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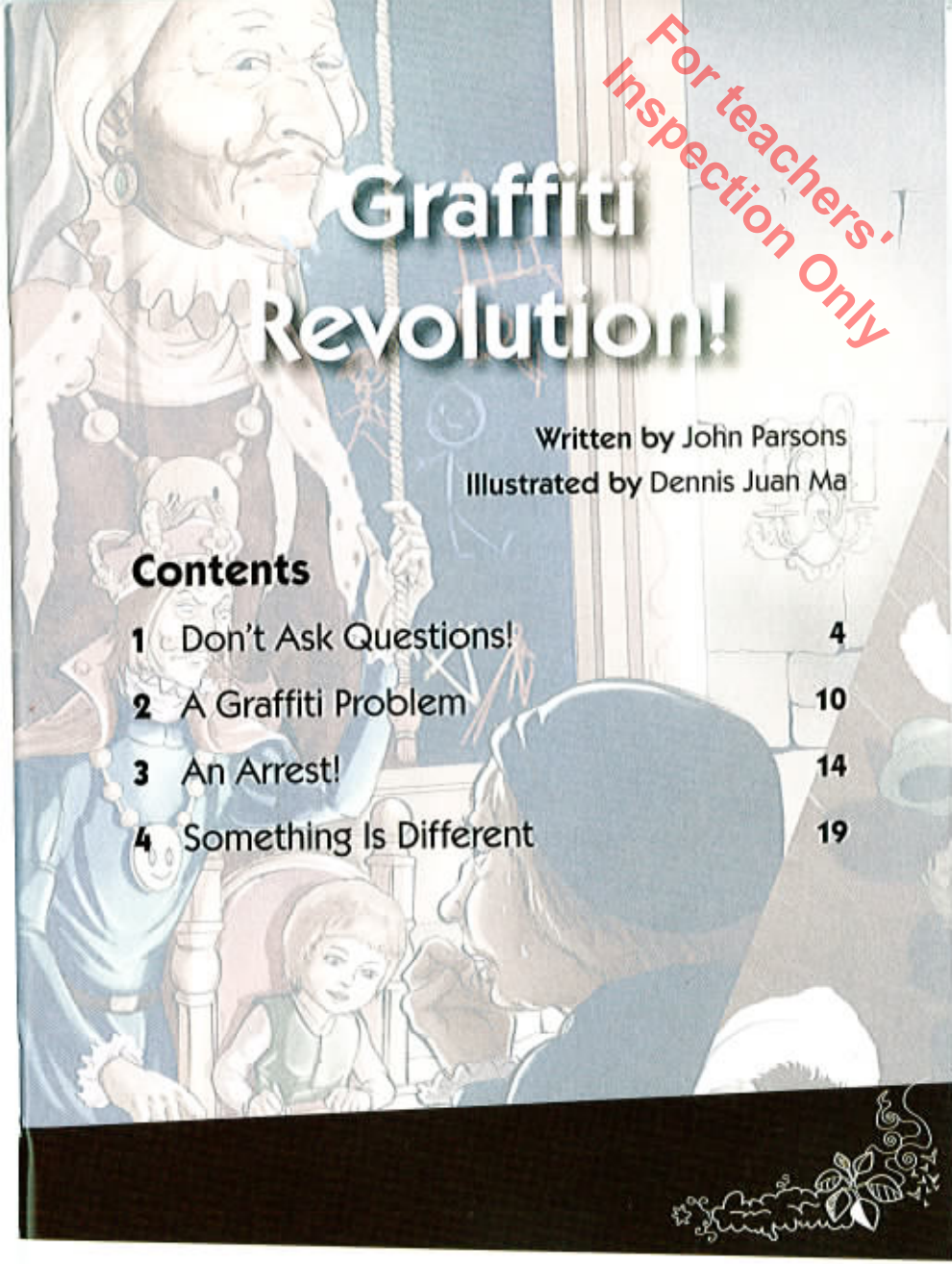
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Meet the Characters



The Duke of Marmaladia

A grumpy ruler.



Jinx

The duke's butler.



Riley

A cheeky boy.



Some Advertising Writers

The people who write the duke's rules on posters.

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Dear Reader

Every day, I get told to do things: sit up straight, pay attention, eat your greens, wash your hands! And I'm a grown-up! Of course, I do what I'm told – but I also wrote this story about why it's important to have a little bit of fun too. I'm sure you'll know how it feels!

John Parsons
Author

POST CARD

Marmaladia



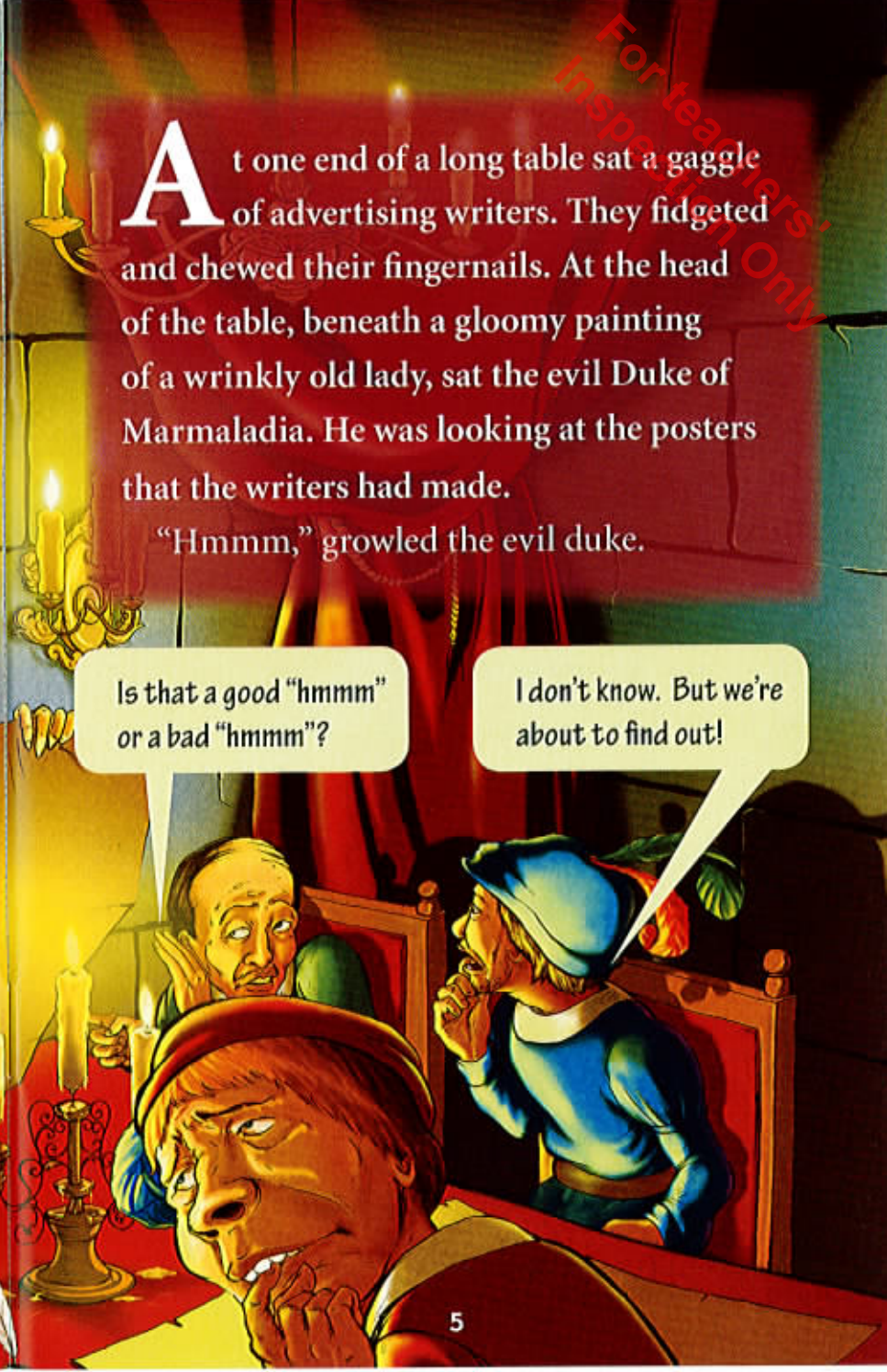
1. The Duke's castle
2. The town of Marmaladia, where the peasants live

1 Don't Ask Questions!



At one end of a long table sat a gaggle of advertising writers. They fidgeted and chewed their fingernails. At the head of the table, beneath a gloomy painting of a wrinkly old lady, sat the evil Duke of Marmaladia. He was looking at the posters that the writers had made.

"Hmmm," growled the evil duke.



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The Duke of Marmaladia stood up. He reached for a silk rope hanging from the roof. He winked evilly at the writers – and gave the rope a tug.

The writers all shut their eyes in fear. Was a trapdoor about to swallow them all up? Much to their relief, nothing happened – except for the ring of a bell far away in the castle.

"This month's posters are OK," said the duke. "Now, tea, anyone?" he growled. "Jinx, my butler, will be here soon."



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Later that morning, a horse and cart full of new posters went to the town. There was no colour. Marmaladia's only decorations were last month's tatty posters.

"STOP THAT NOW!" ordered one poster. A stern picture of the duke frowned down from the poster.

"DON'T ASK QUESTIONS!" said another. Another picture of the duke scowled down.

"DO NOT PULL FACES!" said yet another of the duke's posters.

