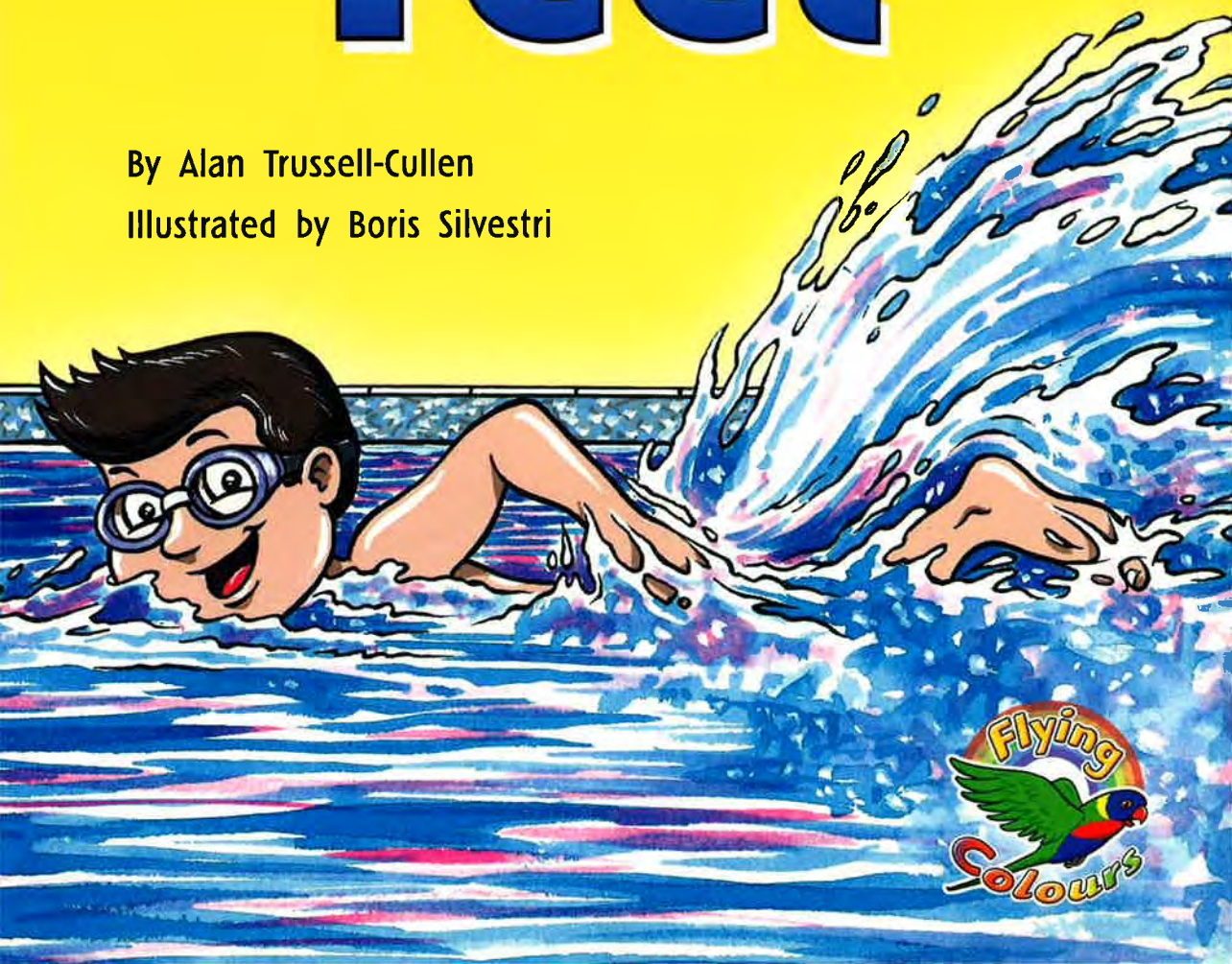
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Chapter 1

Tony's Big Feet

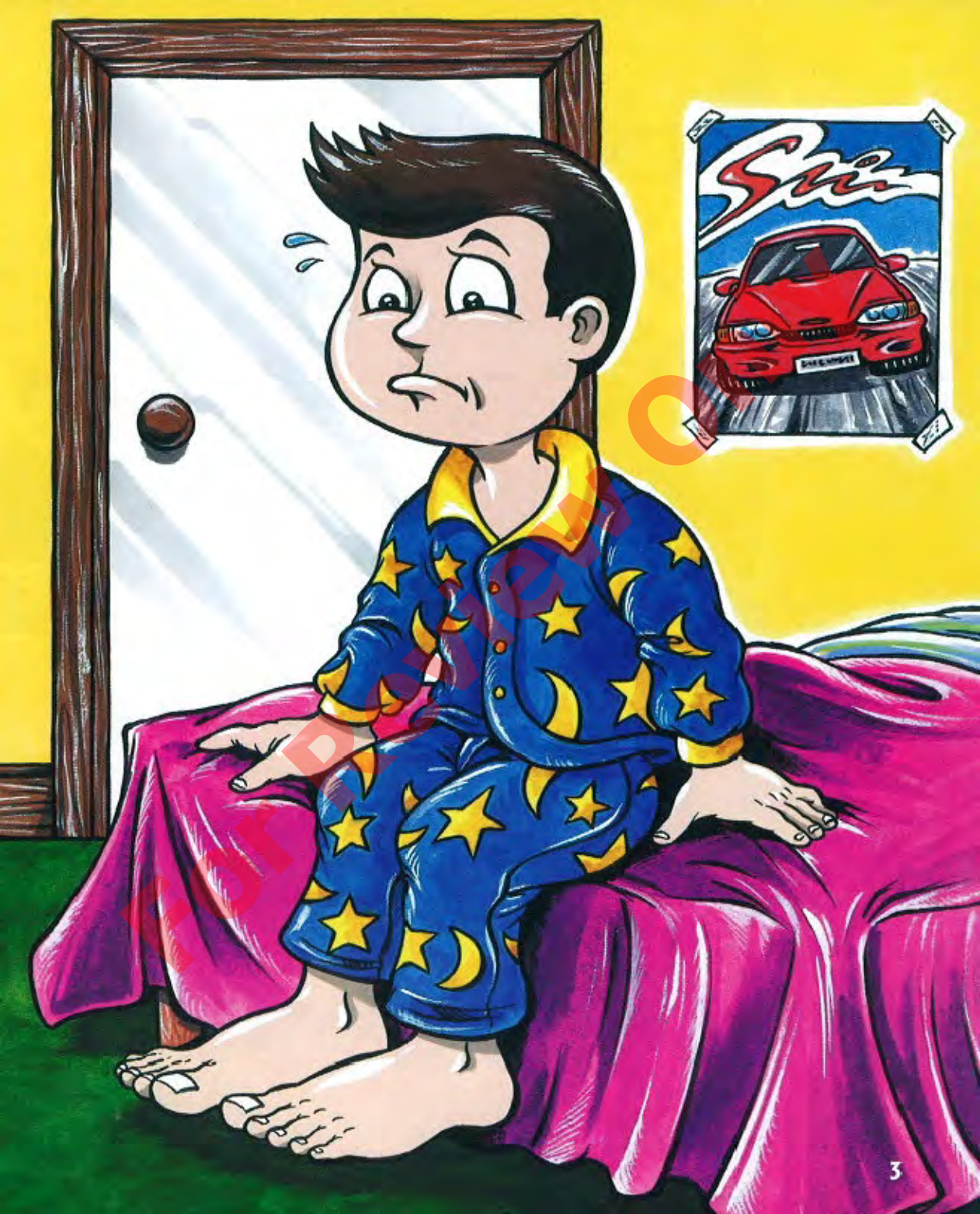
Tony had big feet – really big feet! His feet were so big, they just didn't seem to belong to him.

Tony hated his big feet. He hated going to the shop for new sneakers because the man in the shop always made a joke about his big feet.

Sometimes his friends made jokes about his big feet too.

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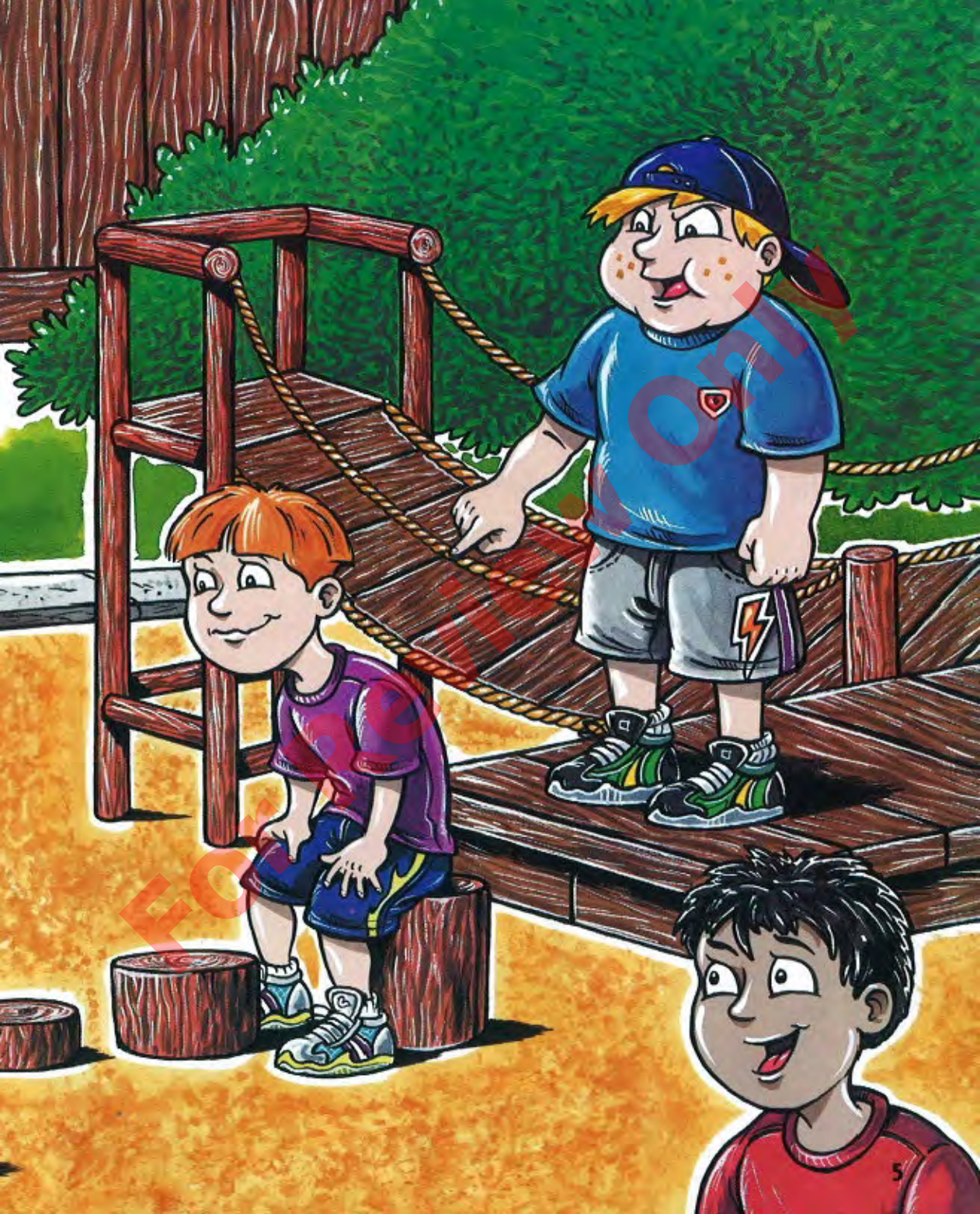



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But Barney White was different. He was the biggest kid in Tony's class, and the meanest. He was always being mean to Tony. He used to call him 'Duck Feet', and say things like, "Look out! Here comes Duck Feet! Be careful he doesn't stand on you! He'll squash you like a bug!"



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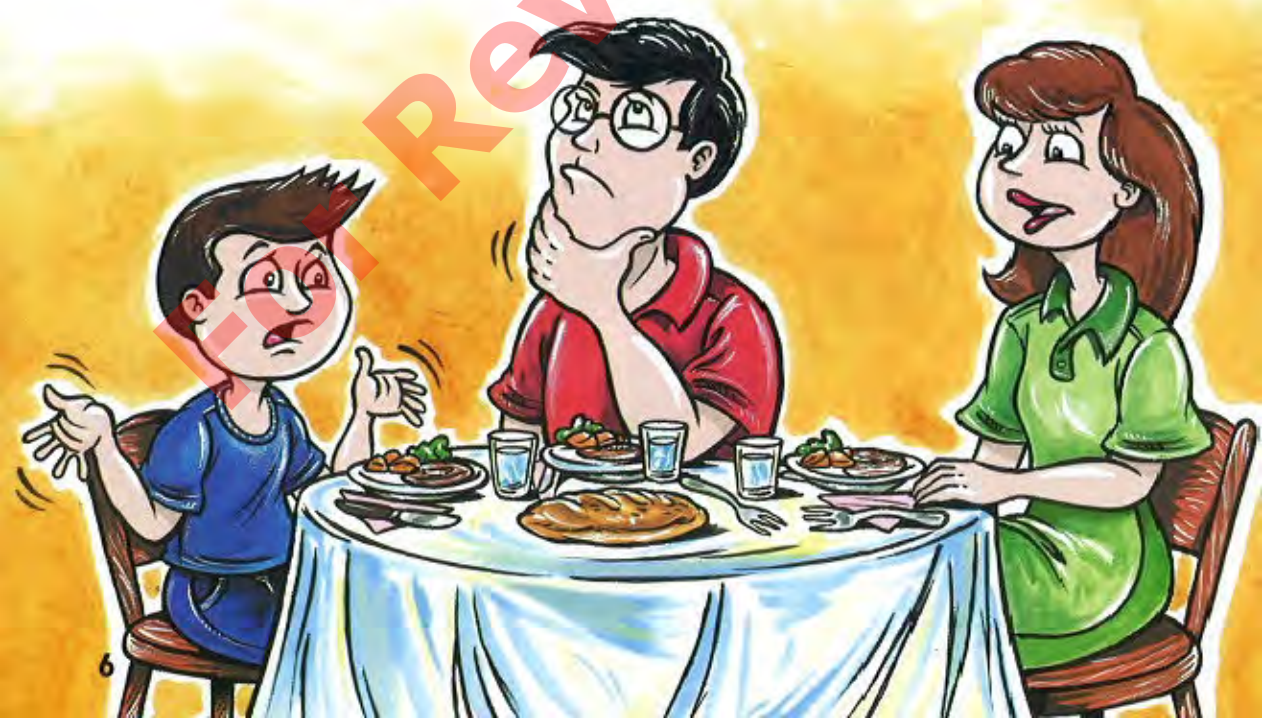
Tony asked his parents what he should do about his big feet. They just smiled and said that his feet weren't all that big.

"But Barney White calls me Duck Feet!" said Tony.

"Look him in the eye and tell him not to be mean!" said Mum.

"But he's bigger than me," said Tony.

"Mmm," said Dad. That's what he always said when he was thinking.



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Chapter 2

Dad's Great Plan

On the first morning of the school holidays, Tony's dad woke him early. "Come on," he said. "We have to be down at the swimming pool by seven o'clock."

"What for?" said Tony.

"Swimming lessons!" said Dad. "It's time you put those big feet of yours to work."



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