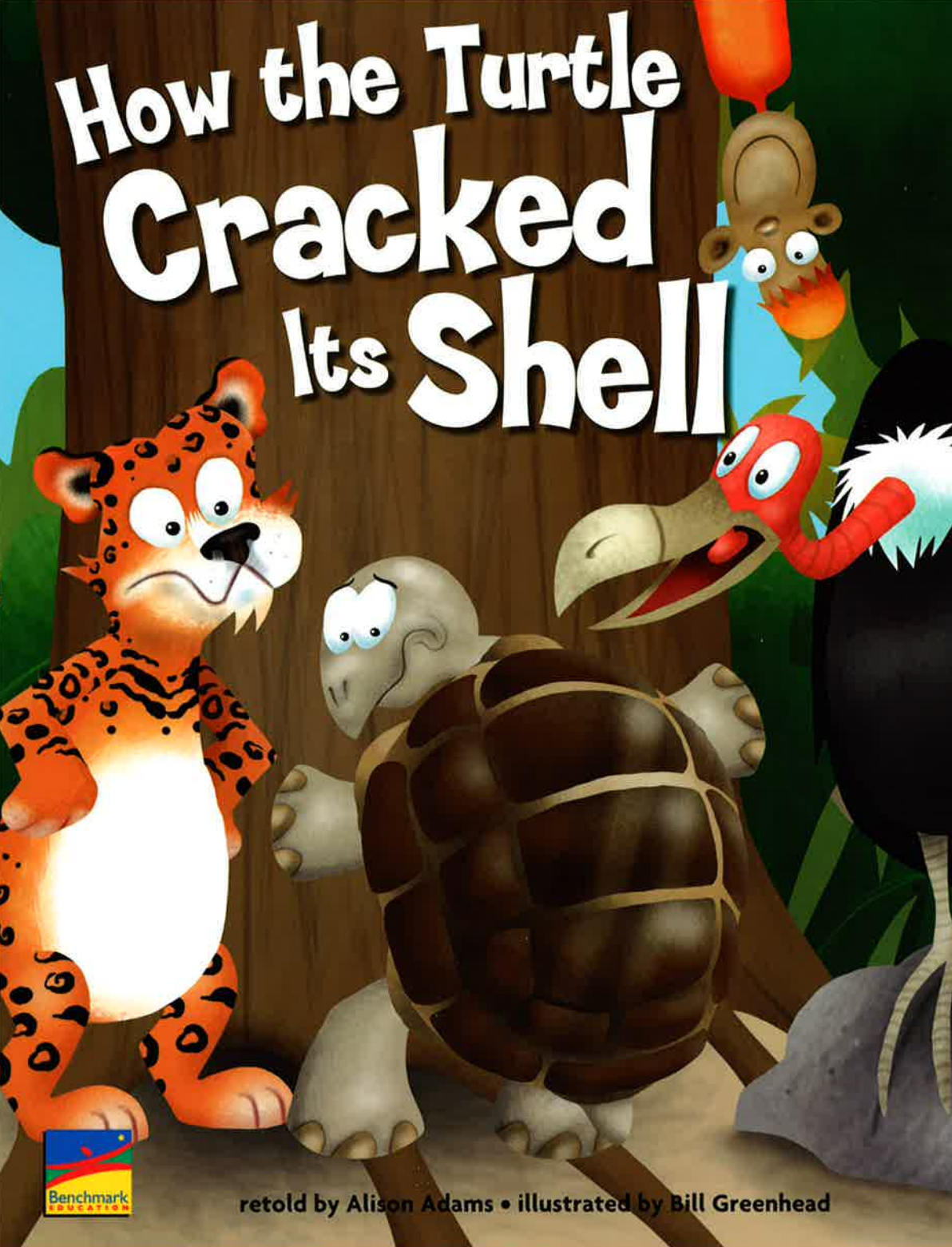
How the Turtle Cracked Its Shell



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Visualize

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"Hi, Turtle," said Crocodile.
"Do you want to play in the mud with me today?"



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"No, Crocodile," said Turtle. "Look at my shell. It's so shiny! I want to keep my shell looking like new."



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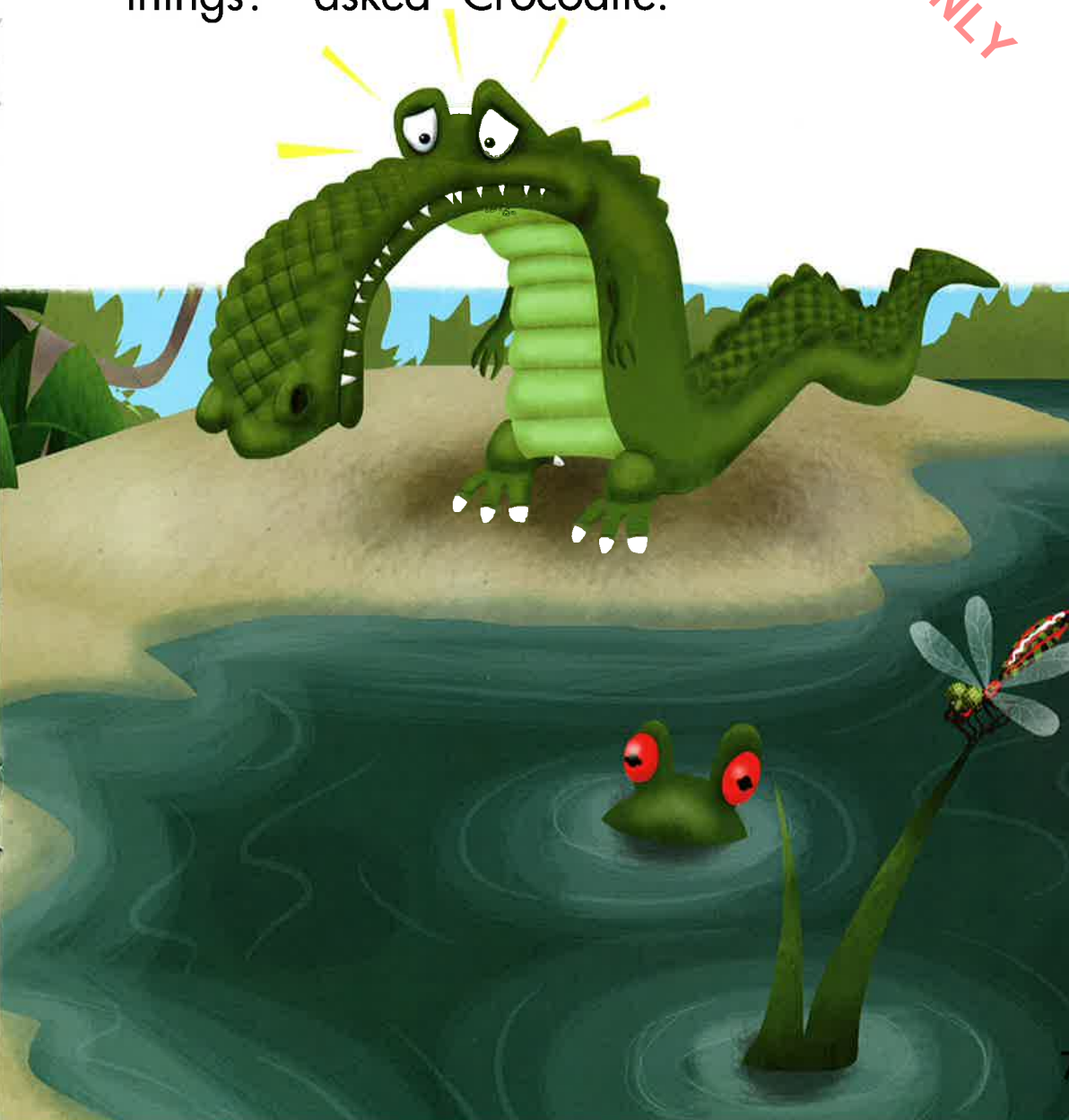
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"Your shell does look good," said Crocodile.

"I know," said Turtle. "I try to take care of it. I don't want to start looking like you."



"Turtle! What is wrong with the way I look? Why do you say such mean things?" asked Crocodile.



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Parrot and Monkey were playing high up in the tree. "Who said something mean, Crocodile?" shouted Monkey.

"Turtle did," said Crocodile.



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"You do that all the time, Turtle. You should be careful about what you say," said Monkey.

"Let's just talk about something different," said Crocodile.



What happened in this pourquoi tale?

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Identify Cause and Effect

Why does Turtle have a cracked shell?