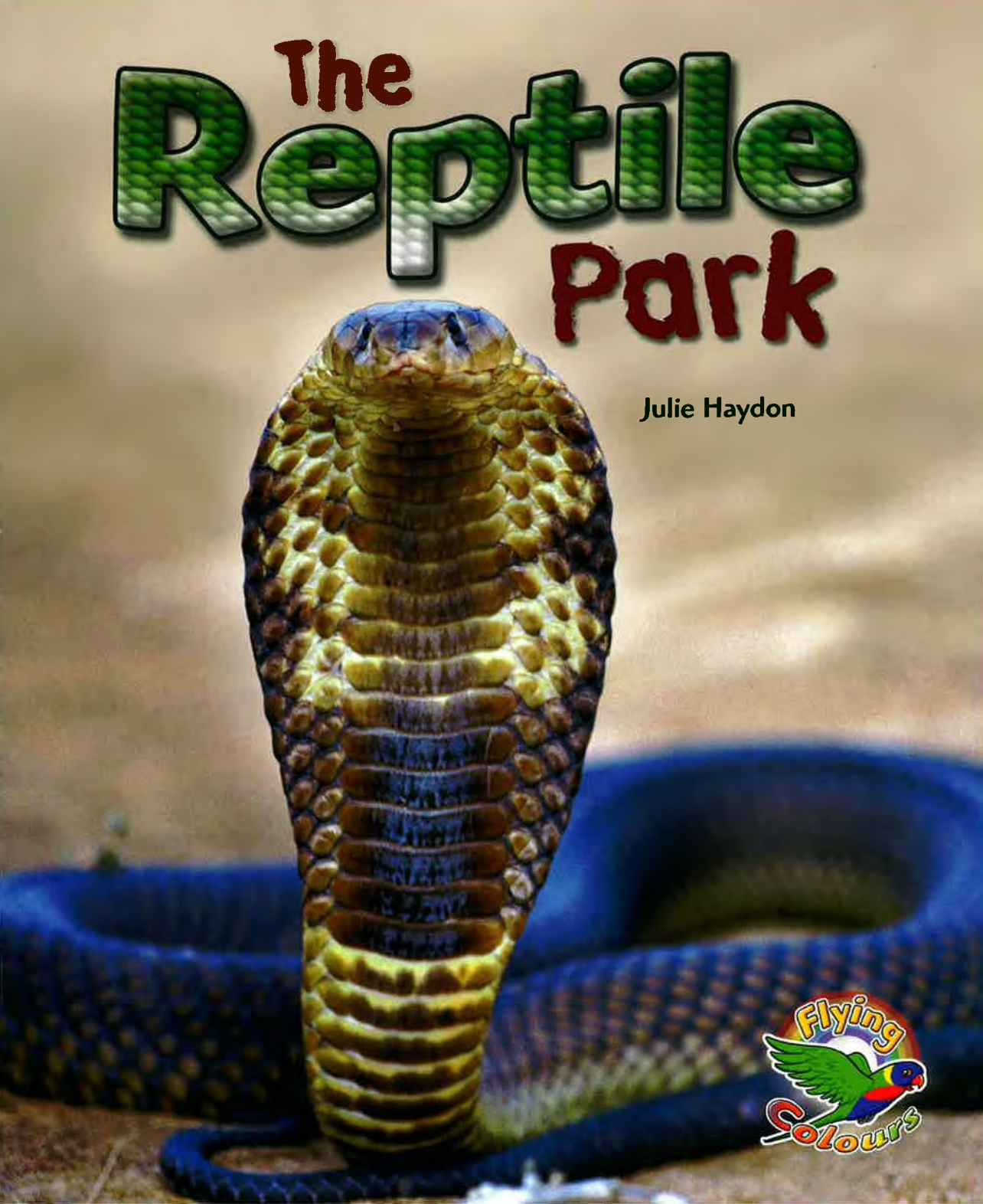
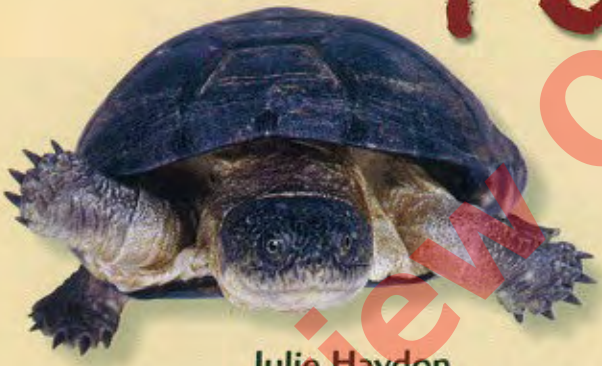
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Chapter 1 The Reptile Park

I'm Nick. My family owns a reptile park, and I live at the park with my parents.

Reptiles are **cold-blooded** animals that have a backbone. Their skin is covered with scales. Most reptiles lay eggs on land.



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There are different kinds of reptiles, such as lizards, snakes, crocodiles, alligators and turtles. Reptiles live all over the world, except in very cold places.

Let me tell you about some of the reptiles at the park.

FACT

In cold weather, reptiles may lie in the sun to get warm. This is called basking.

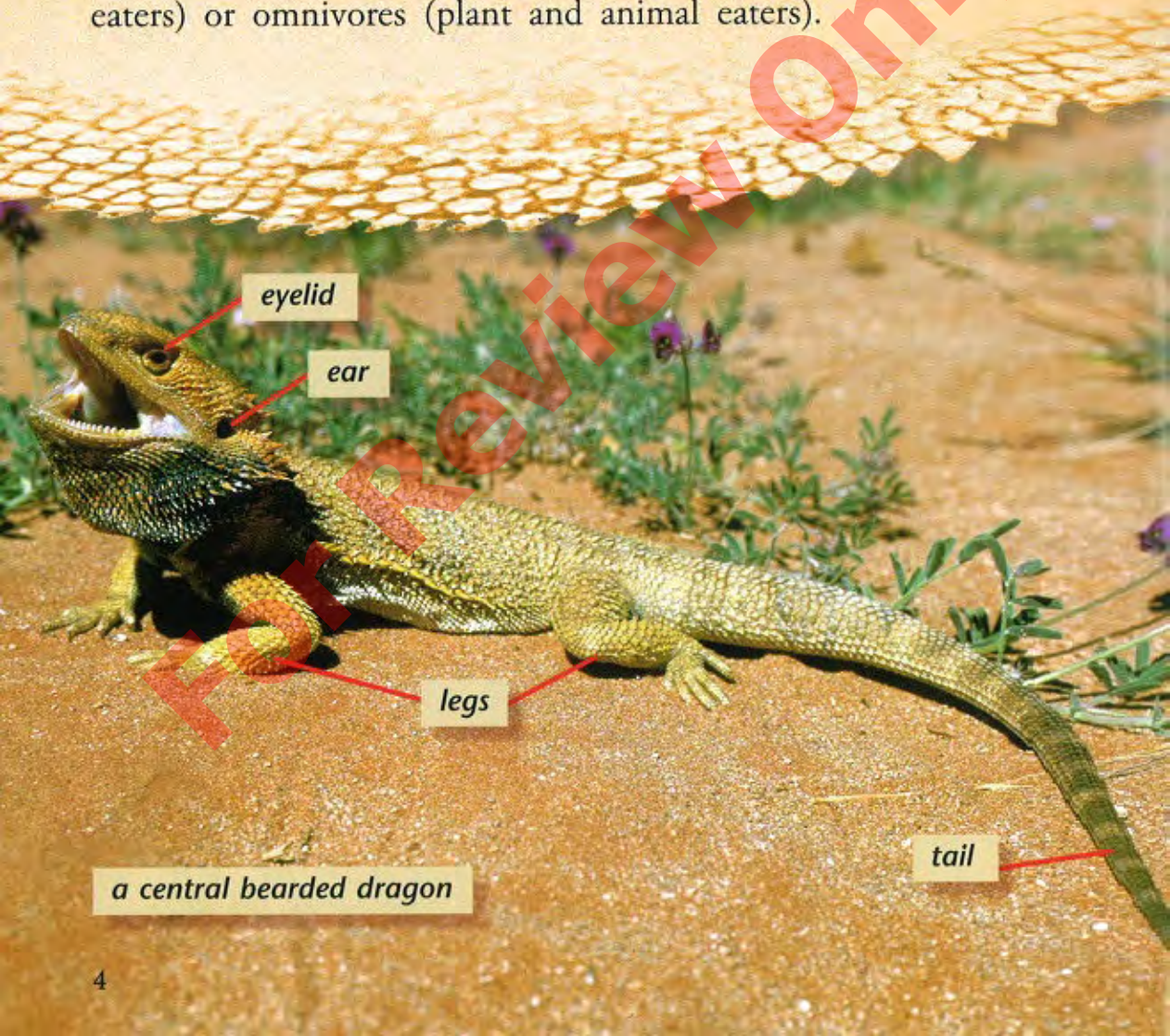


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Chapter 2 Lizards

Most lizards have four legs, a tail, ears and eyelids. Lizards live underground, on the ground, on rocks and in trees. Some lizards even spend time in water.

Lizards can be herbivores (plant eaters), carnivores (animal eaters) or omnivores (plant and animal eaters).



a central bearded dragon

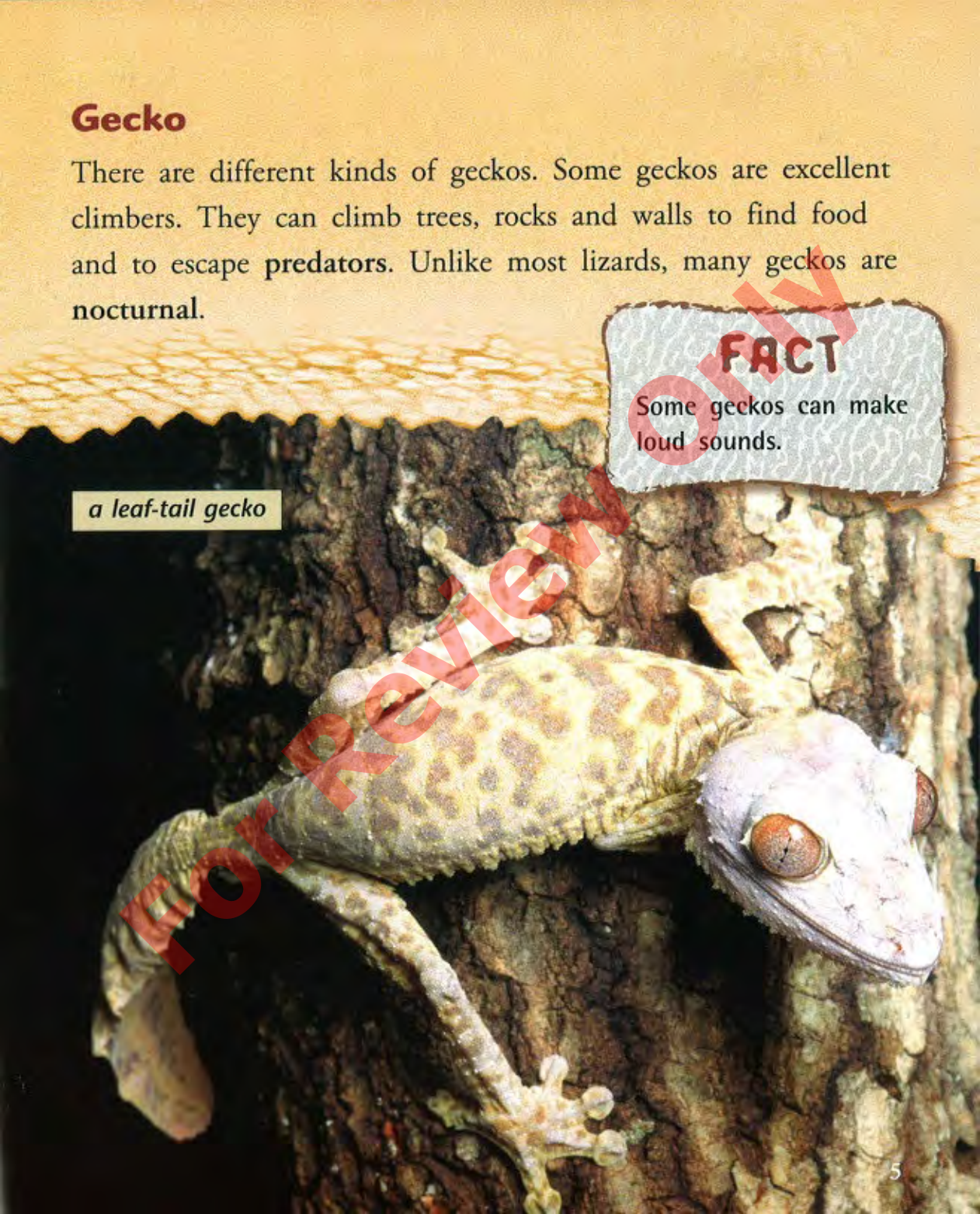
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Gecko

There are different kinds of geckos. Some geckos are excellent climbers. They can climb trees, rocks and walls to find food and to escape **predators**. Unlike most lizards, many geckos are **nocturnal**.

FACT

Some geckos can make loud sounds.



a leaf-tail gecko

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Frilled Lizard

The frilled lizard has a frill of skin around its neck. To scare away predators, the lizard opens its frill to make itself look bigger. The frilled lizard is a good climber and spends time in trees. It eats insects and other small animals.



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Komodo Dragon

The Komodo dragon is the largest lizard. It can grow three metres long. A Komodo dragon has a heavy body and a strong tail that it can use as a weapon. It hunts animals such as wild pigs, deer, birds and other reptiles.



FACT

The Komodo dragon is also called the Komodo monitor.

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