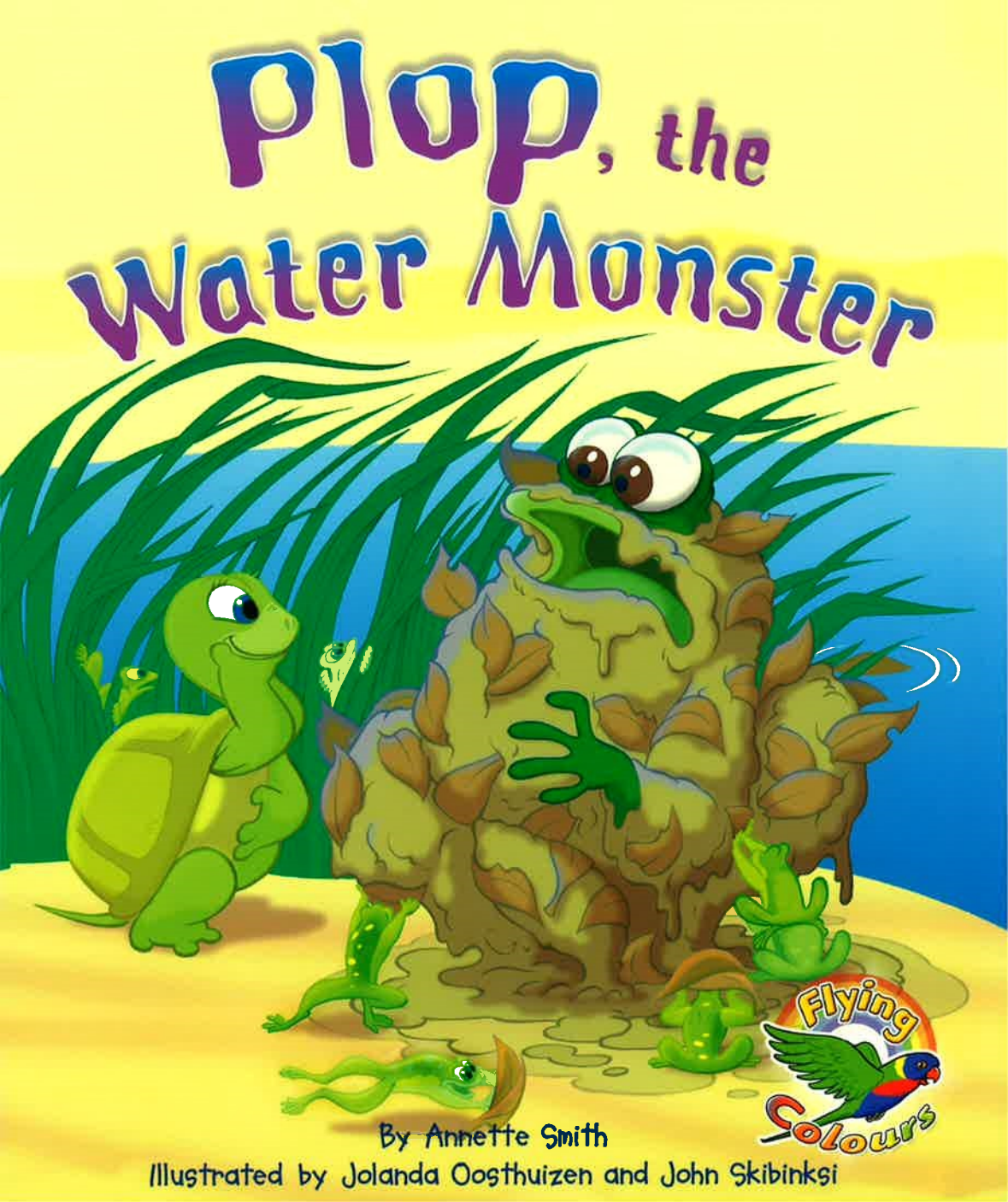
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Plop sat on the big leaf
and looked across the pool.

"I'm the boss here," he said.
"I'm the boss of this pool."



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Tortoise sat in the long grass.
Some little frogs hid
under the brown leaves.

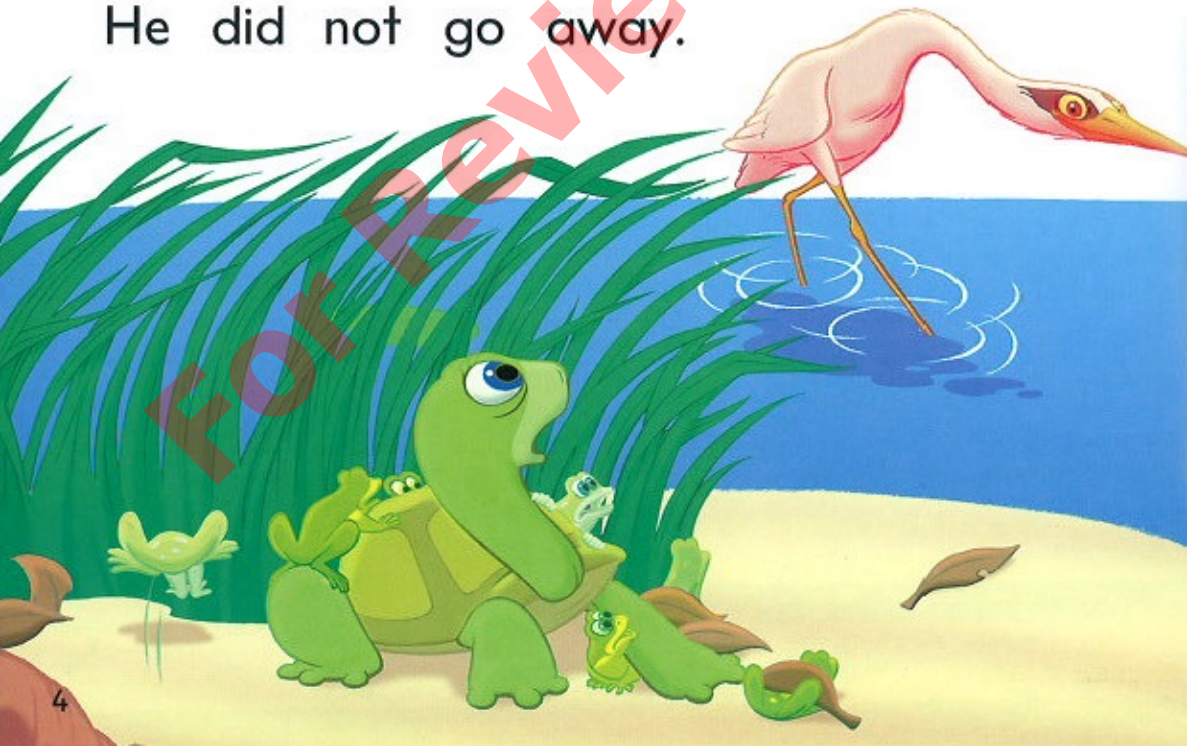


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Tortoise and the little frogs
waited for Plop to go away.

They wanted to go
into the pool too.

But Plop stayed on the leaf.
He did not go away.



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Big Bird walked into the water.
He was hungry.
He was looking for a big fat frog
to eat for his dinner.

Big Bird saw Plop.
He came up behind him.

Snap!



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But Plop jumped into the water just in time ... **plop!**

He swam under the water. He did not want Big Bird to find him.

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Big Bird was very cross.

He snapped his beak.

Snap! Snap! Snap!

Big Bird started to look under every leaf.

He was going to find Plop.



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