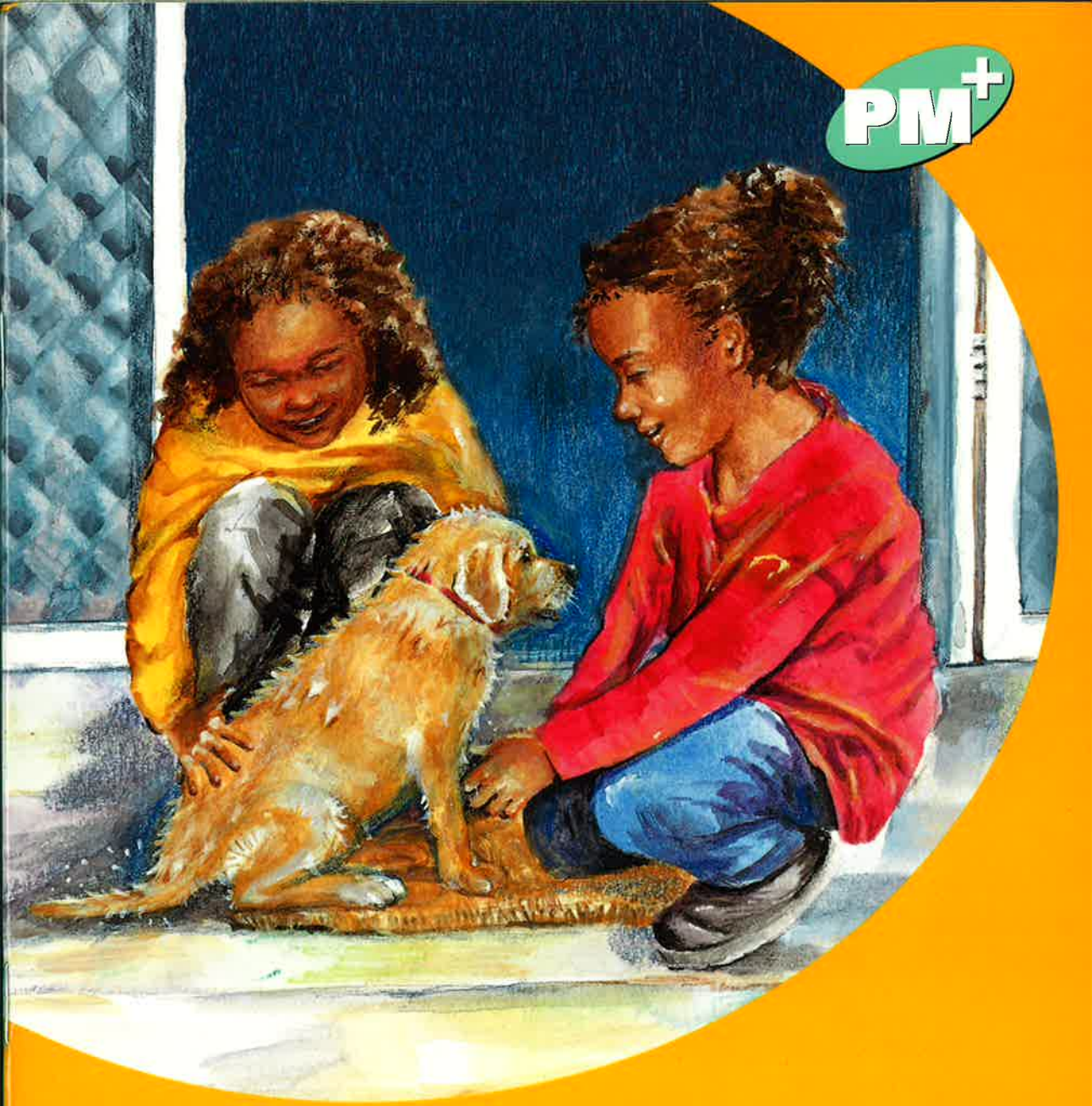


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Puppy at the Door

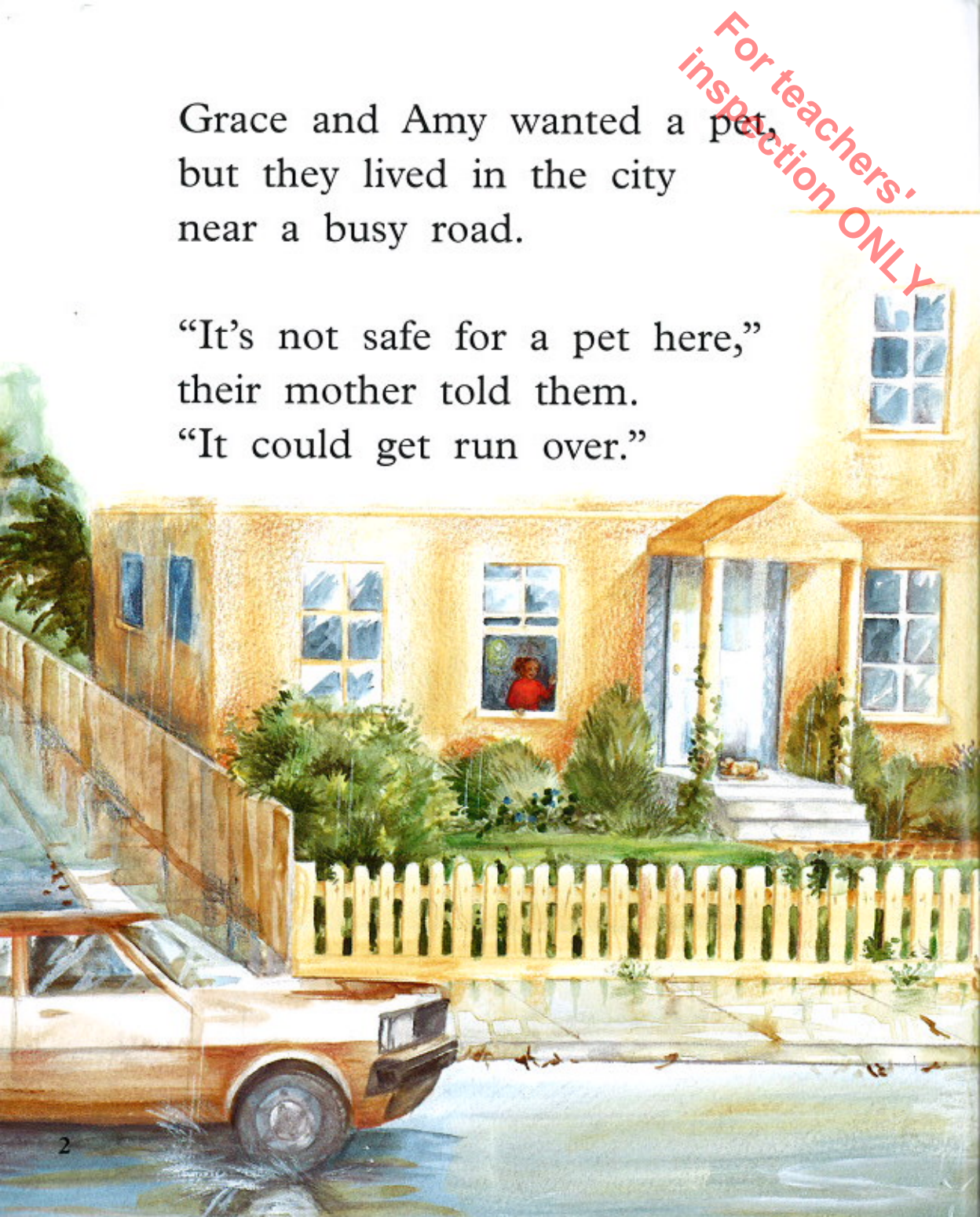
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Grace and Amy wanted a pet,
but they lived in the city
near a busy road.

"It's not safe for a pet here,"
their mother told them.
"It could get run over."



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One wet day,
Amy heard a little noise outside.
Something was scratching
at the front door.
She looked out the window.

"There's a puppy on the door mat!"
Amy said. "It's all wet."

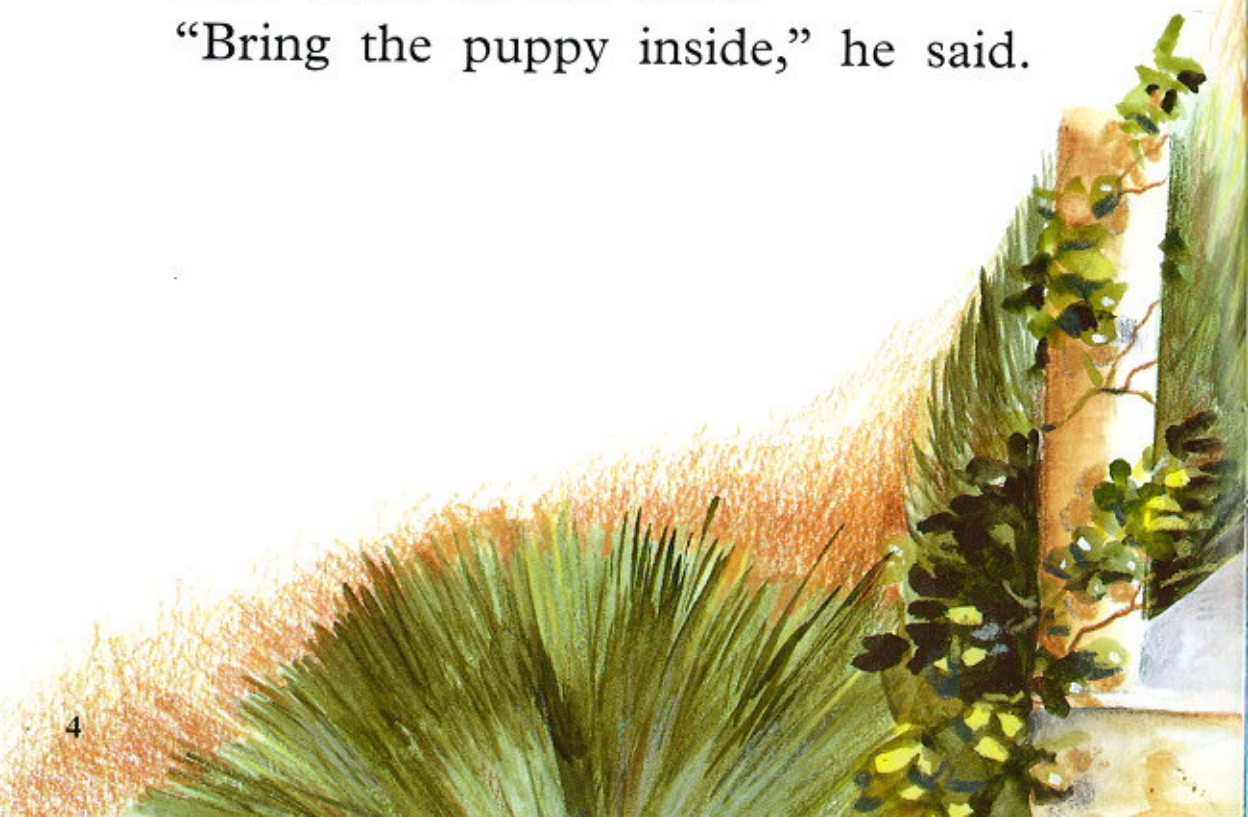


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Grace and Amy rushed
to the front door.

The puppy was shivering,
and Grace patted him.
"You poor little thing," she said.
"You are very scared, aren't you?"

Dad came to the door.
"Bring the puppy inside," he said.





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"I'll dry him with this towel," said Mum.
"Then he can have some warm milk."

"I'll find an old rug for him," said Grace.



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