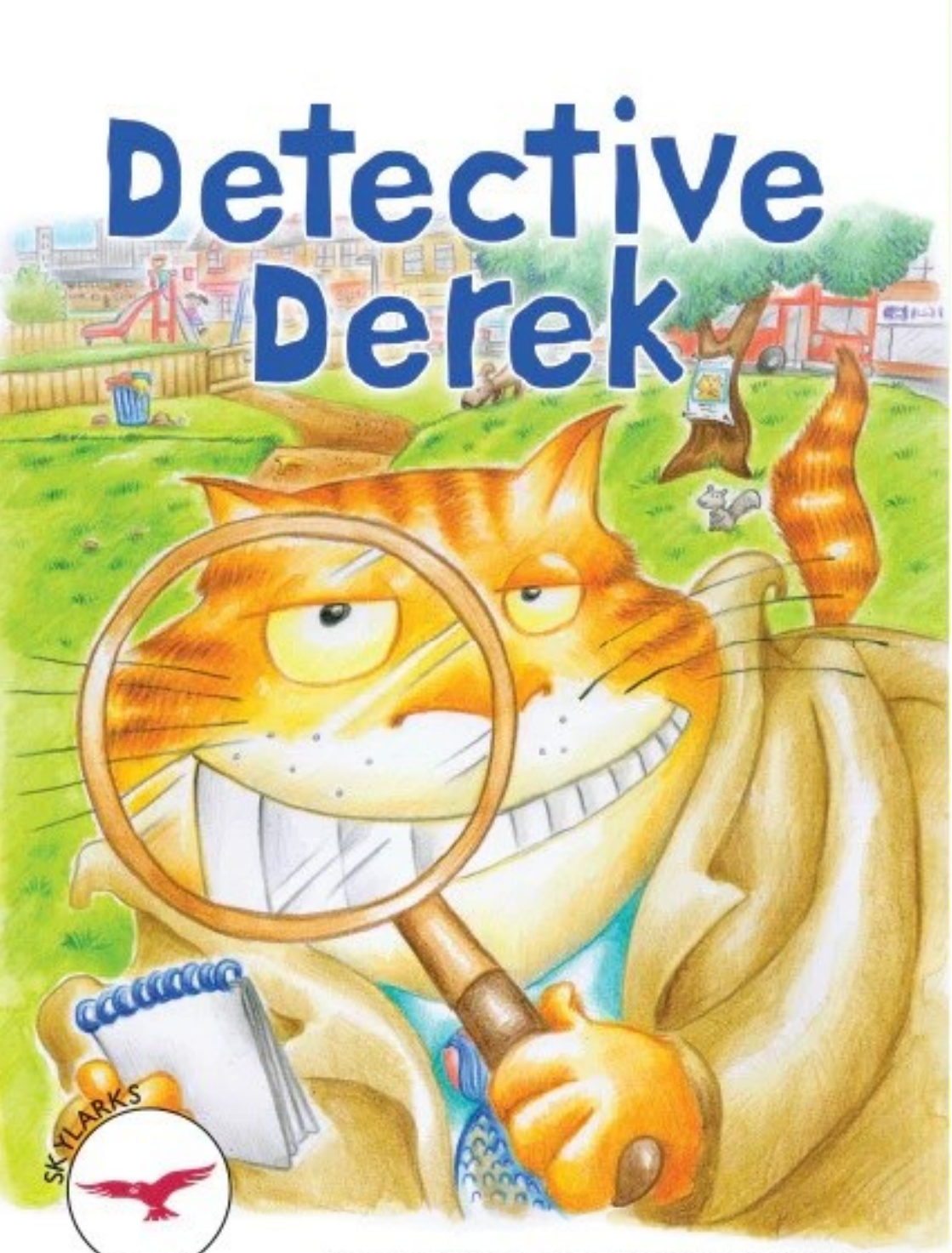
Detective Derek



Karen Wallace and Beccy Blake

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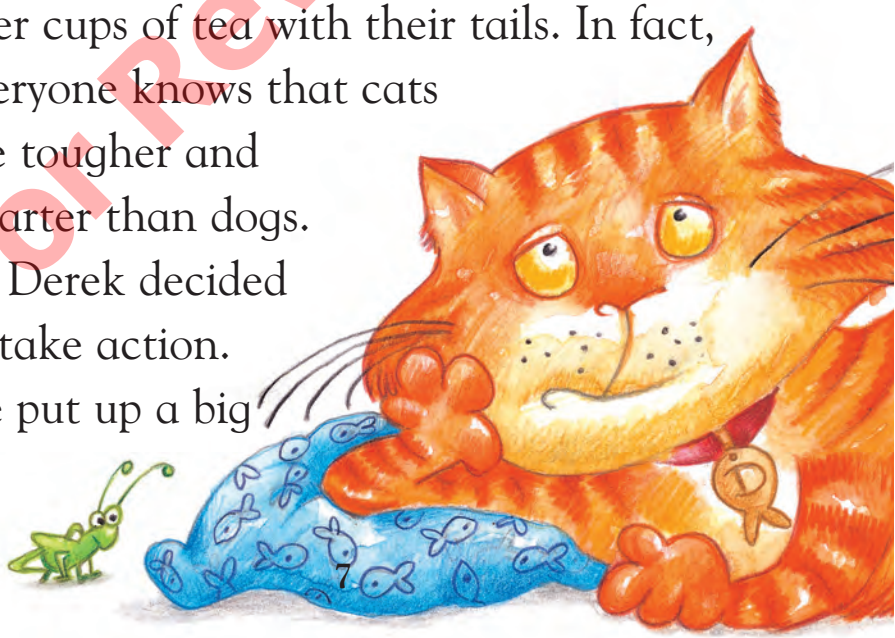
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Chapter One

Derek was a cat who cared about one thing. He wanted to join the police force and be a detective. After all, said Derek to himself, if dogs can do it, why not cats?

Also, cats don't drool, they don't have stupid barks and they never, ever knock over cups of tea with their tails. In fact, everyone knows that cats are tougher and smarter than dogs. So Derek decided to take action. He put up a big



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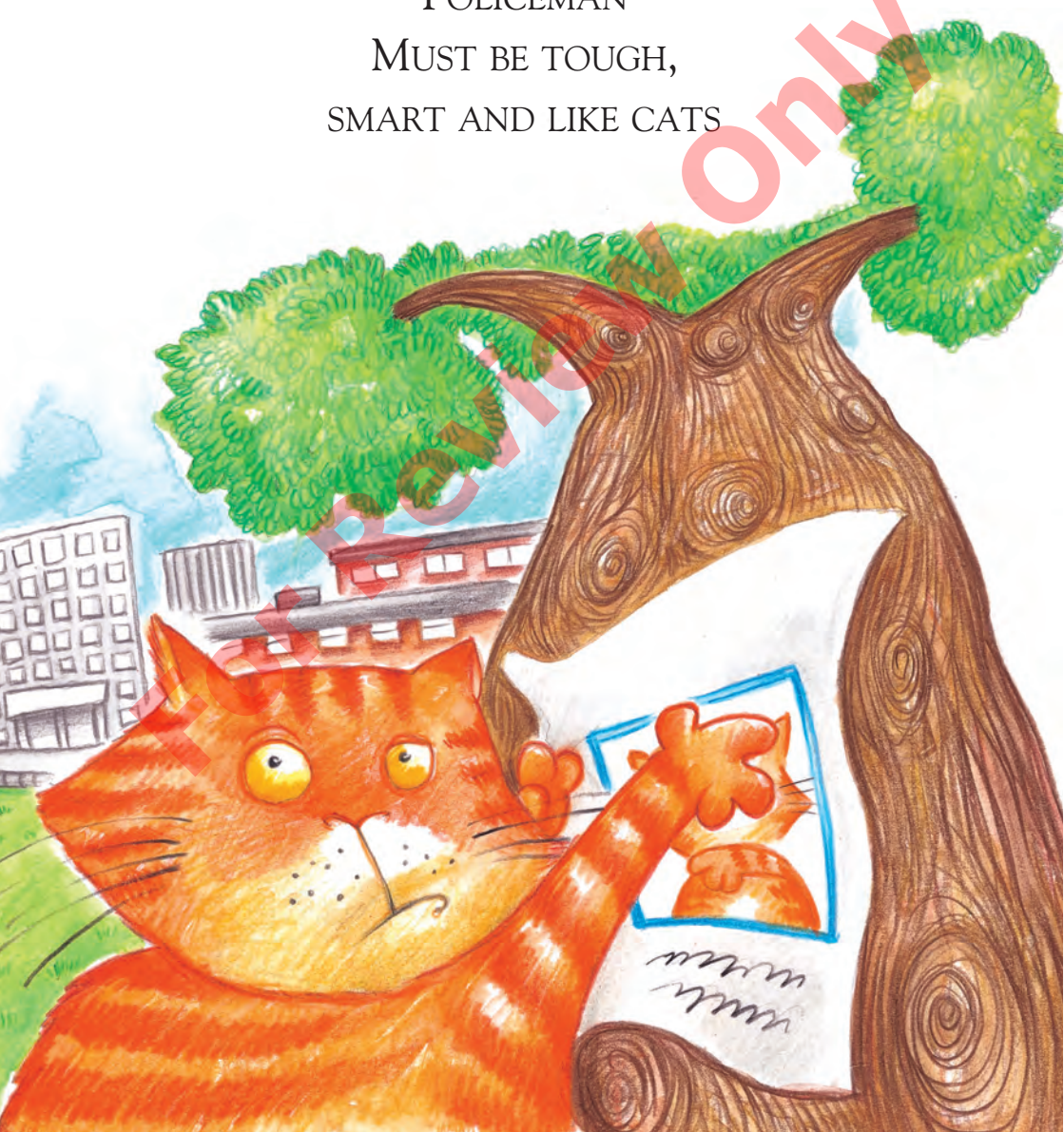
poster in the roughest part of town.
The poster said:

WANTED

POLICEMAN

MUST BE TOUGH,

SMART AND LIKE CATS



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Then Derek hid up a tree, crossed his paws for good luck and waited.

Half an hour later, Sergeant Norman walked by. Sergeant Norman had enormous feet so he could stamp out trouble in a flash. He also had a shiny red ball which he bounced up and down



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really fast when he wanted to think really hard.

Sergeant Norman stopped and read the poster.

Derek watched as the shiny red ball went up and down.

"Huh," said Sergeant Norman to himself. "Sounds like a good idea to me. If dogs can do it, why not cats?"

It was exactly what Derek wanted to hear!

He leapt down from his branch and

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rubbed his face against Sergeant Norman's ankle.

It was amazing. Sergeant Norman and Derek looked each other in the eye and understood each other right away.

It was as if they had been partners for years!

Sergeant Norman climbed onto his bicycle and Derek climbed onto his back and the two of them pedalled down to the police station immediately.



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Chapter Two



"So you want to be a detective," said Superintendent Sid. He looked into Derek's clever yellow eyes and scratched his head thoughtfully. "That is most unusual. But then again, if dogs can do it, why not cats?"

Derek and Sergeant Norman were both delighted.

It was exactly what they wanted to hear!

"Okay," said Superintendent Sid. "This is the deal. If you two can catch the Mouse and the Boxer, I will make Derek a detective right away."

Sergeant Norman tried not to twitch.

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