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Chapter 1

What a Mess!



One morning as Lily and Dad arrived at school they saw a group of people standing in the playground. The people were talking and looking at something on the side wall of the school office. Some of them looked angry and upset.

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"I wonder what is happening?" said Dad.

Lily shrugged. She had only been at her new school a short time, so she wasn't sure what could be going on.



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As soon as Lily and Dad walked around the corner of the office they could see what everyone was looking at.

The wall was covered with graffiti.

Lily stared in amazement at the writing and splashes of black and red paint that were spread all over the huge white wall.

"Oh no," she said. "What a mess."

"This is terrible," said Dad.

"Yes, it is," answered the school principal who was standing nearby. "It seems to happen almost every weekend. We've had to clean this wall quite a few times now. I don't know what we are going to do about it."

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Chapter 2

A Good Idea



At lunchtime it was sunny and warm. Lily didn't know any of the other children very well yet, so she sat alone outside on the grass to eat her lunch. She watched as her dad and some of the other parents cleaned the side of the office.

Lily saw a girl from her class called Meg. Meg waved and walked towards Lily.

"Can I sit with you?" she asked.

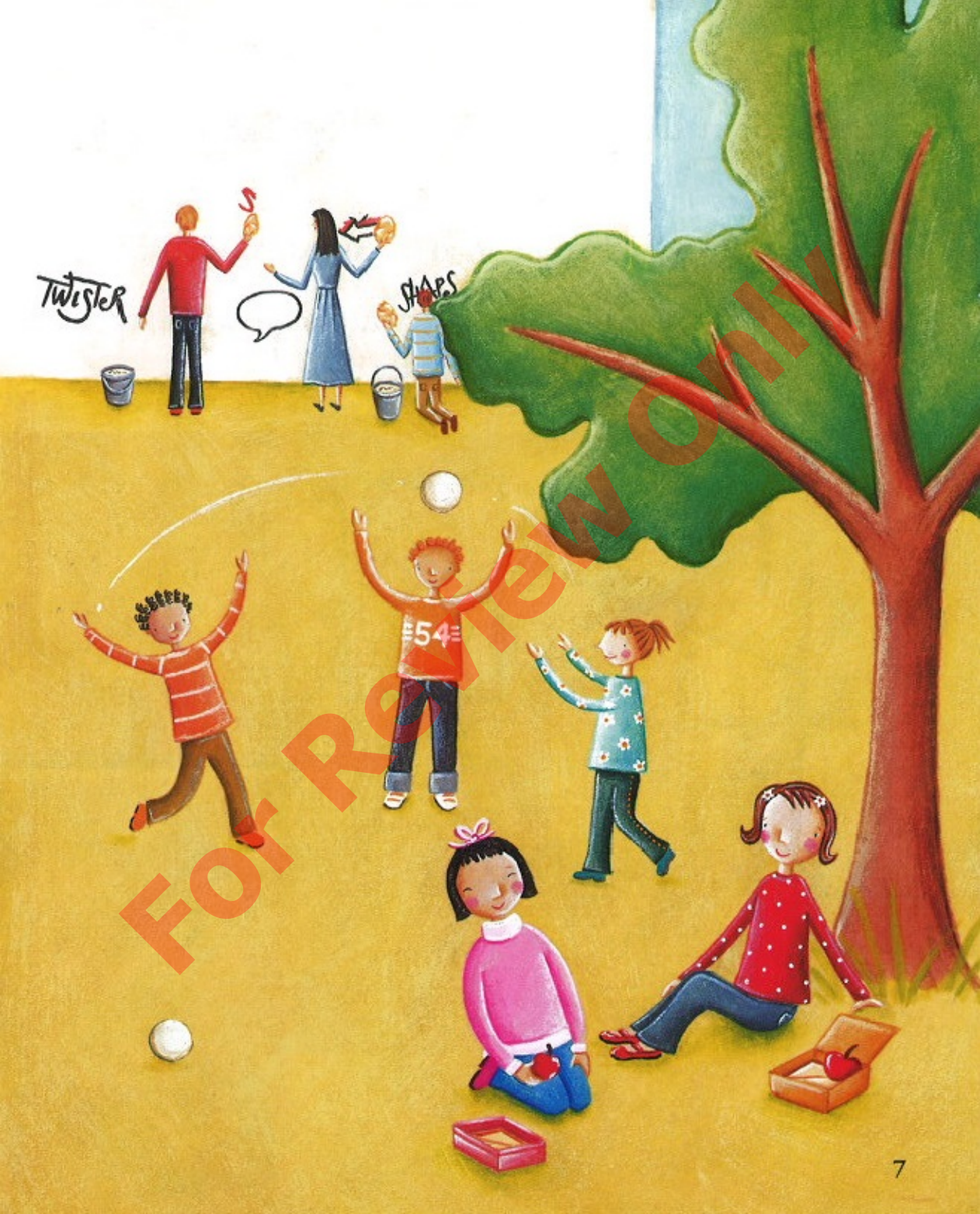
"Yes," said Lily, nodding.

"The graffiti looks terrible, doesn't it?" said Meg as she sat down. "I wish there was something that we could do about it."

Lily thought for a moment.

"I think there might be something we could do," she said, and she told Meg her idea.

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