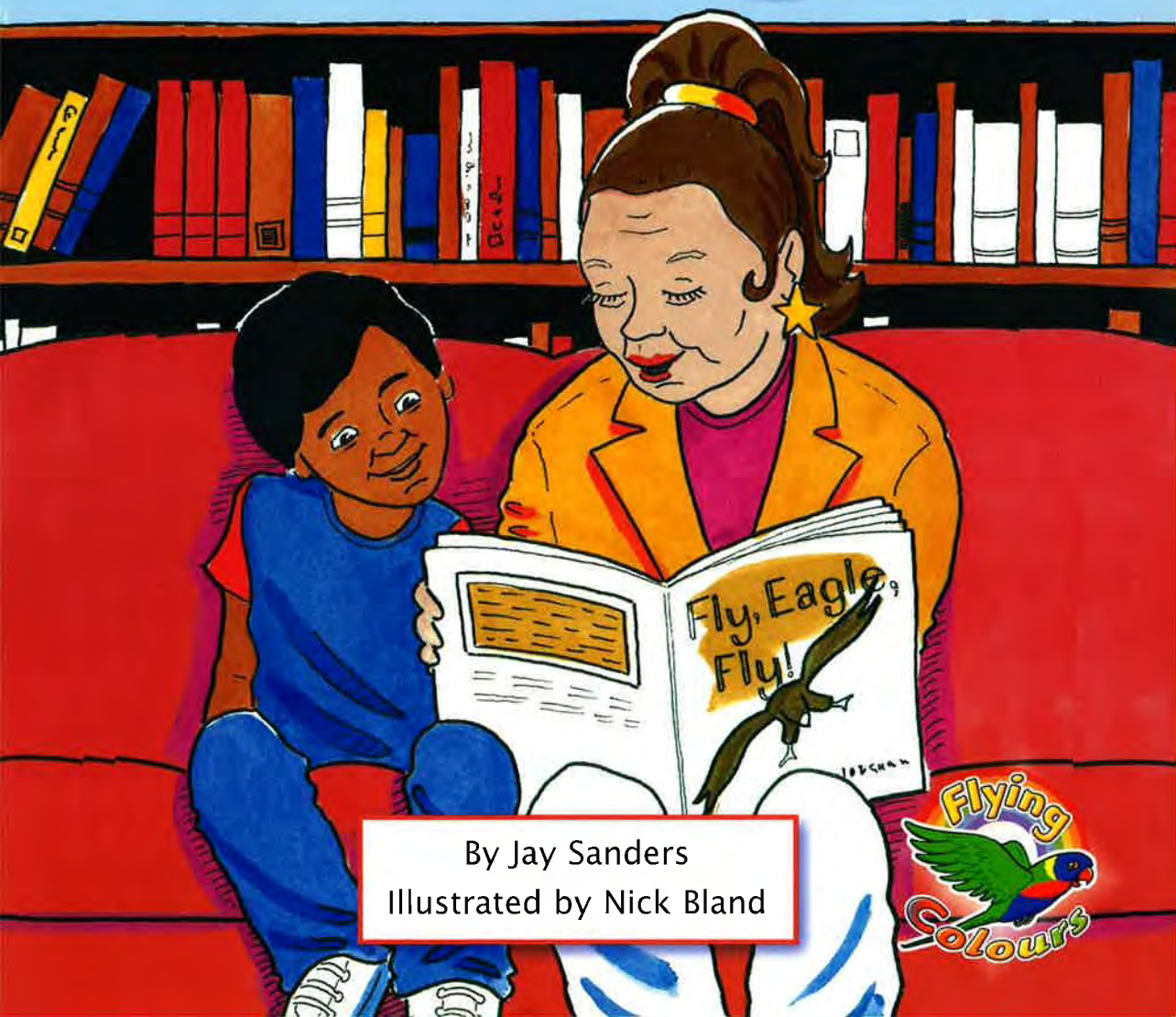
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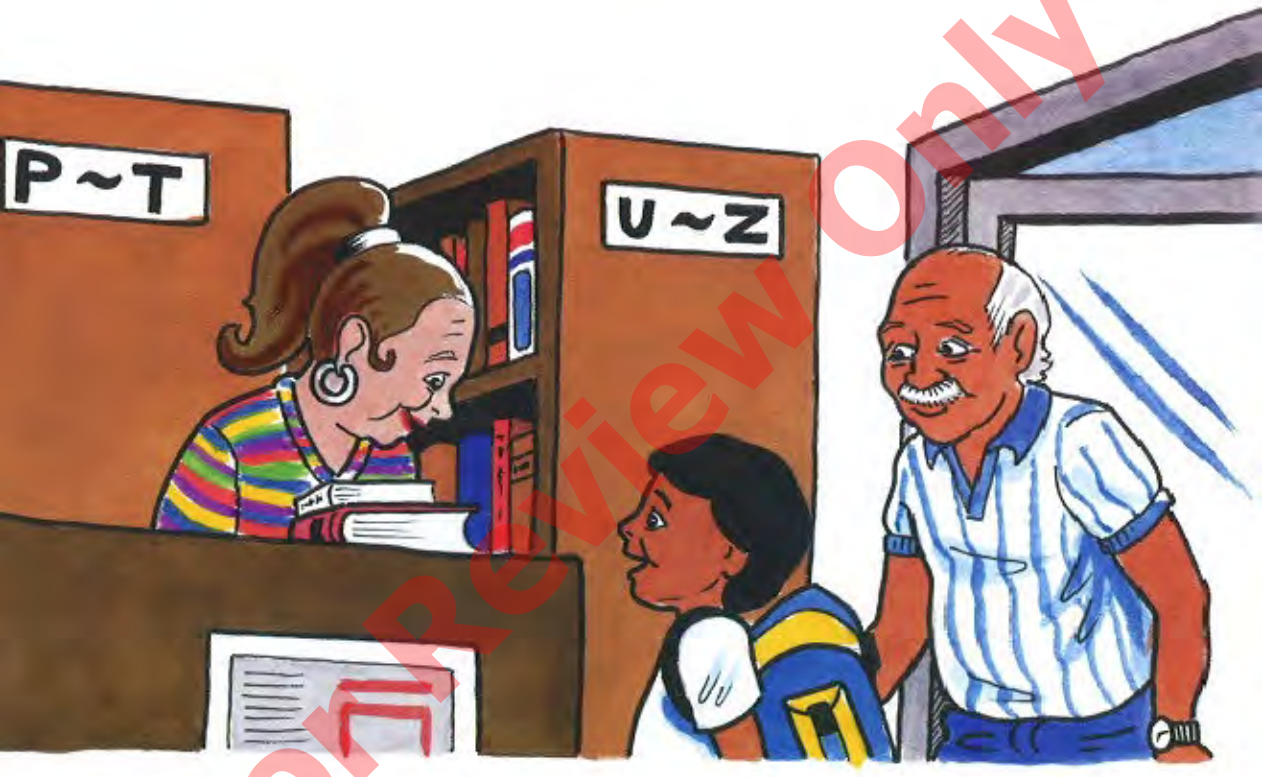
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Chapter 1

Good as Gold



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"Hello, Mrs Canon," said Riley as he pushed open the big glass doors. "How are you today?"

"As good as gold, Riley," smiled Mrs Canon, the librarian, "as good as gold."

Every Friday after school, Riley and his Grandad went to the town library. Riley always went straight to the children's book section and chose four picture story books to take home. Grandad always sat in a big chair and read the newspaper.



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Mrs Canon had worked at the library for as long as Riley could remember. Sometimes, if she wasn't too busy at the desk, she would read Riley a story.

They both had lots of favourites ... *The Giving Tree*, *Grandma Chicken Legs* and *Peter and the Wolf*. But the story Riley loved to hear time and time again was an old African story called *Fly, Eagle, Fly!*

The story was about an eagle that thought it was a chicken. Until one day it learned it was much more than that, and could fly high above the mountains.

Mrs Canon would often say, "One day you will fly like the eagle and read this story to me!"

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Chapter 2

Where Is Mrs Canon?



The following Friday, Riley and Grandad went to the library as usual. When they went through the big glass doors they were both surprised to see that Mrs Canon was not behind the desk.

In her place was a tall man with round glasses.

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"Hello," said Riley, "where is Mrs Canon today?"

"I'm very sorry to say," replied the tall man, "Mrs Canon had an accident last Tuesday and had to be taken to hospital. She slipped over on her way to the bus stop. I'm afraid she has broken her leg in two places."

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