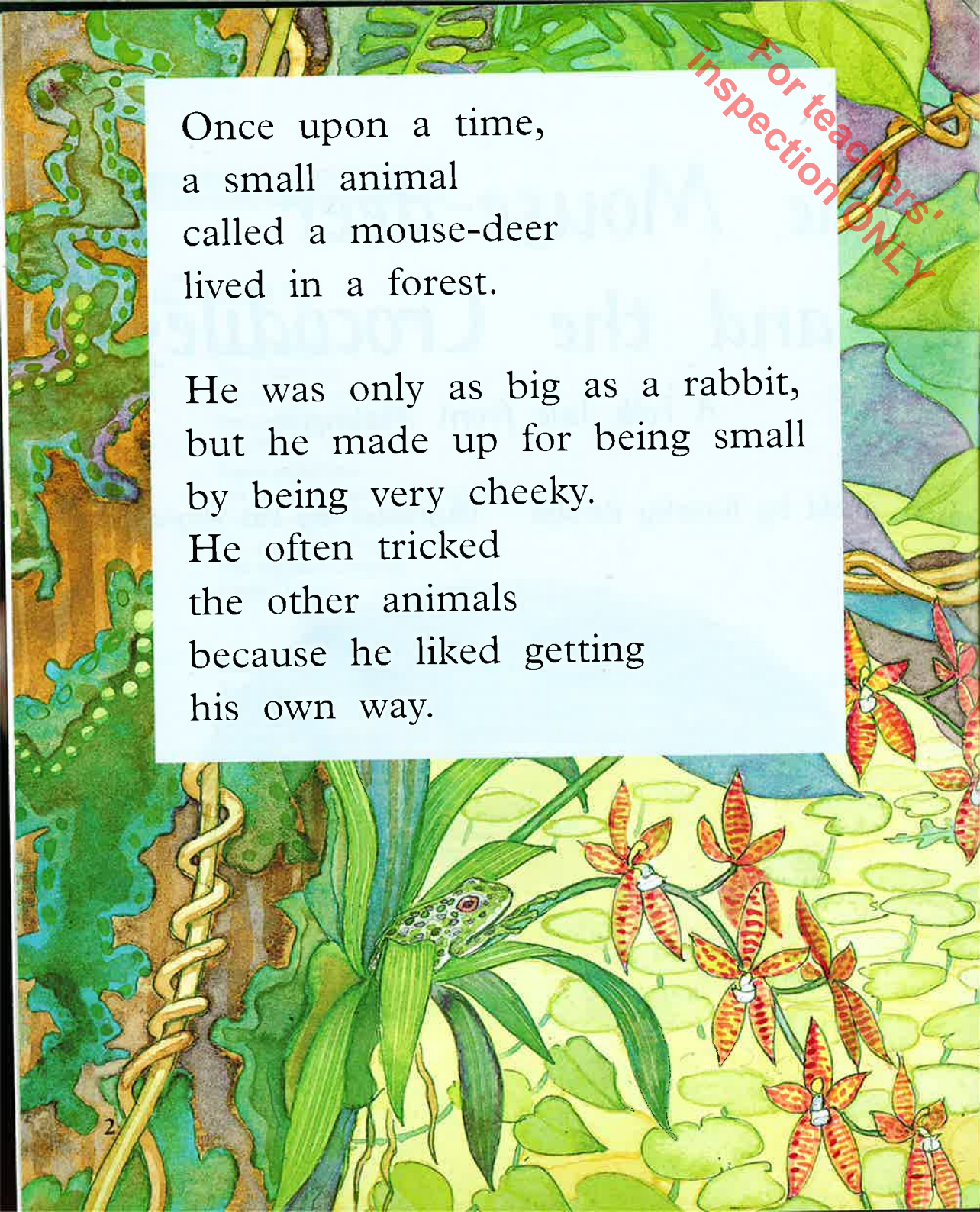
The Mouse-deer and the Crocodiles

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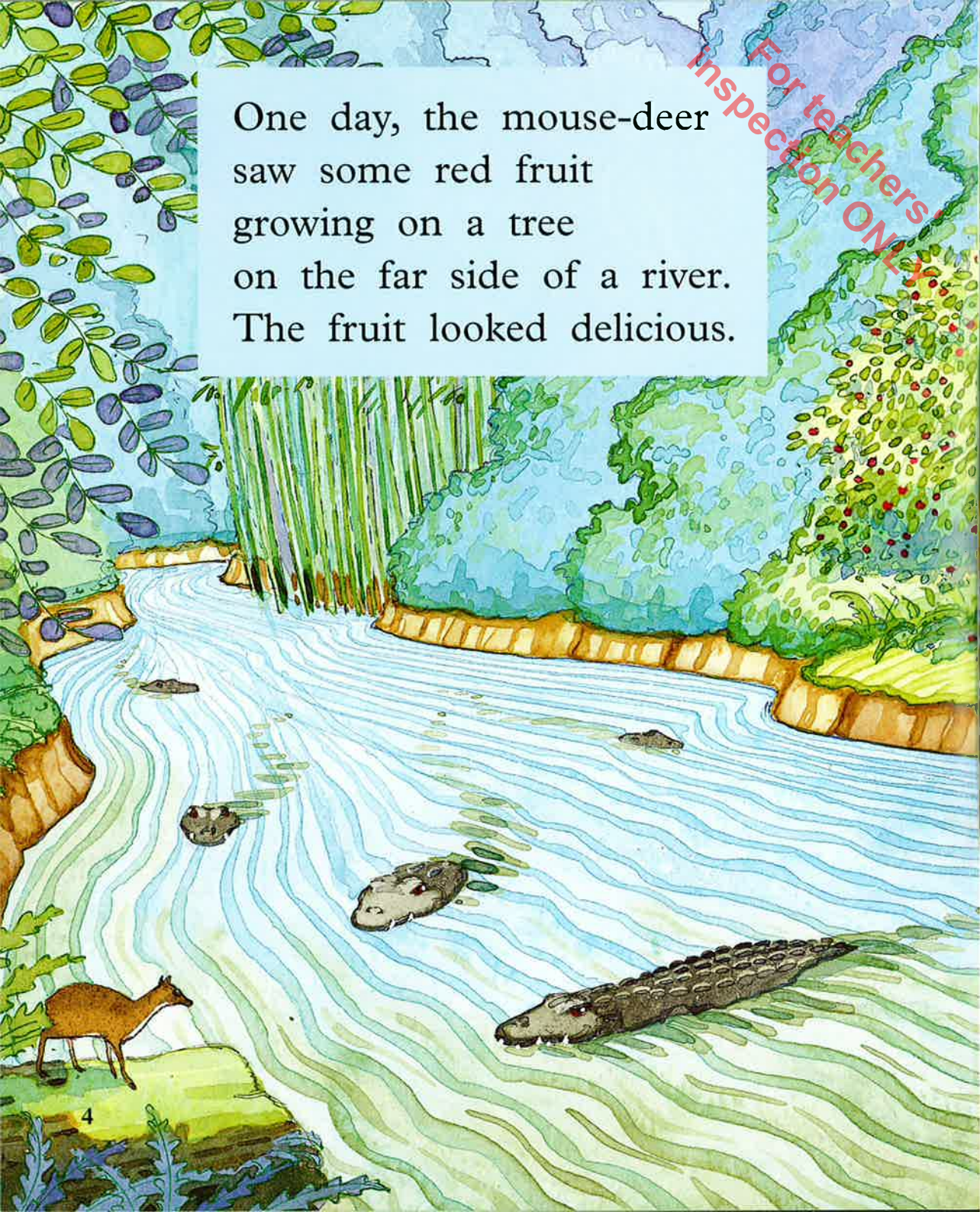
Once upon a time,
a small animal
called a mouse-deer
lived in a forest.

He was only as big as a rabbit,
but he made up for being small
by being very cheeky.
He often tricked
the other animals
because he liked getting
his own way.

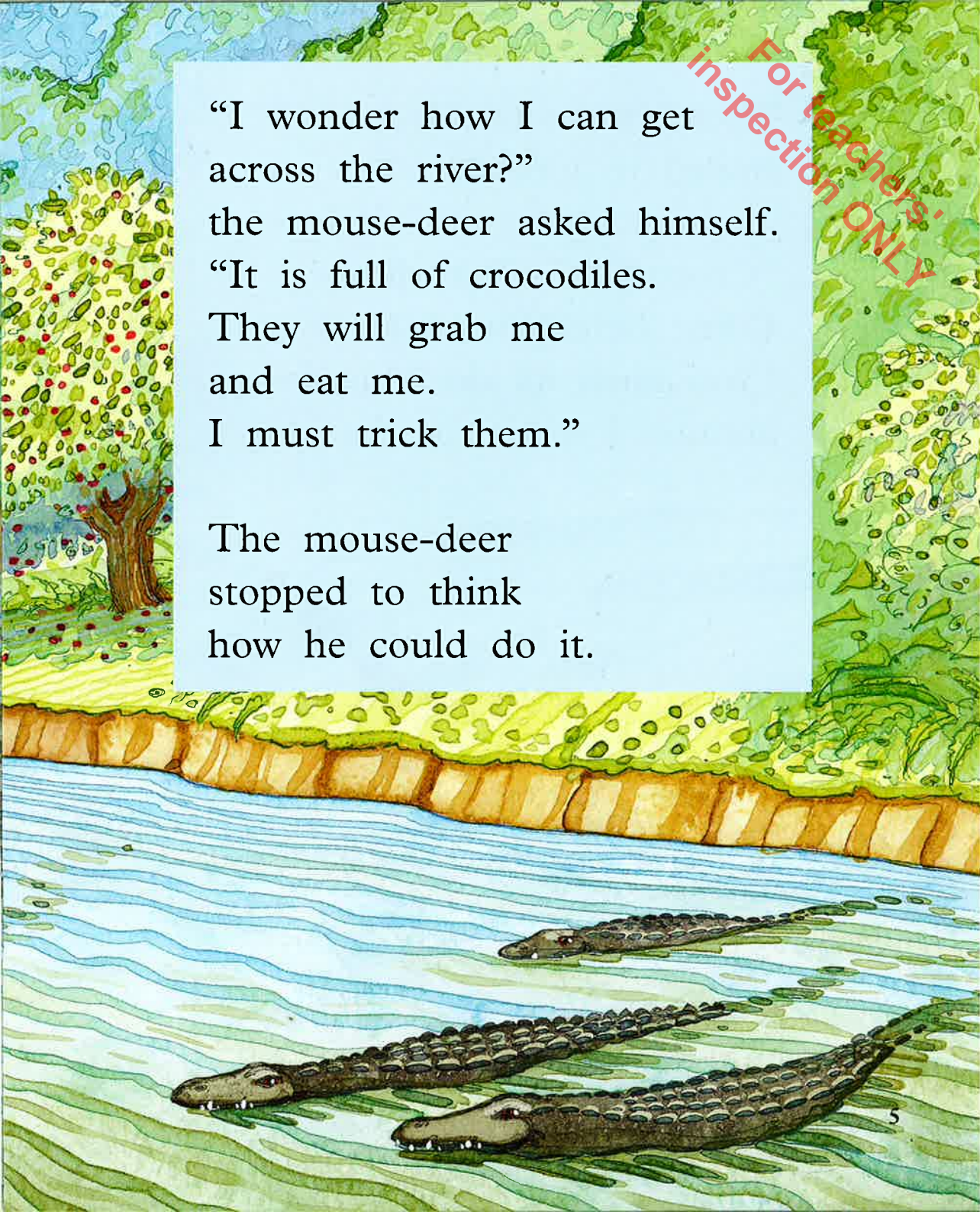
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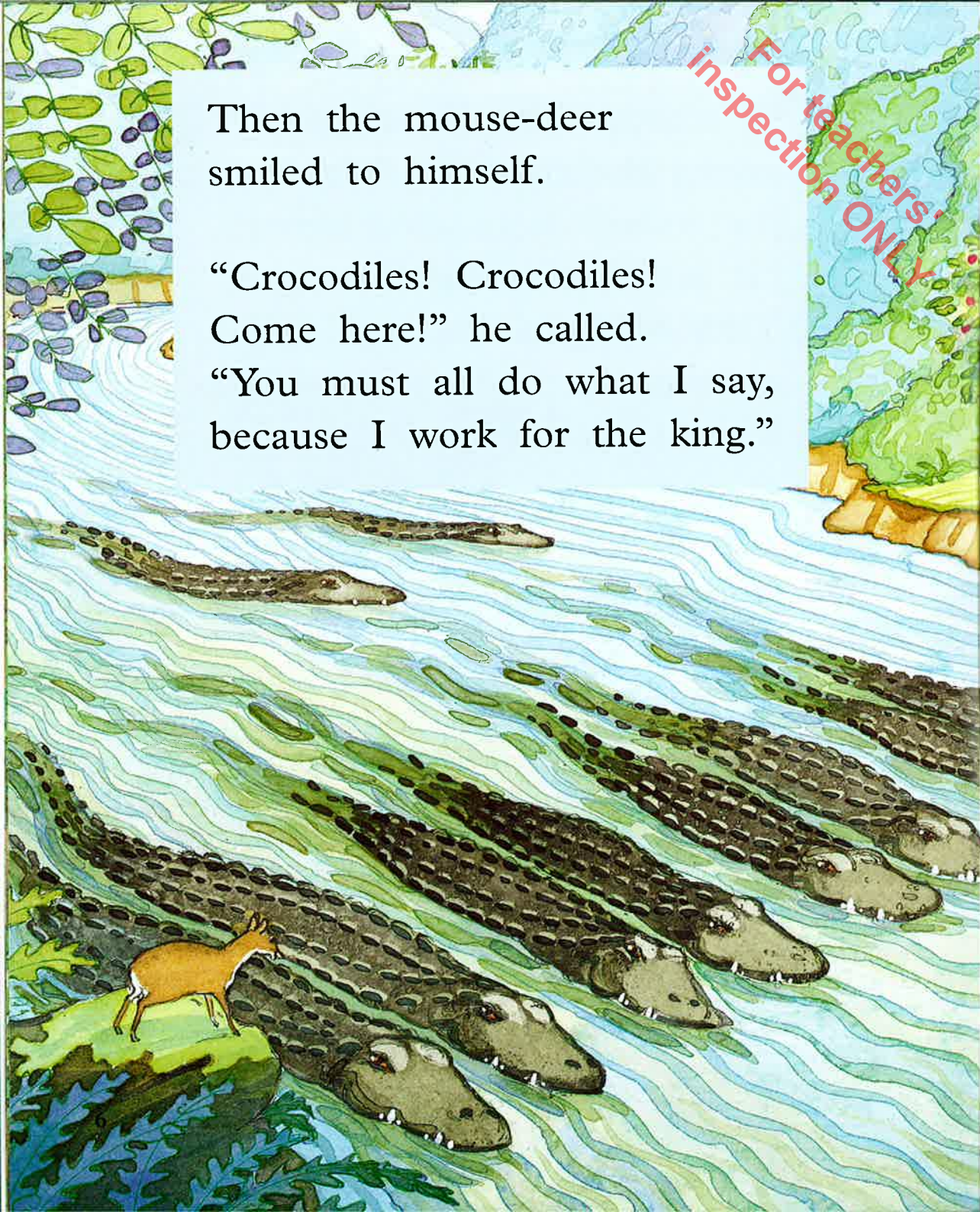
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"I wonder how I can get
across the river?"
the mouse-deer asked himself.
"It is full of crocodiles.
They will grab me
and eat me.
I must trick them."

The mouse-deer
stopped to think
how he could do it.

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Then the mouse-deer smiled to himself.

"Crocodiles! Crocodiles! Come here!" he called. "You must all do what I say, because I work for the king."

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