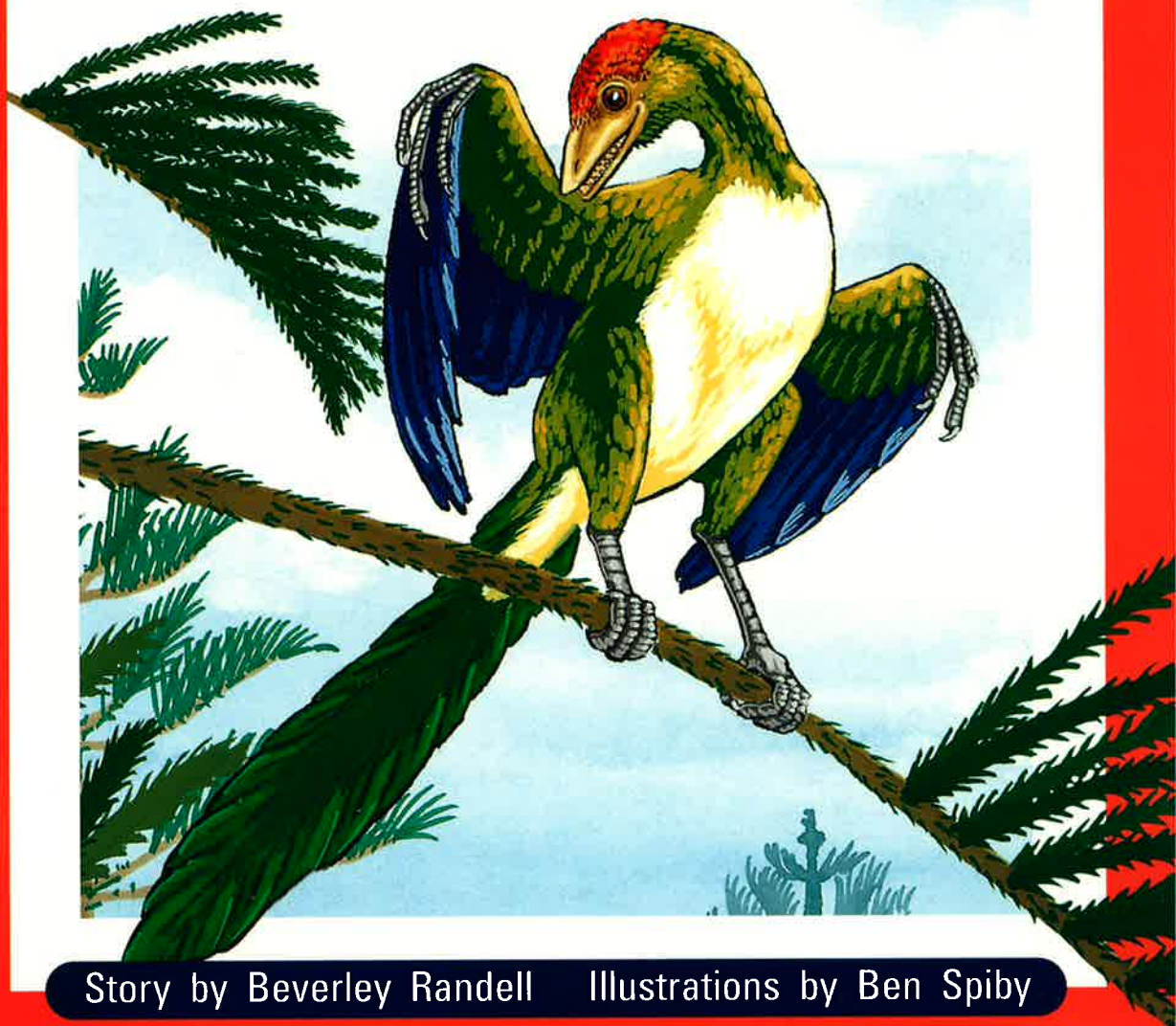
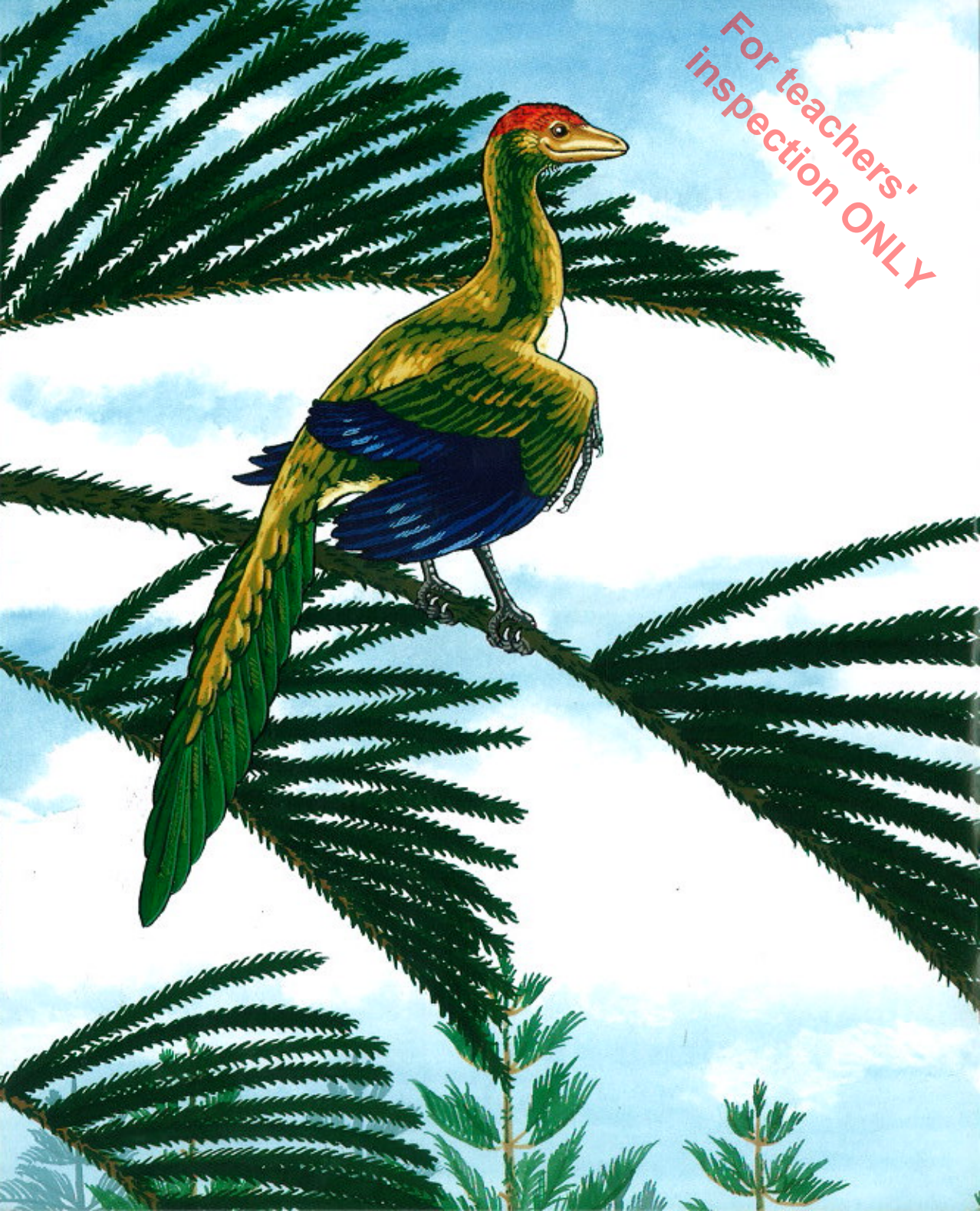
In the Days of the Dinosaurs

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Arky, the Dinosaur with Feathers



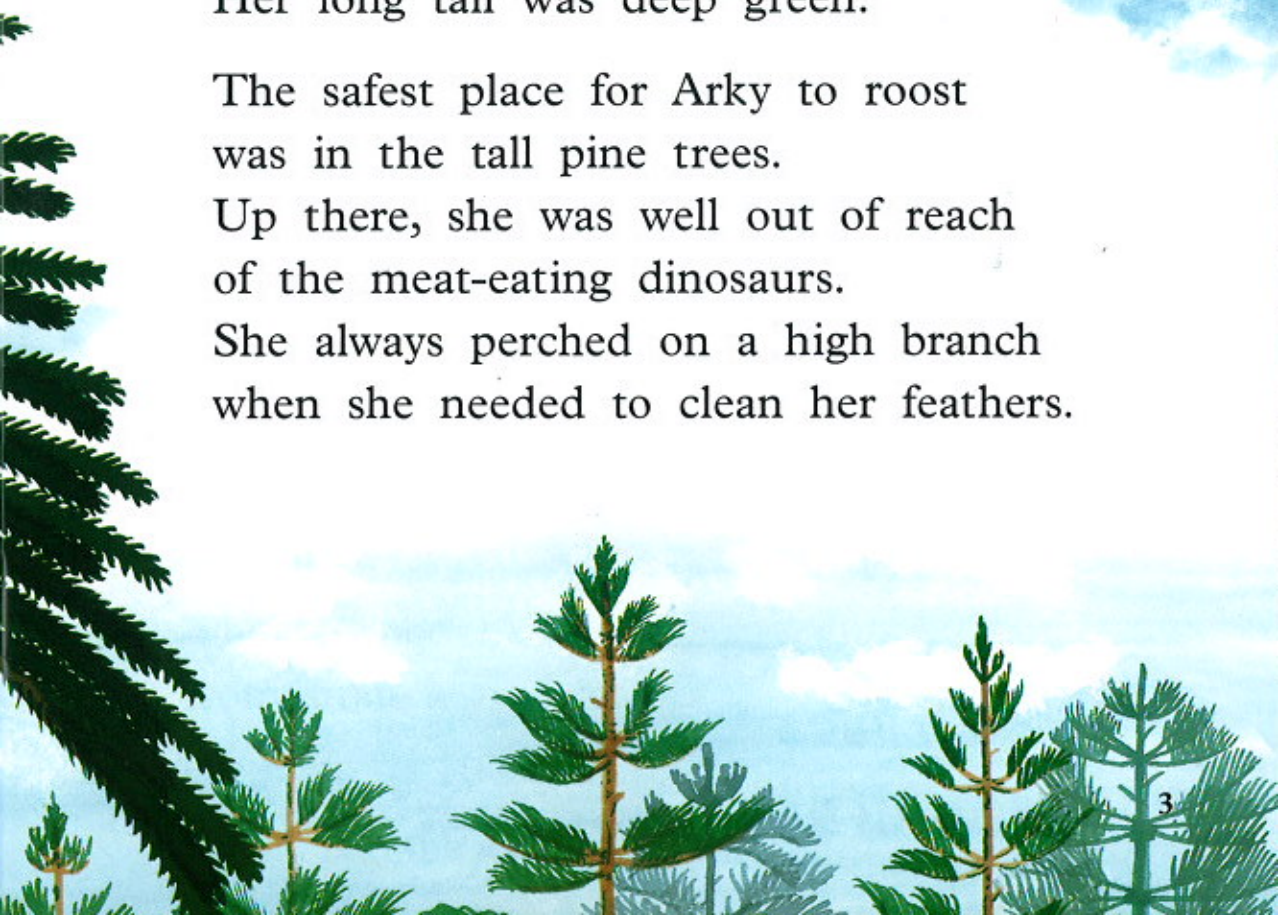
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Arky lived long, long ago,
in the days of the dinosaurs.
She was a beautiful bird
of many colours.
She had bright red feathers
on top of her head,
and shining blue feathers
on her wings.
Her long tail was deep green.

The safest place for Arky to roost
was in the tall pine trees.
Up there, she was well out of reach
of the meat-eating dinosaurs.
She always perched on a high branch
when she needed to clean her feathers.



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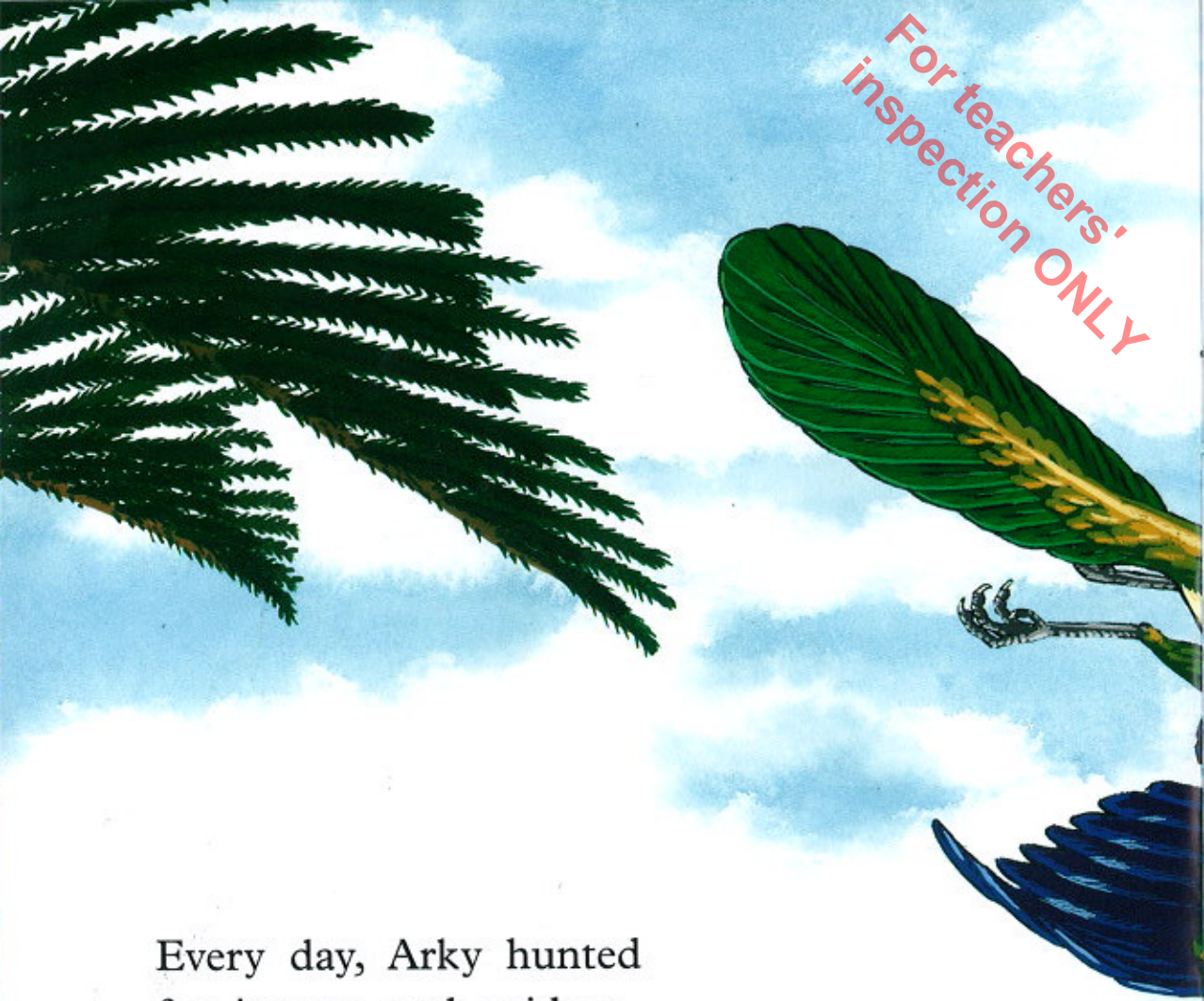
Months ago, when she was a chick,
Arky had not been able to fly.
She had used the strong claws
on her wings
for climbing out of danger.



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Now, although Arky could fly quite well,
she still used the claws on her wings
for climbing.
They helped her scramble about
from branch to branch.



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Every day, Arky hunted
for insects and spiders,
lizards and crabs.

Sometimes she caught them with her feet.
Sometimes she caught flying insects
in her beak.