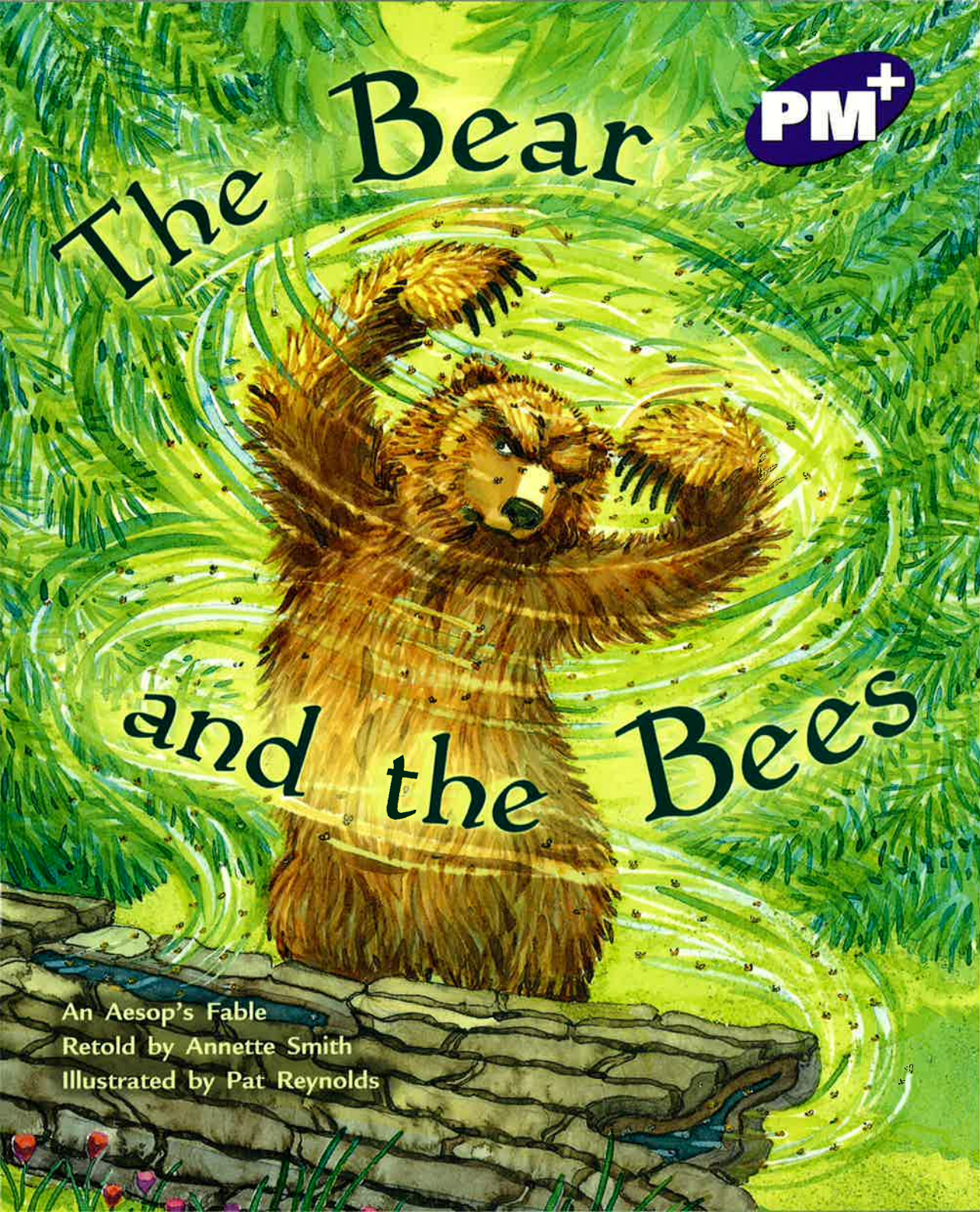
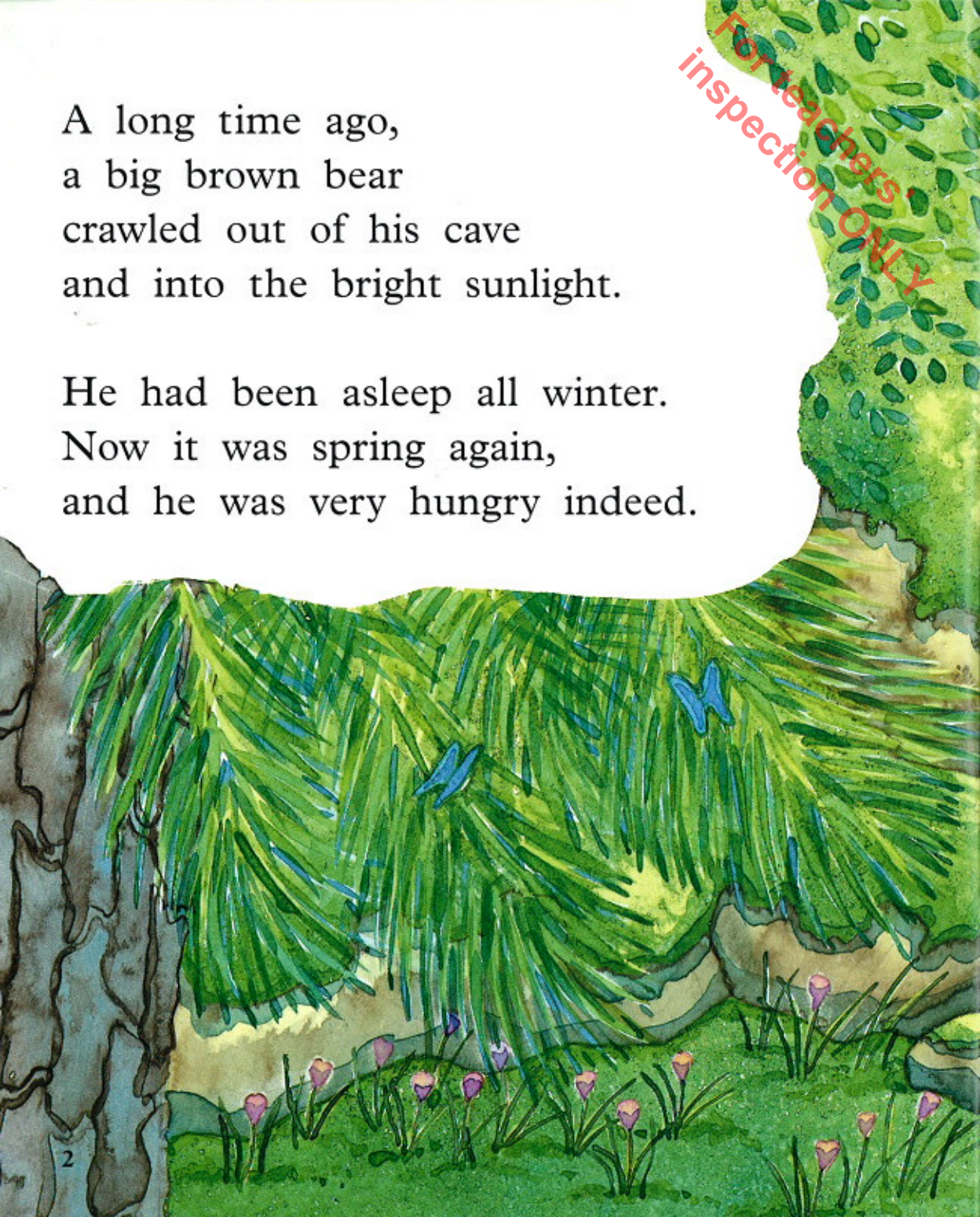

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The Bear
and the Bees
An Aesop's Fable
Retold by Annette Smith
Illustrated by Pat Reynolds

A long time ago,
a big brown bear
crawled out of his cave
and into the bright sunlight.

He had been asleep all winter.
Now it was spring again,
and he was very hungry indeed.



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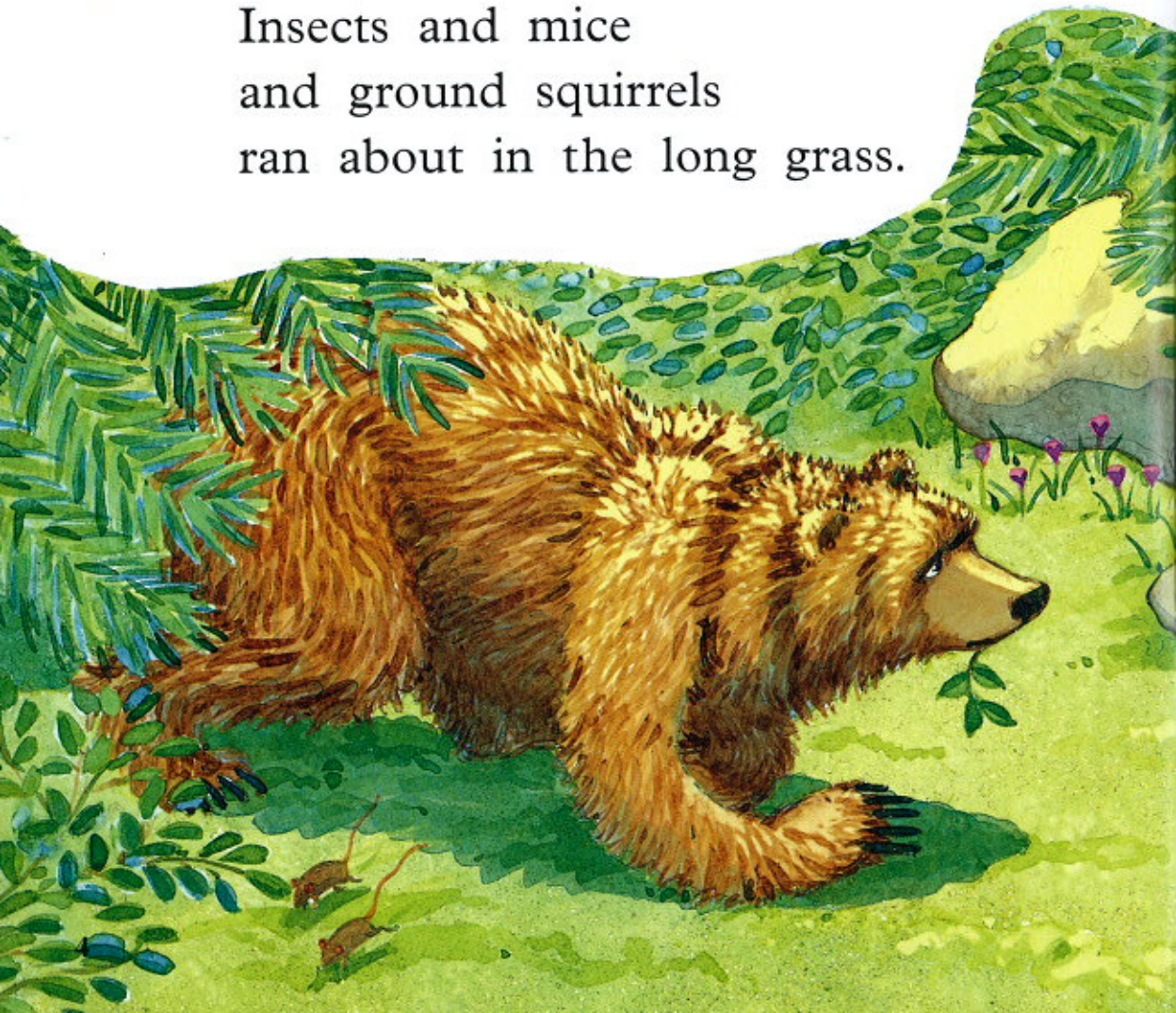


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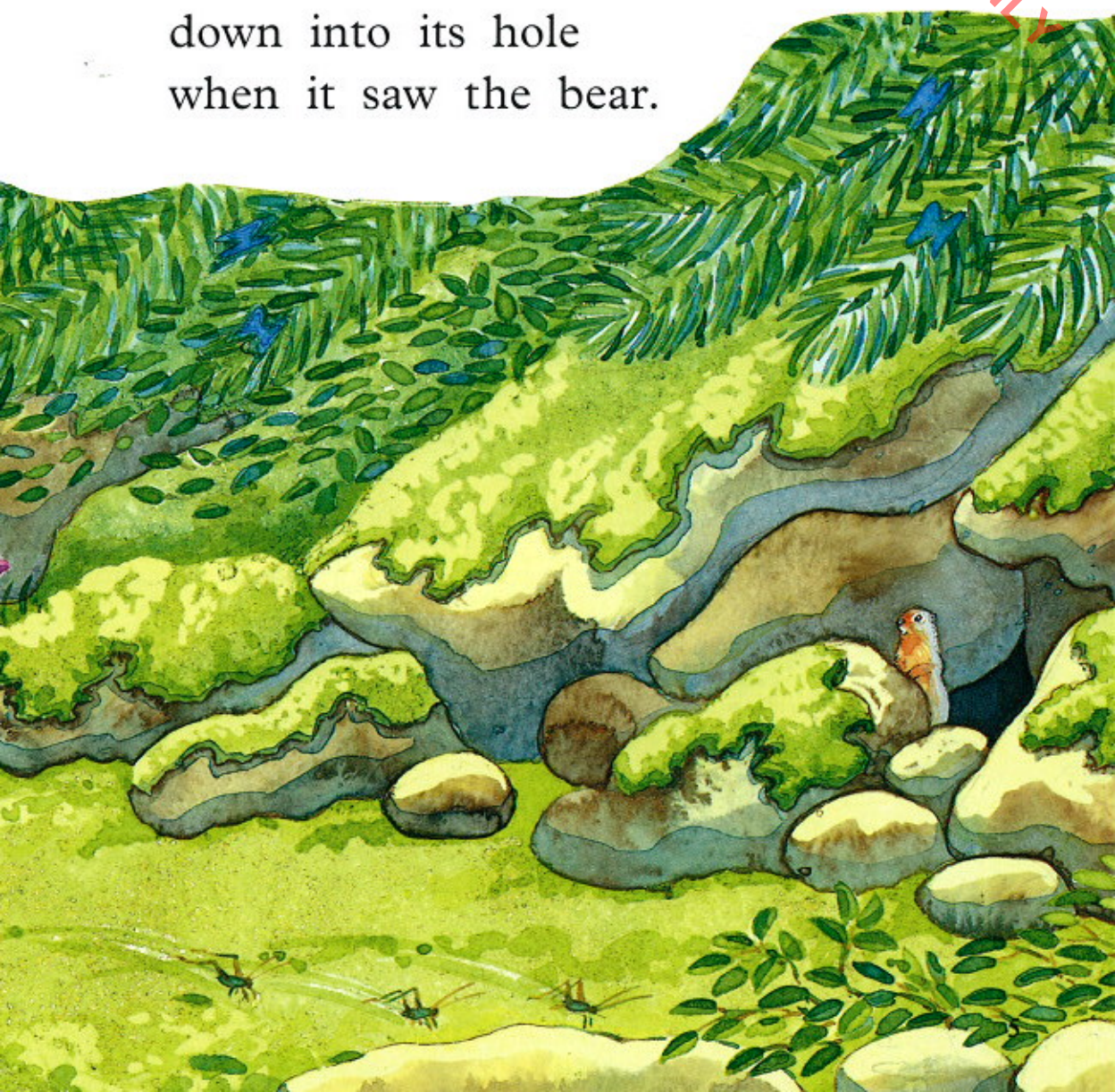
The bear plodded along
through the forest,
eating new green leaves
from the bushes.

Insects and mice
and ground squirrels
ran about in the long grass.



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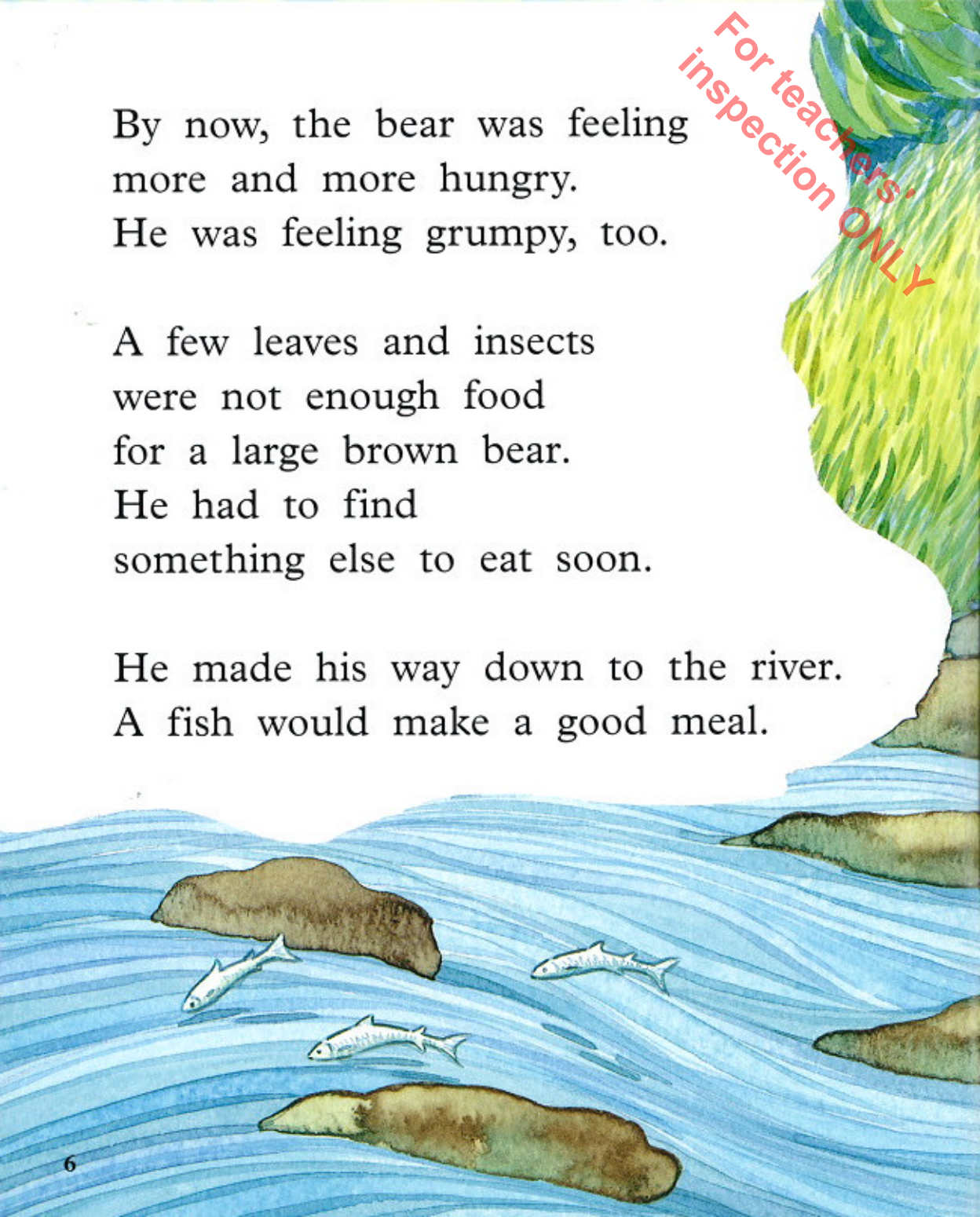
One little ground squirrel
put its head up out of the rocks,
but quickly disappeared
down into its hole
when it saw the bear.



By now, the bear was feeling
more and more hungry.
He was feeling grumpy, too.

A few leaves and insects
were not enough food
for a large brown bear.
He had to find
something else to eat soon.

He made his way down to the river.
A fish would make a good meal.



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