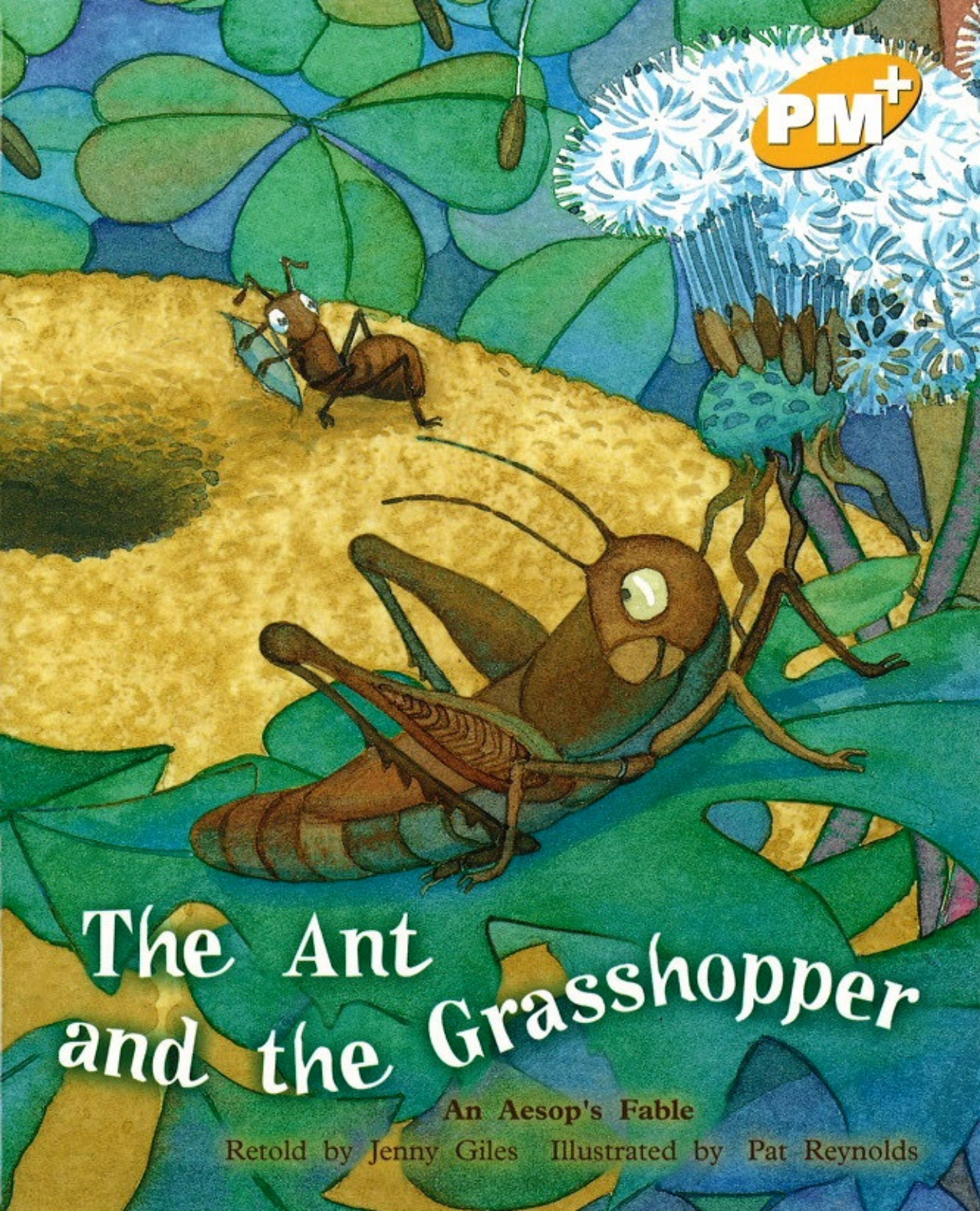
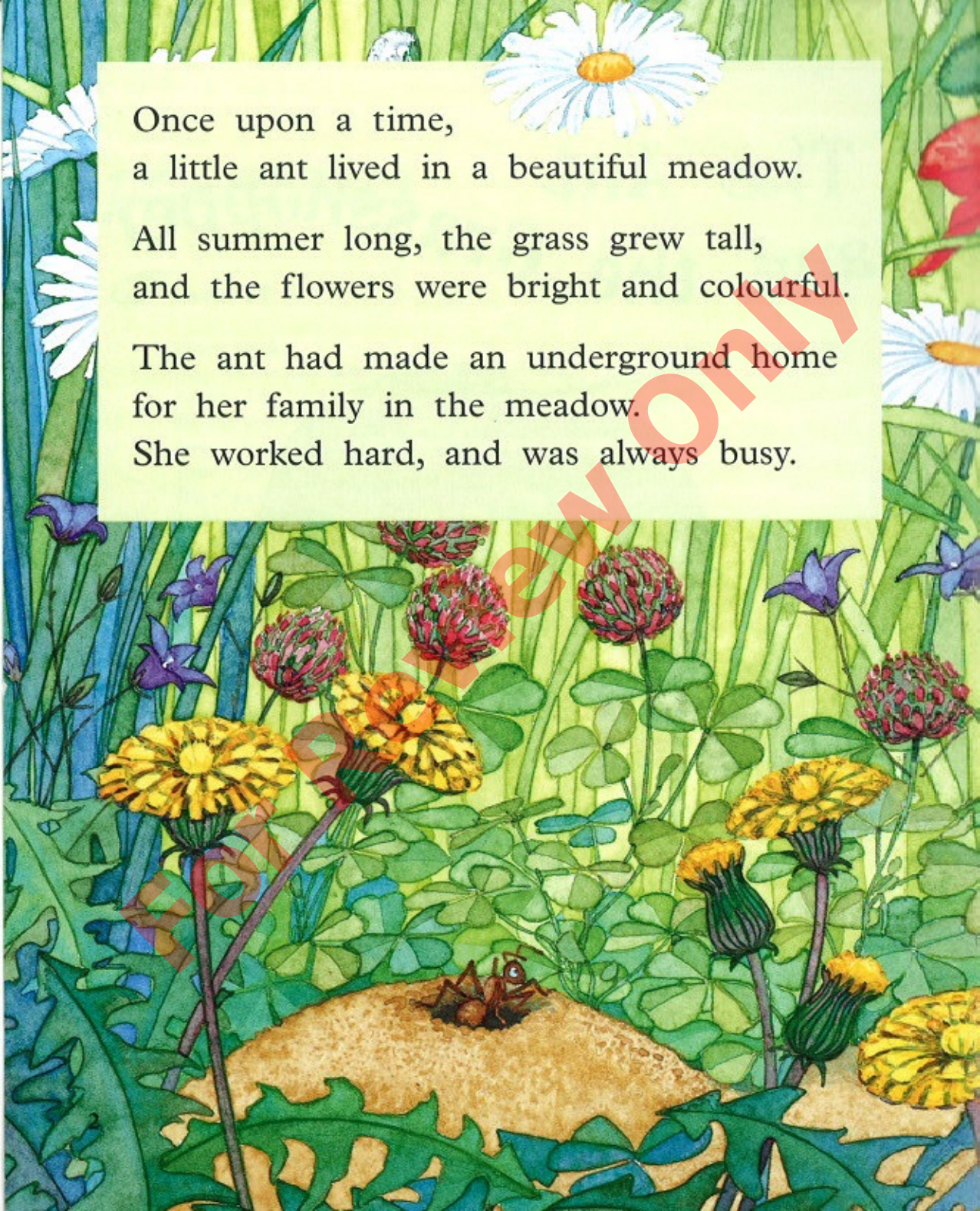

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The Ant and the Grasshopper
An Aesop's Fable
Retold by Jenny Giles Illustrated by Pat Reynolds

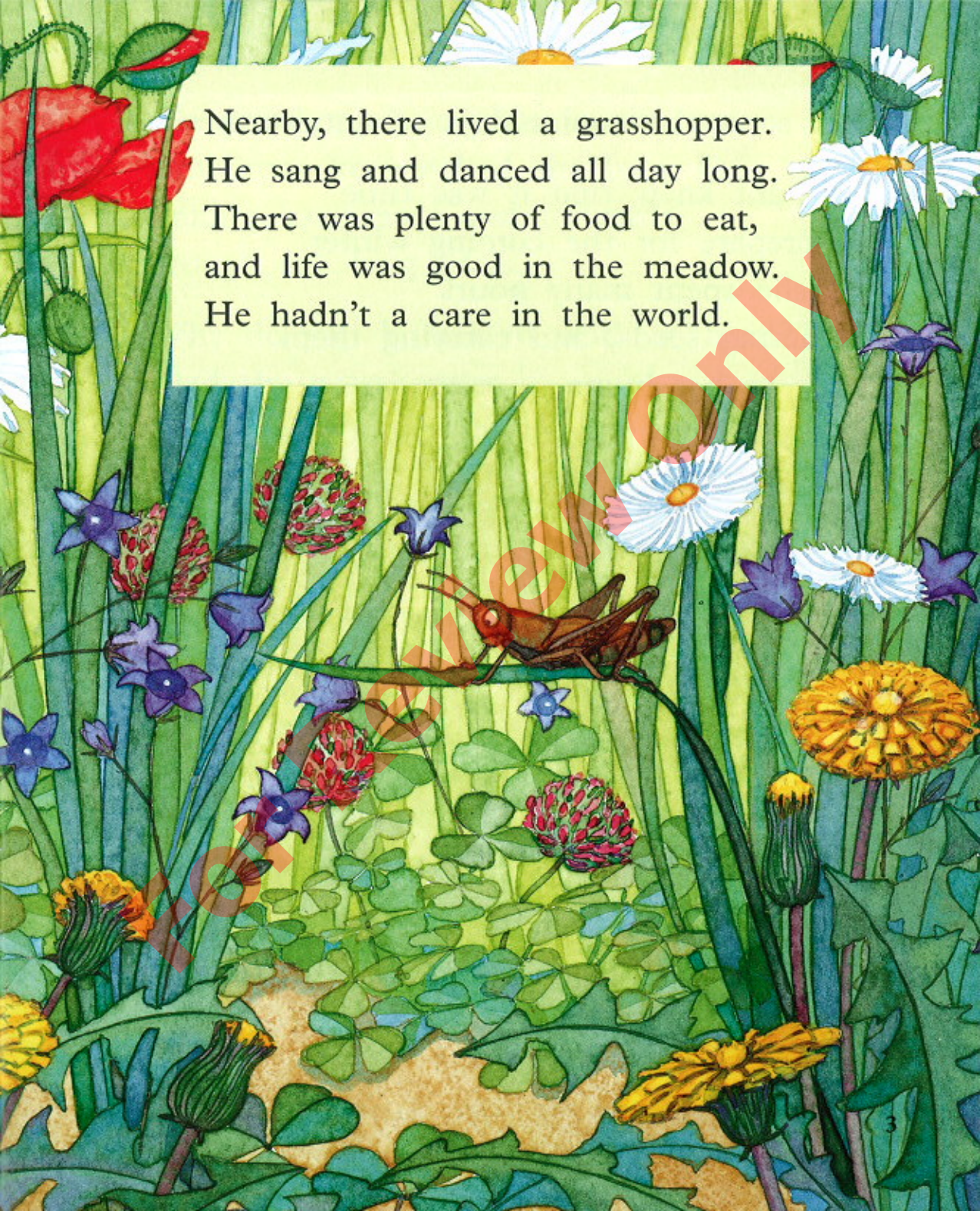


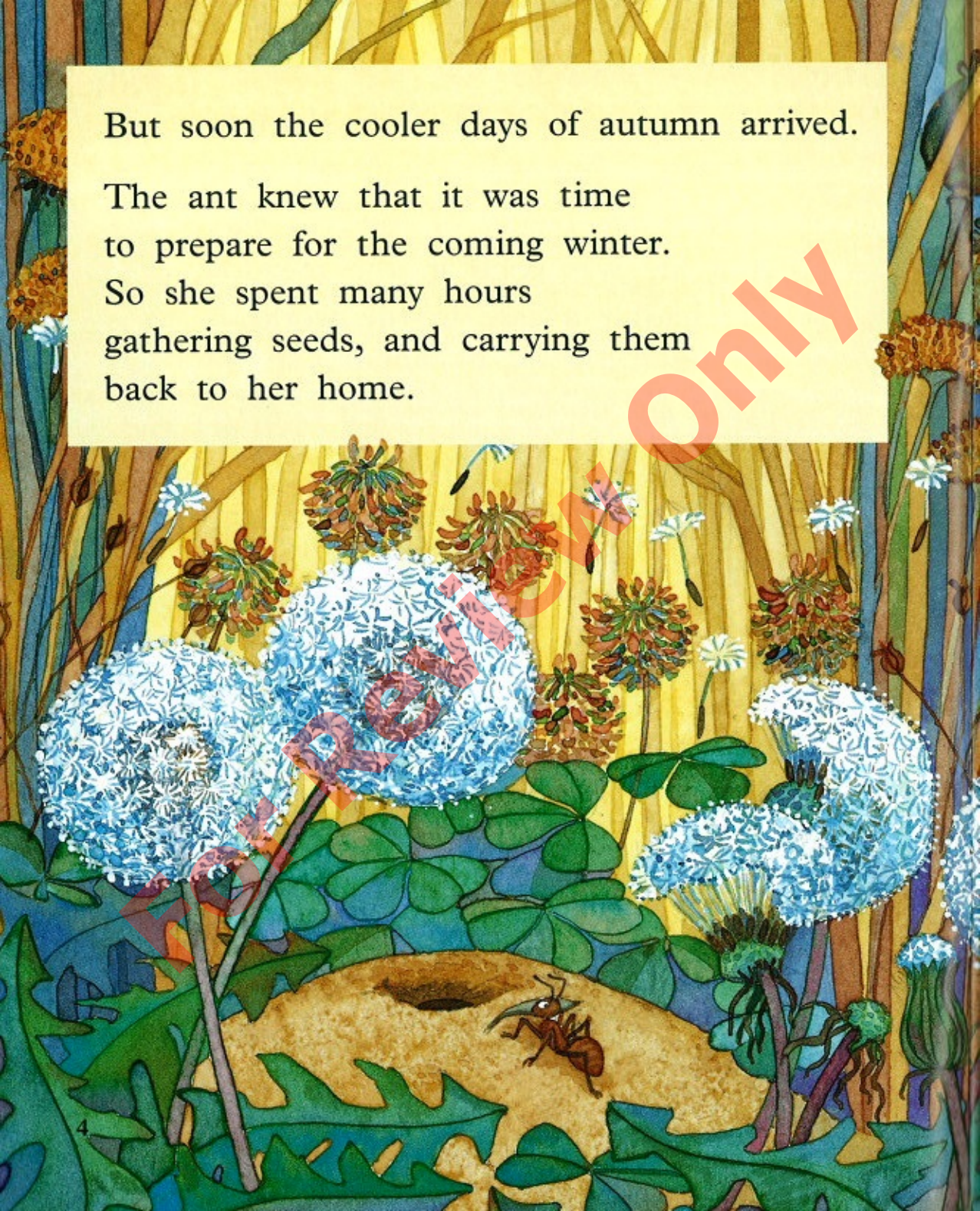
Once upon a time,
a little ant lived in a beautiful meadow.

All summer long, the grass grew tall,
and the flowers were bright and colourful.

The ant had made an underground home
for her family in the meadow.
She worked hard, and was always busy.

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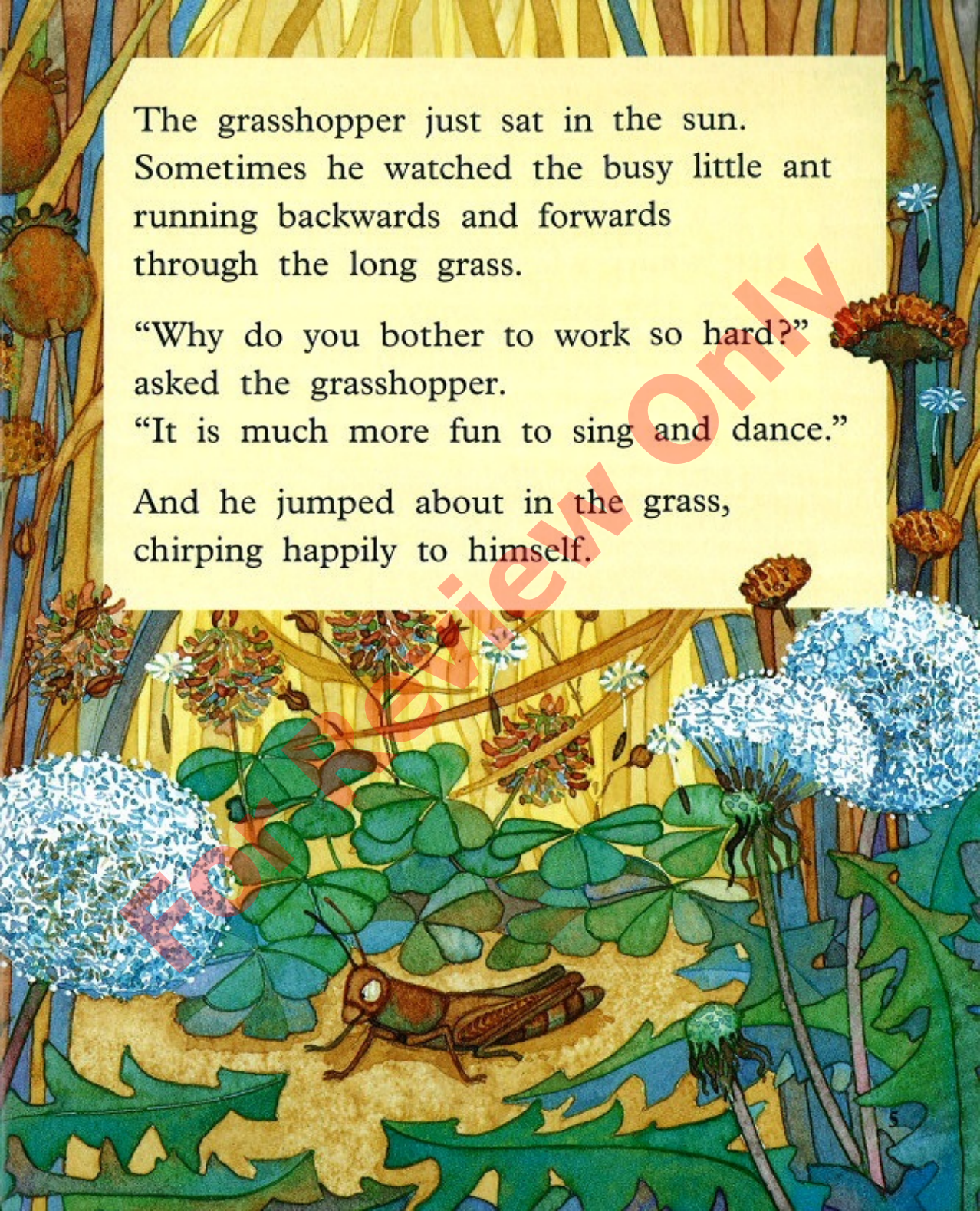

Nearby, there lived a grasshopper.
He sang and danced all day long.
There was plenty of food to eat,
and life was good in the meadow.
He hadn't a care in the world.
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But soon the cooler days of autumn arrived.

The ant knew that it was time
to prepare for the coming winter.
So she spent many hours
gathering seeds, and carrying them
back to her home.

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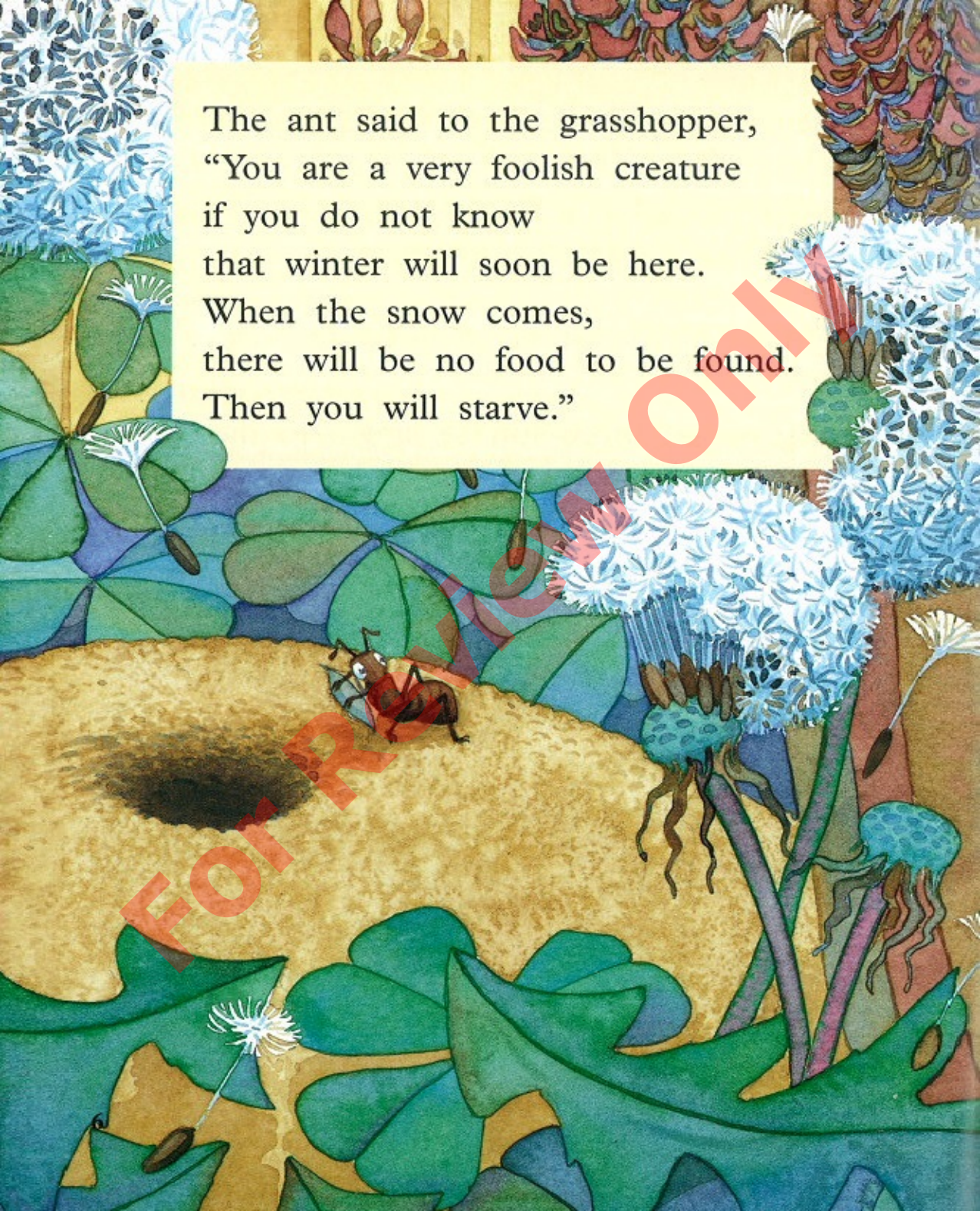


The grasshopper just sat in the sun. Sometimes he watched the busy little ant running backwards and forwards through the long grass.

"Why do you bother to work so hard?" asked the grasshopper.
"It is much more fun to sing and dance."

And he jumped about in the grass, chirping happily to himself.

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The ant said to the grasshopper,
"You are a very foolish creature
if you do not know
that winter will soon be here.
When the snow comes,
there will be no food to be found.
Then you will starve."
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