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A Tale Inspired by Vietnamese Fables



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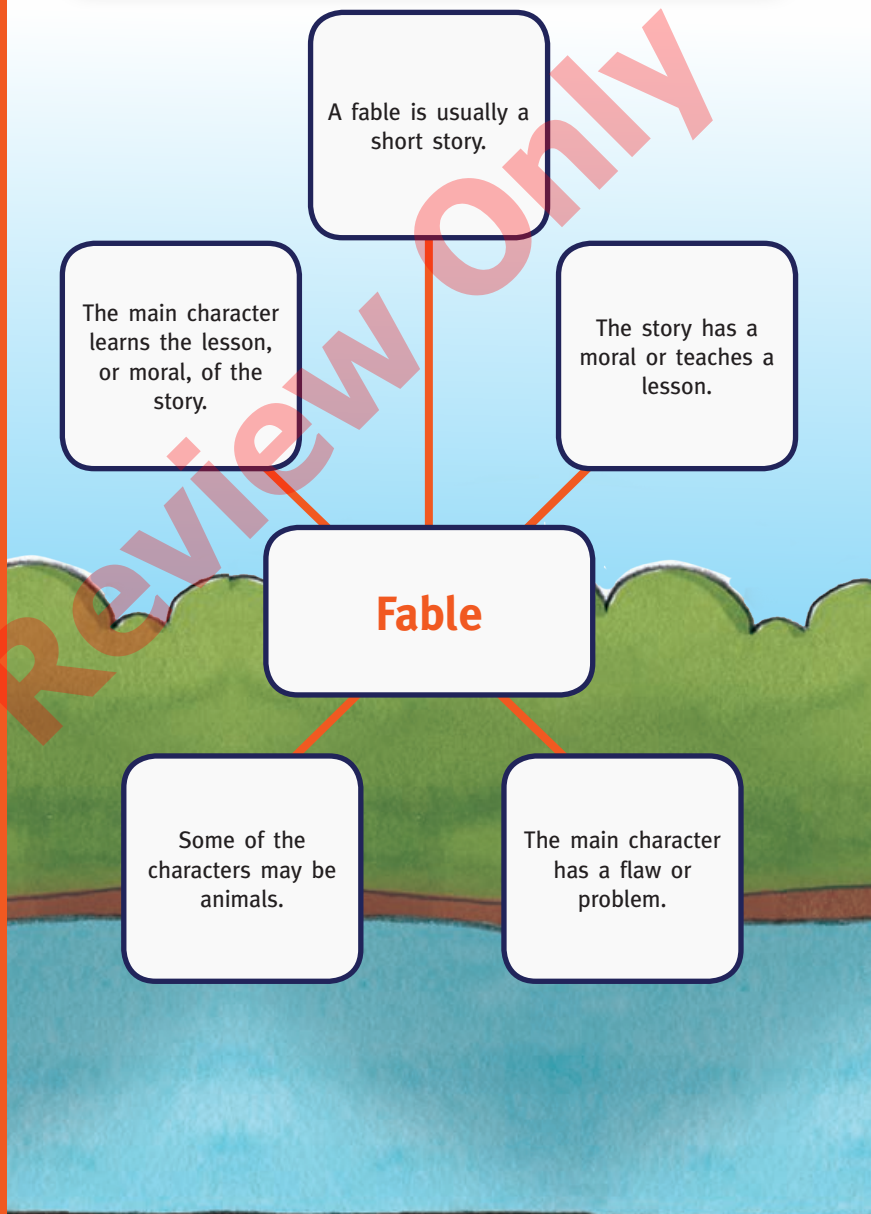
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Long ago, there was a shy turtle.
Every day, she floated in her pond
surrounded by beautiful yellow lilies.
One afternoon, she crawled toward the
shore to take a stroll through the forest.

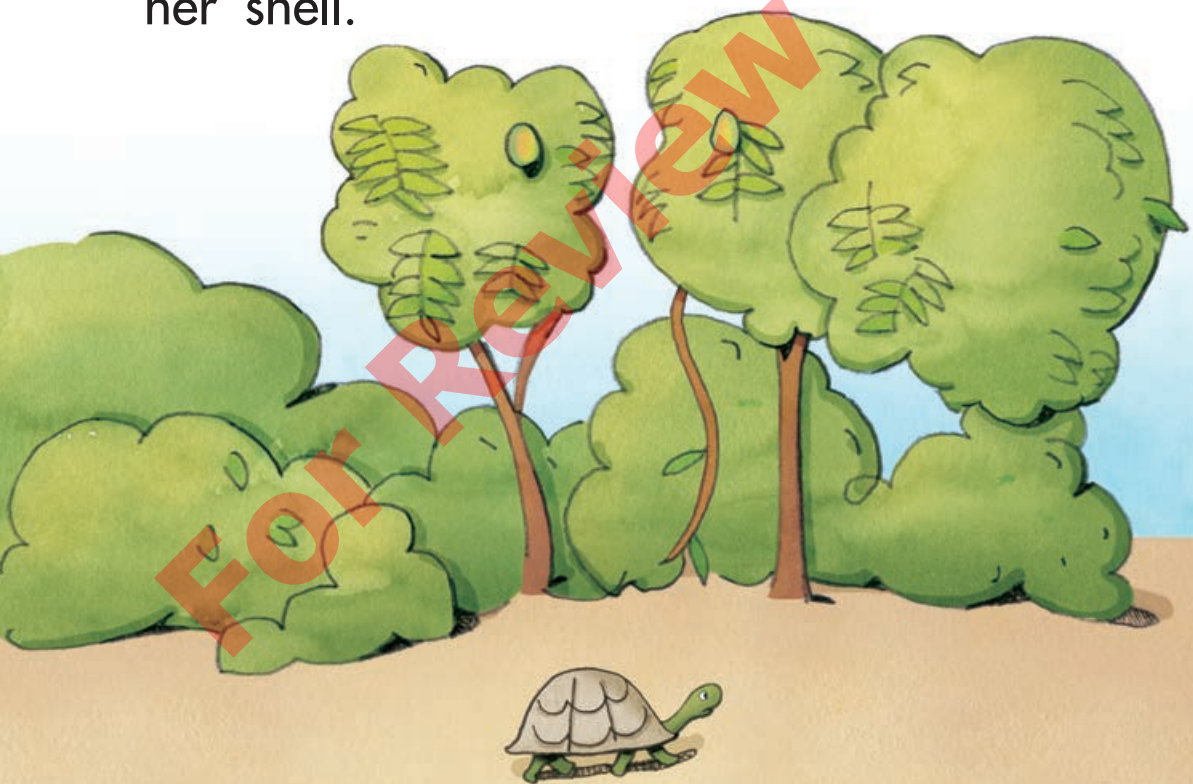




Meanwhile, Tiger was pacing around his cave. He was bored and lonely. To pass the time, Tiger decided to go for a run in the forest.

Turtle was walking through the forest admiring the tall mango trees. Suddenly, Tiger came rushing toward her.

“Oh!” Turtle cried when she saw the fierce-looking animal. She hid inside her shell.



Tiger circled about Turtle curiously.
What could this be? he thought.

Tiger jumped back. Then he began to laugh at Turtle's game of peekaboo. The unlikely pair became great friends. Every day they met at the mango trees to play.





One day, Tiger impatiently waited for Turtle to arrive. He rushed over to the pond and called for his friend.

“Down here, Tiger,” Turtle answered.

Turtle was busy. The rain and wind had blown the rocks and soil all around. She was trying to fix the land at the bank of the pond. Tiger decided to help his friend. Turtle was grateful.

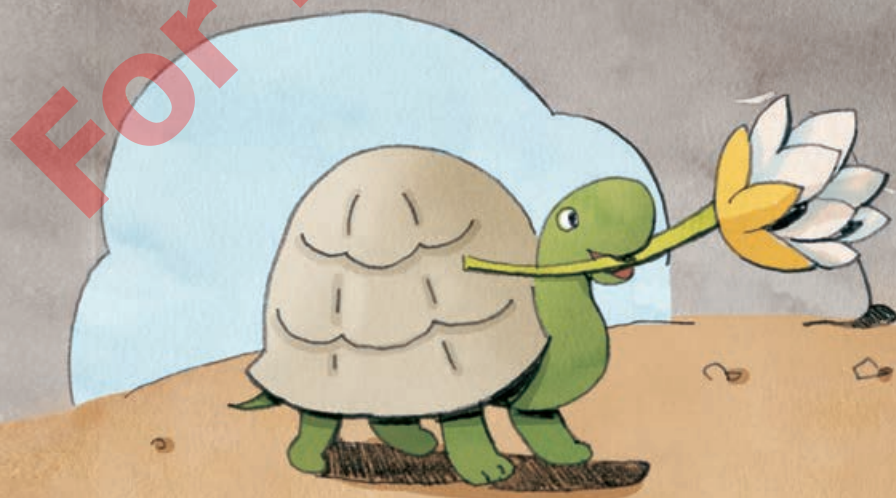
When the pair met to play the next day, Tiger seemed sad.

“Why are you sad?” Turtle asked her friend.

“My cave is so bare. I want to make it pretty,” Tiger answered.

“I’ll bring beautiful lilies from my pond,” Turtle said. “That will help.”

This time, Tiger was grateful.



A few days later, the two friends sat under the mango tree enjoying the shade.

Suddenly, they heard a soft thud. A small mango landed near them and was rolling along the ground.





“That looks tasty,” Turtle said.
“We should eat it.”

“No, I want to use it to decorate
my cave. It will look
nice with the lilies,” said Tiger.

The friends argued over
the mango.

