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Max the Sheepdog

Max really wants to impress his mum by being a good sheepdog, but it's a lot tougher than it looks! The animals run away from him in all directions. Maybe he can find something else he'll be good at?

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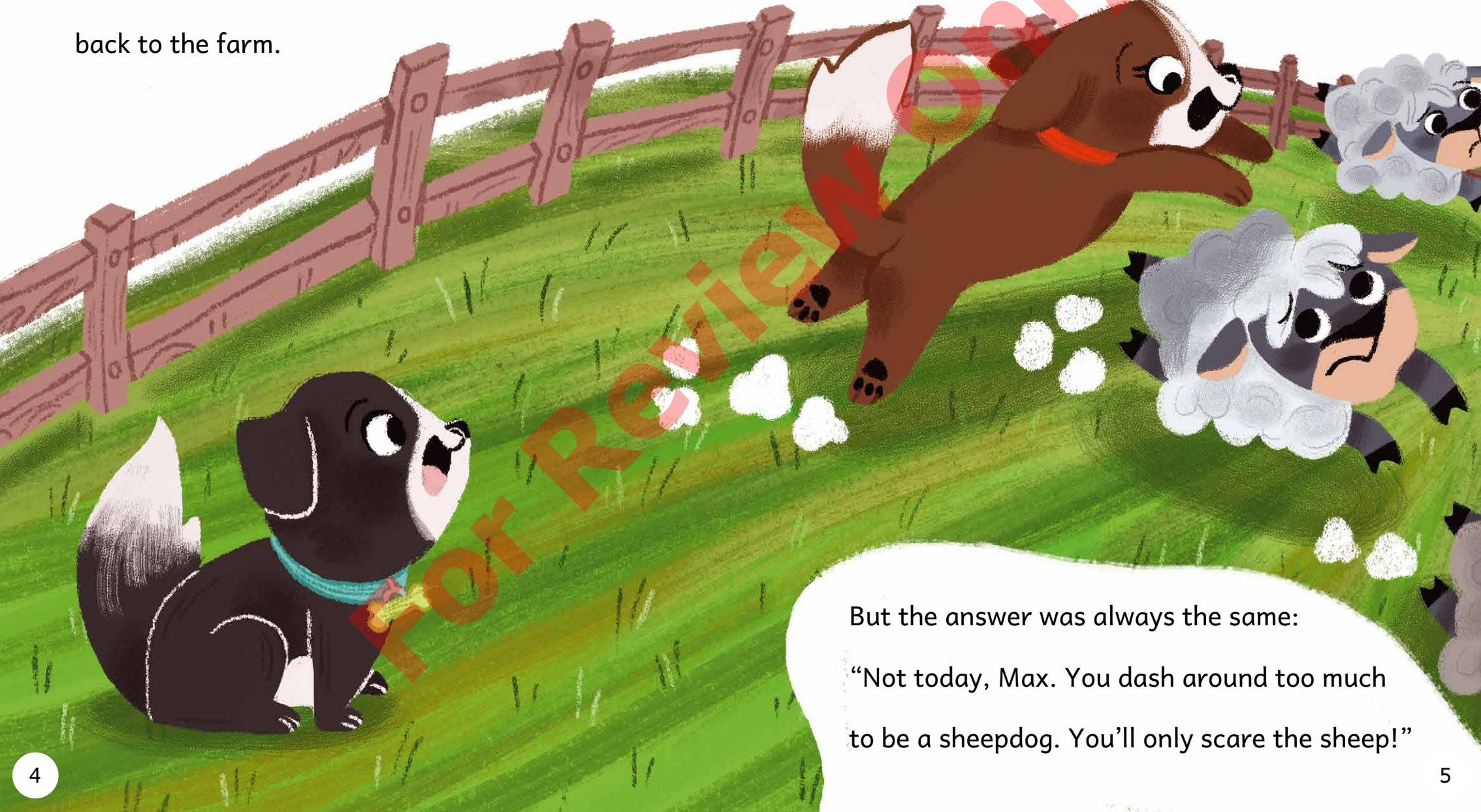
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Max thought Mum was the best sheepdog in the whole world. He loved to watch her rounding up the sheep, bringing them safely back to the farm.

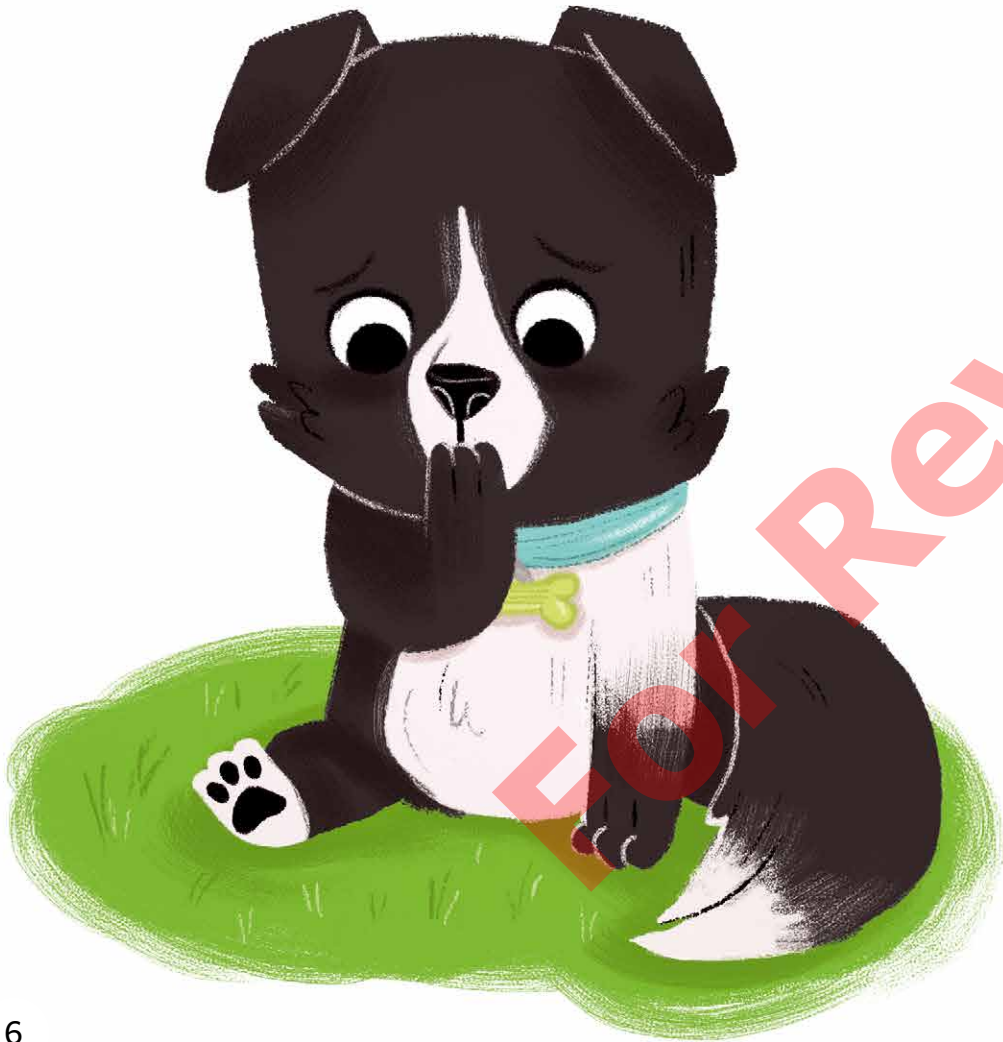
Every day, Max asked, “Mum, can I help round up the sheep?”



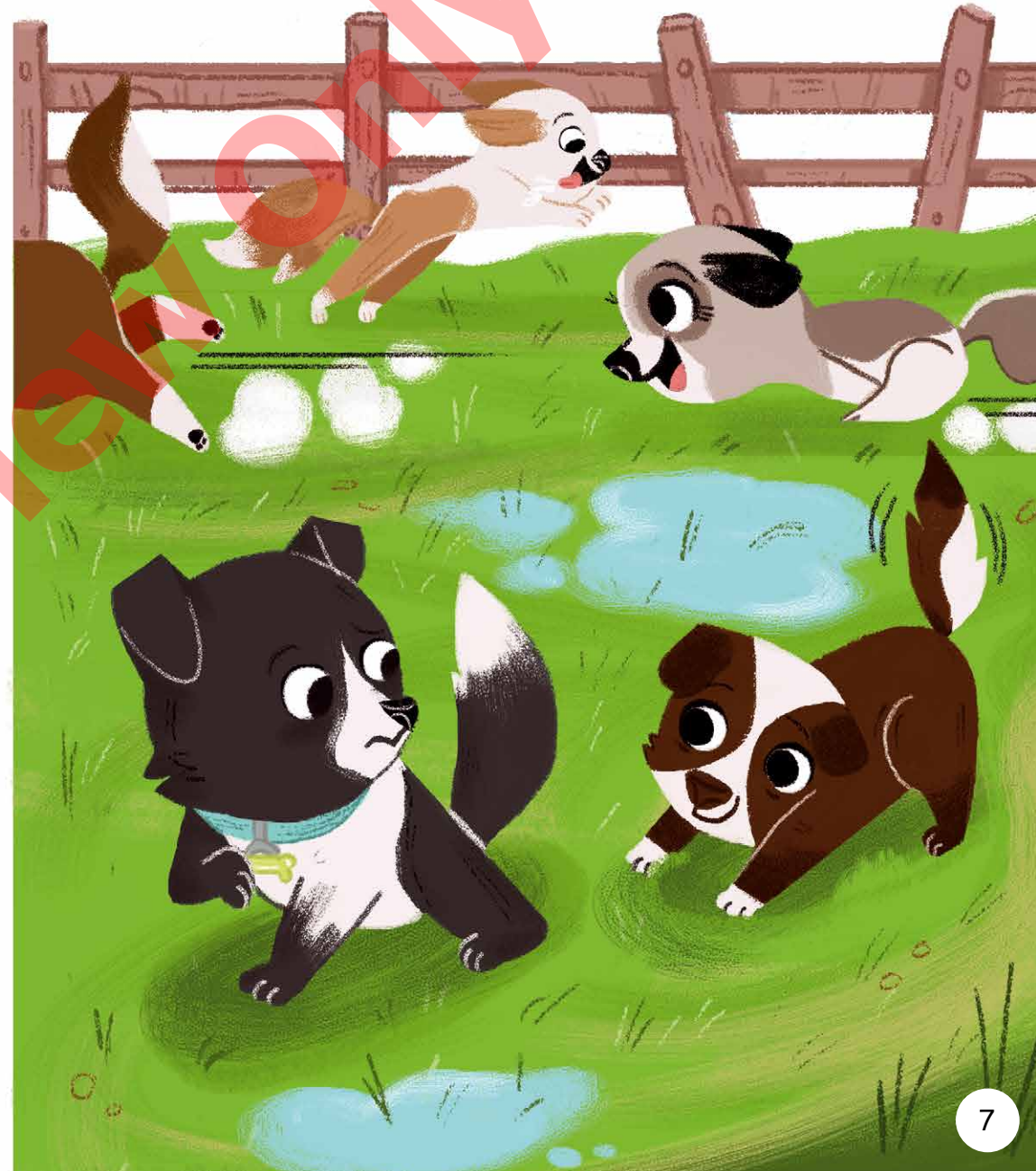
But the answer was always the same:

“Not today, Max. You dash around too much to be a sheepdog. You’ll only scare the sheep!”

Max felt sad. He was sure he could be a brilliant sheepdog. If only Mum would give him a chance! 'I know,' thought Max. 'I'll practice my rounding up skills while Mum is at work.'



First he tried to round up his brothers and sisters. It wasn't that easy!



‘Perhaps spiders might be easier to round up,’ thought Max. He set off for the barn to sort out all the spiders. DASH, JUMP, ZOOM!



He chased the spiders round and round the barn. “SLOW DOWN!” yelled the spiders. Then they rolled up and hid in high corners!



Max let out a long sigh. ‘Being a sheepdog is really quite tricky,’ he thought.