"I want the snake!"

"Is this snake poisonous?"
Mum asked the shopkeeper nervously.

"Of course not!" he said.
"Our snakes are perfectly safe,
thank you very much."

"Well...I guess it's OK" replied Mum.

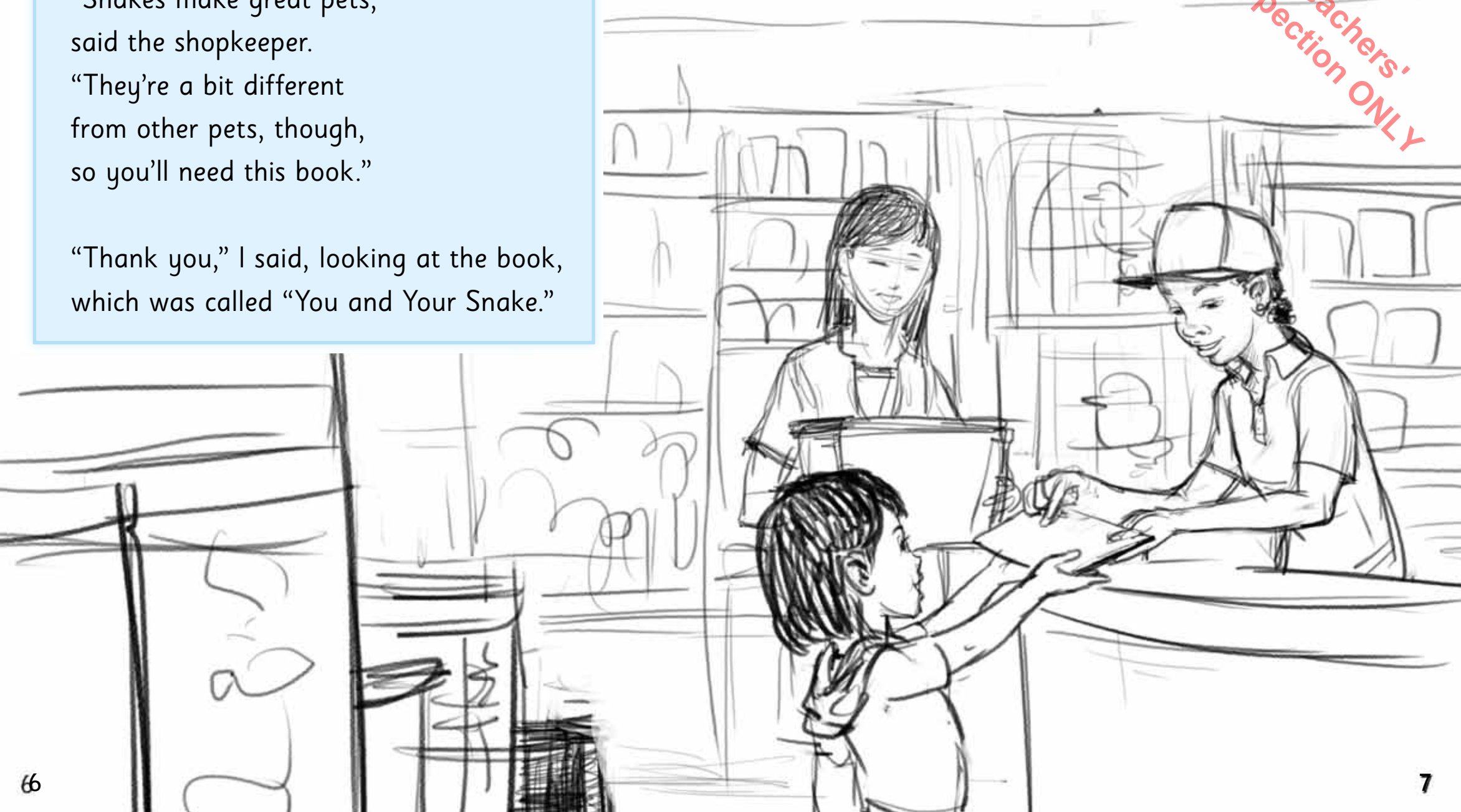
"Thanks!" I cried.



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"Snakes make great pets,"
said the shopkeeper.
"They're a bit different
from other pets, though,
so you'll need this book."

"Thank you," I said, looking at the book,
which was called "You and Your Snake."



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