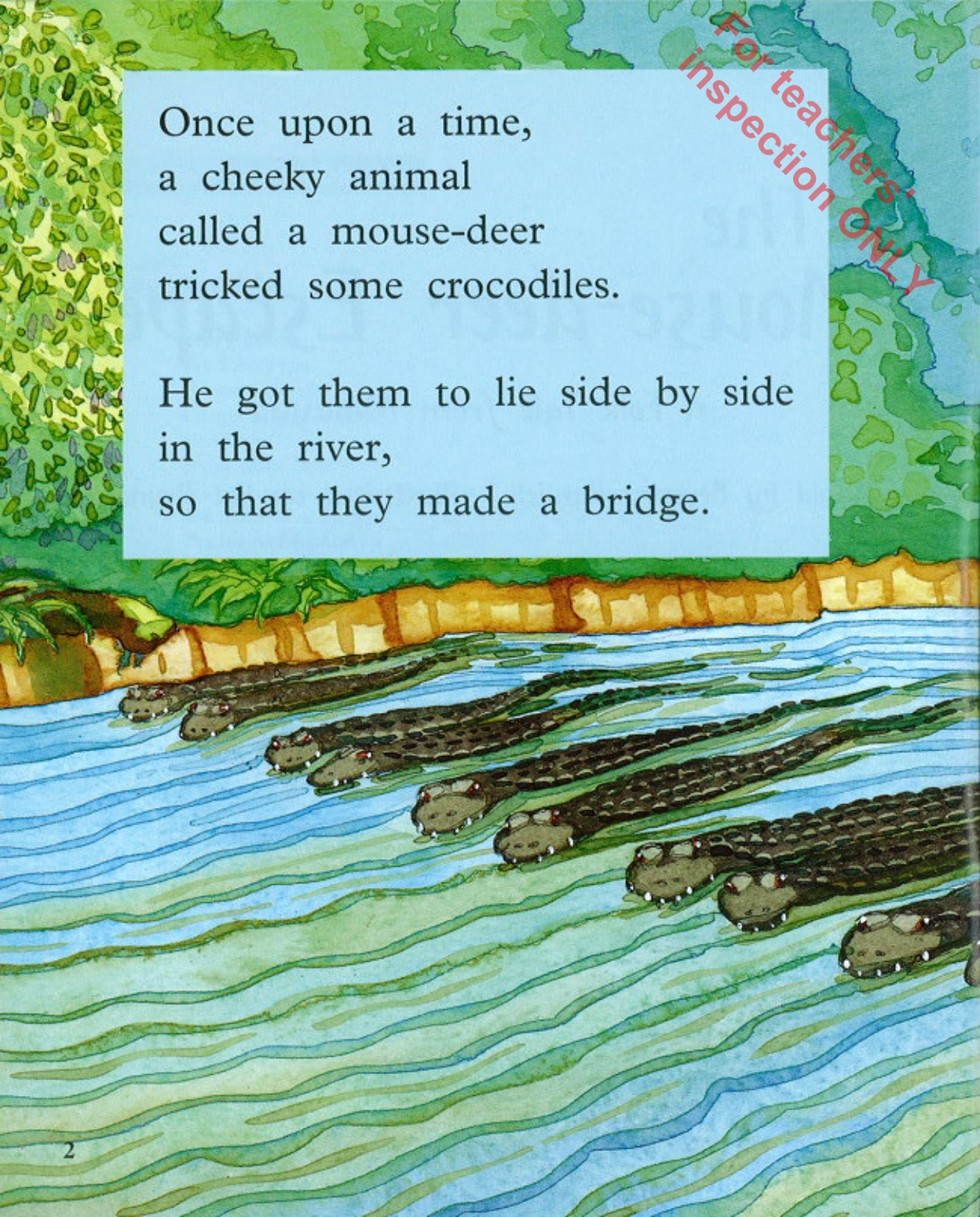
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The Mouse-deer Escapes



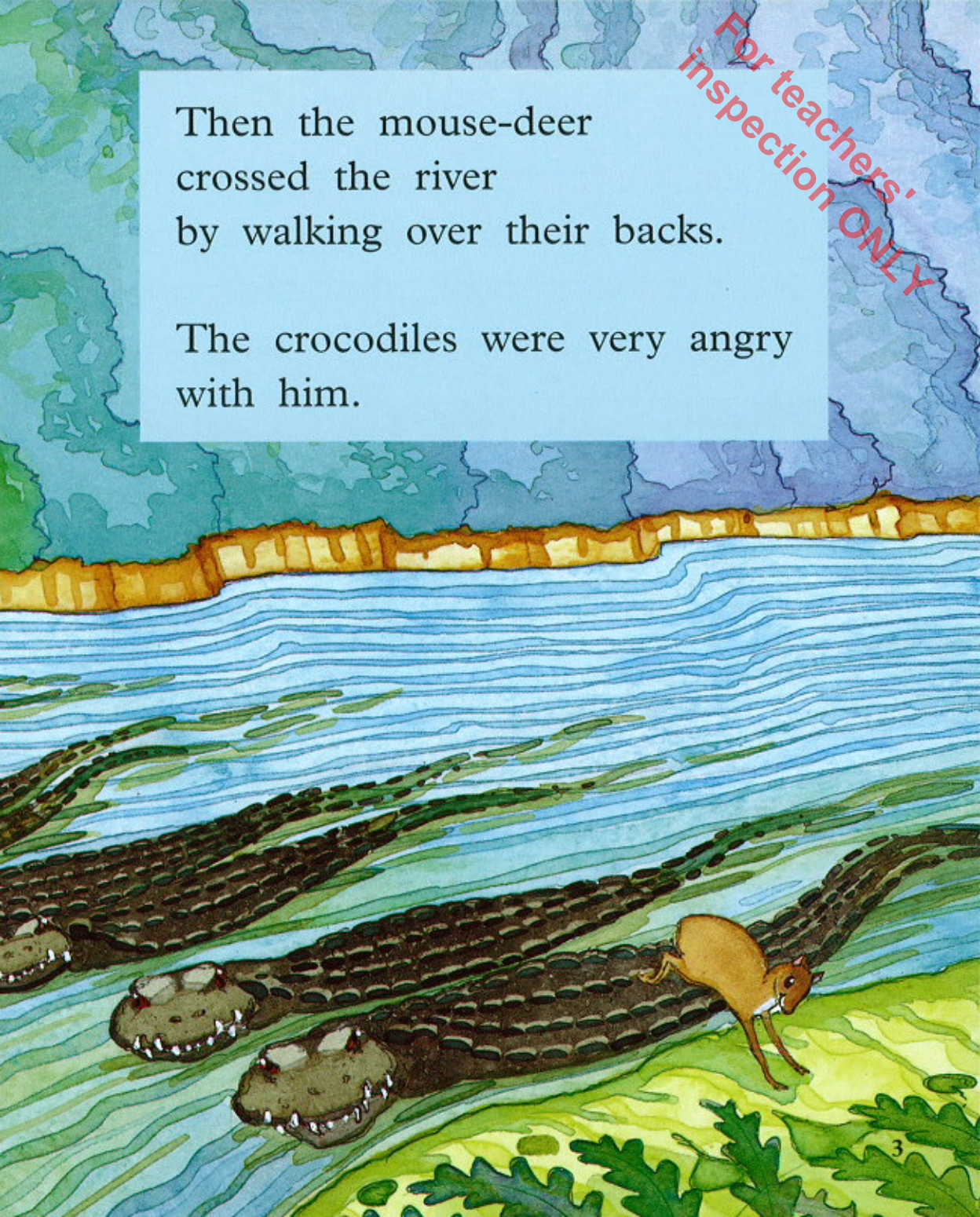
Retold by Beverley Randell Illustrated by Pat Reynolds



Once upon a time,
a cheeky animal
called a mouse-deer
tricked some crocodiles.

He got them to lie side by side
in the river,
so that they made a bridge.

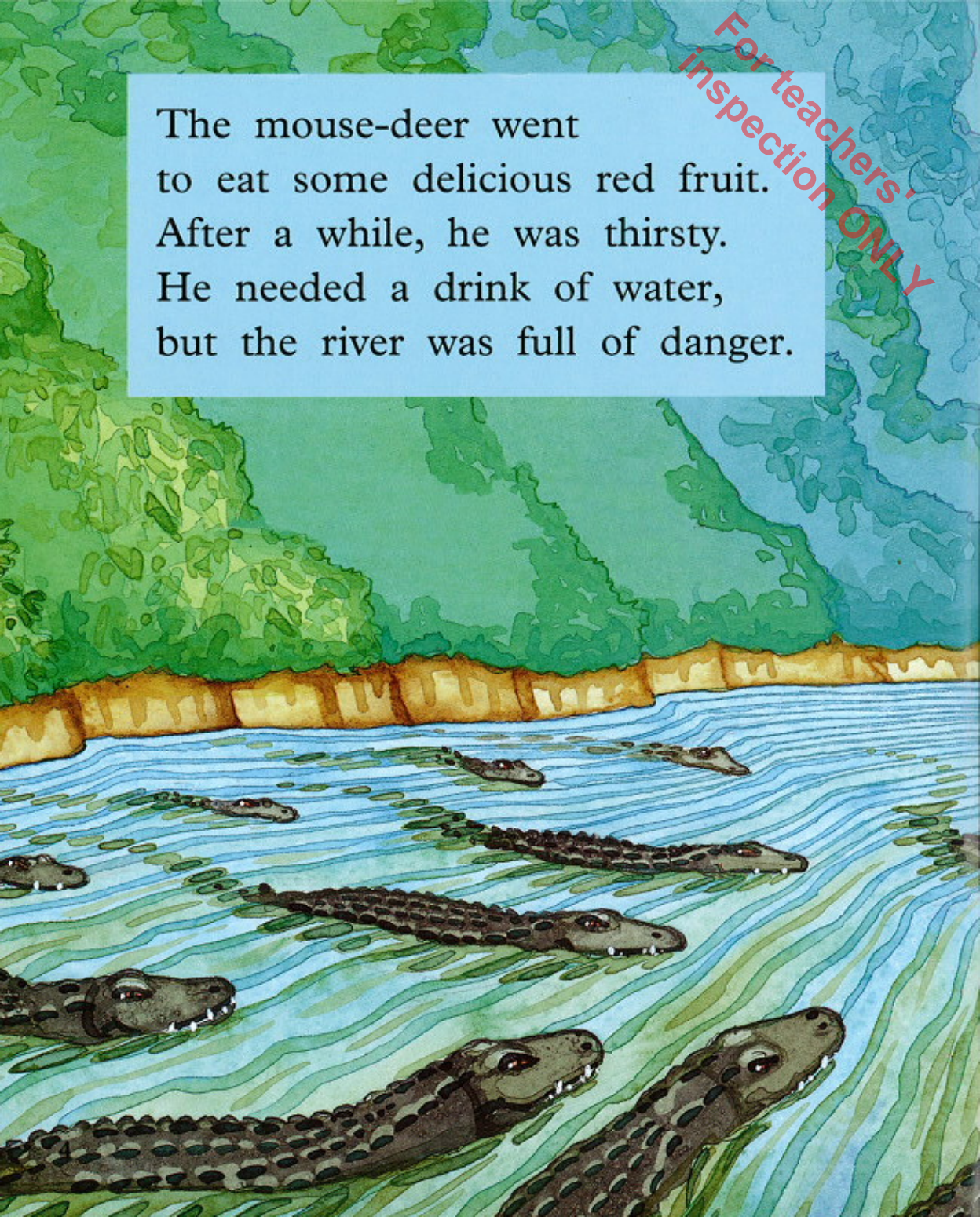
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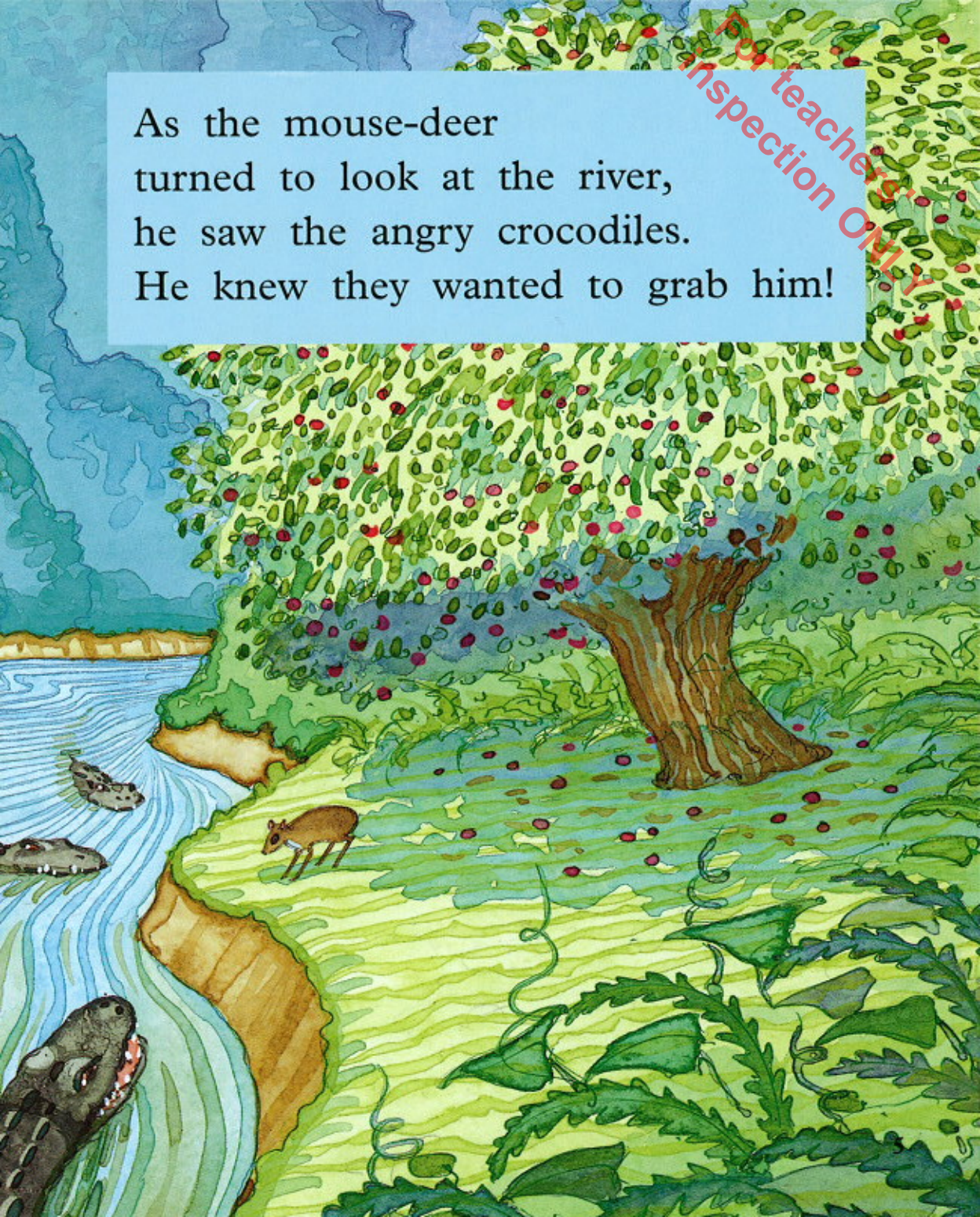
Then the mouse-deer
crossed the river
by walking over their backs.

The crocodiles were very angry
with him.

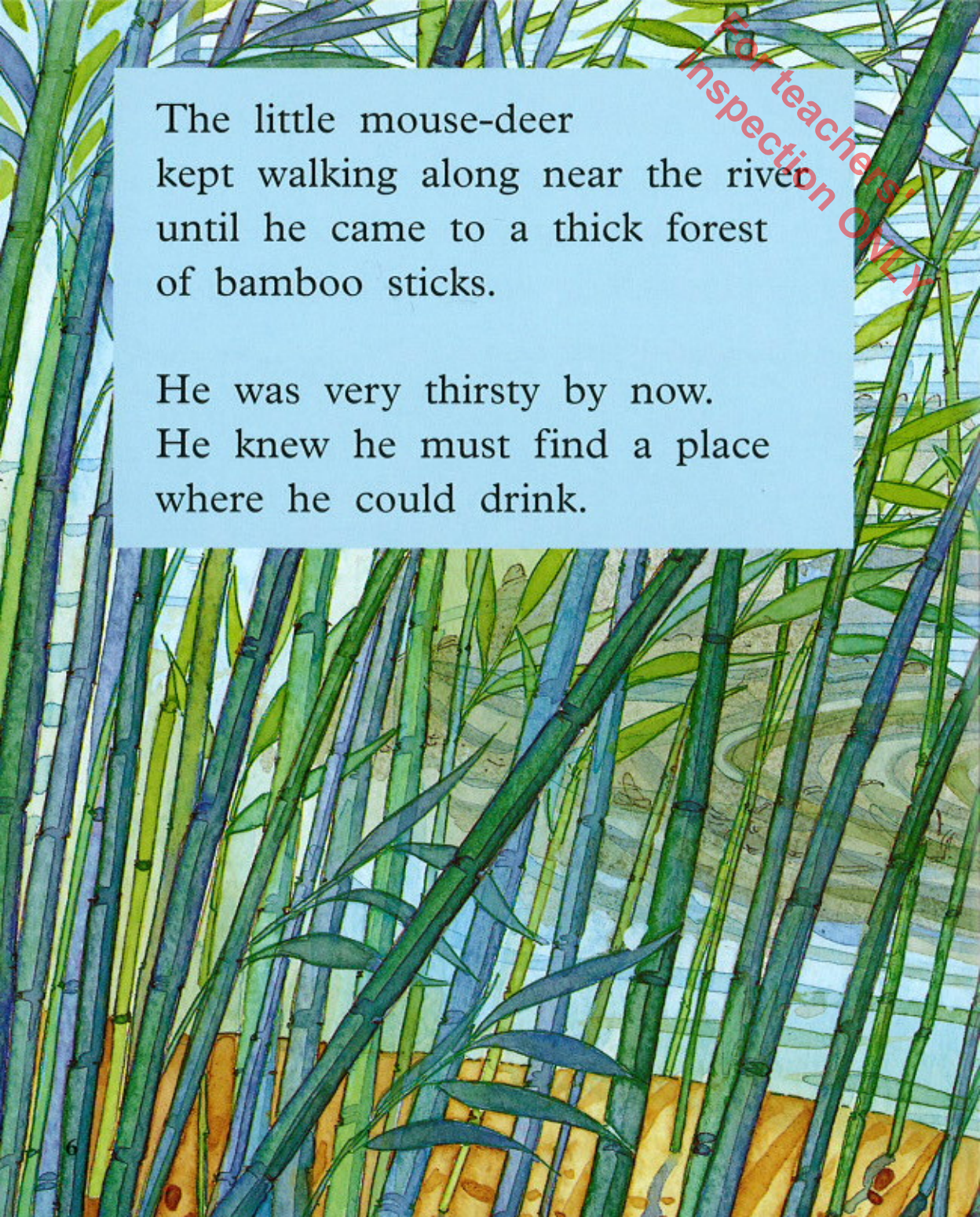
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The little mouse-deer kept walking along near the river until he came to a thick forest of bamboo sticks.

He was very thirsty by now. He knew he must find a place where he could drink.

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