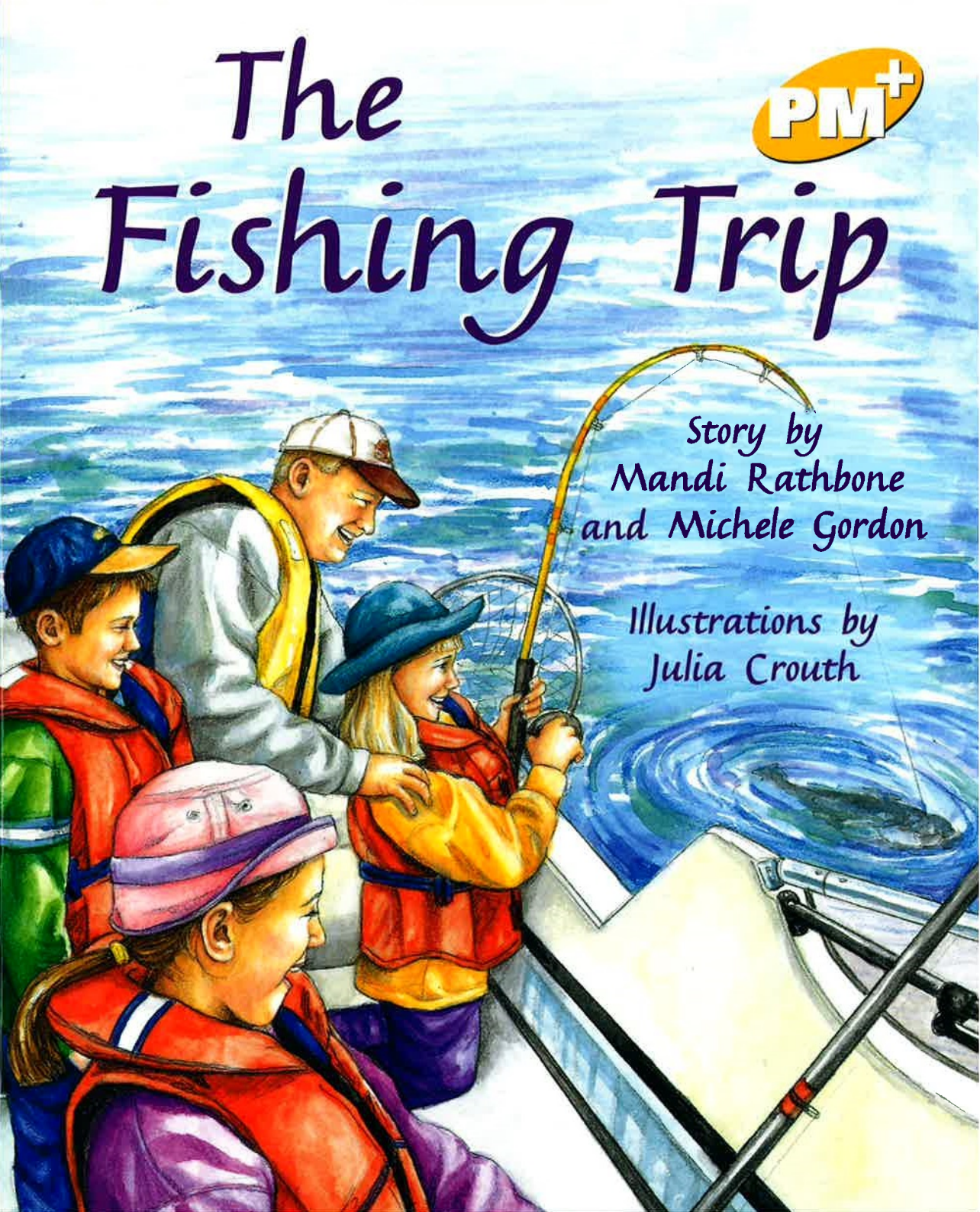
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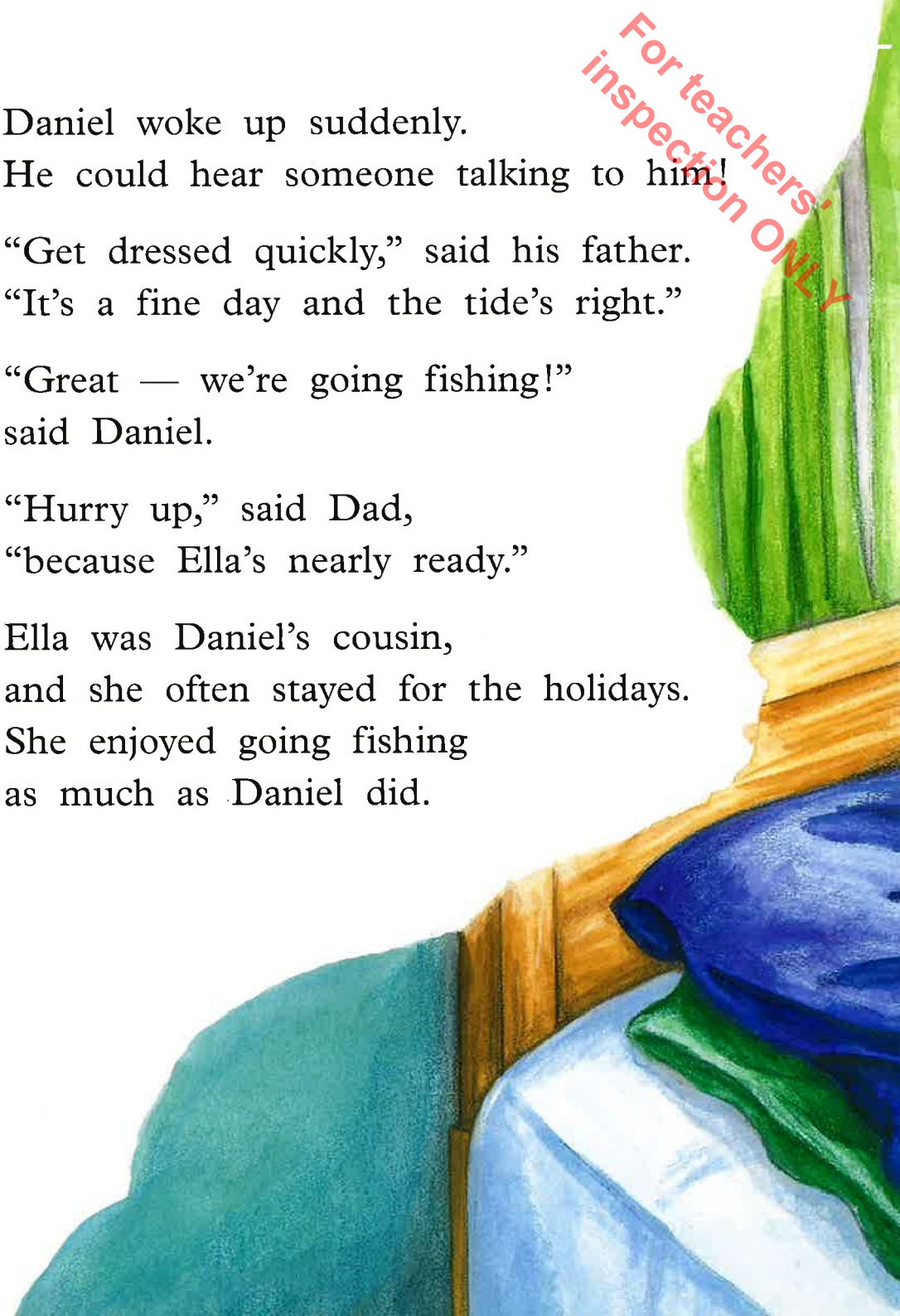
Daniel woke up suddenly.
He could hear someone talking to him!

"Get dressed quickly," said his father.
"It's a fine day and the tide's right."

"Great — we're going fishing!"
said Daniel.

"Hurry up," said Dad,
"because Ella's nearly ready."

Ella was Daniel's cousin,
and she often stayed for the holidays.
She enjoyed going fishing
as much as Daniel did.



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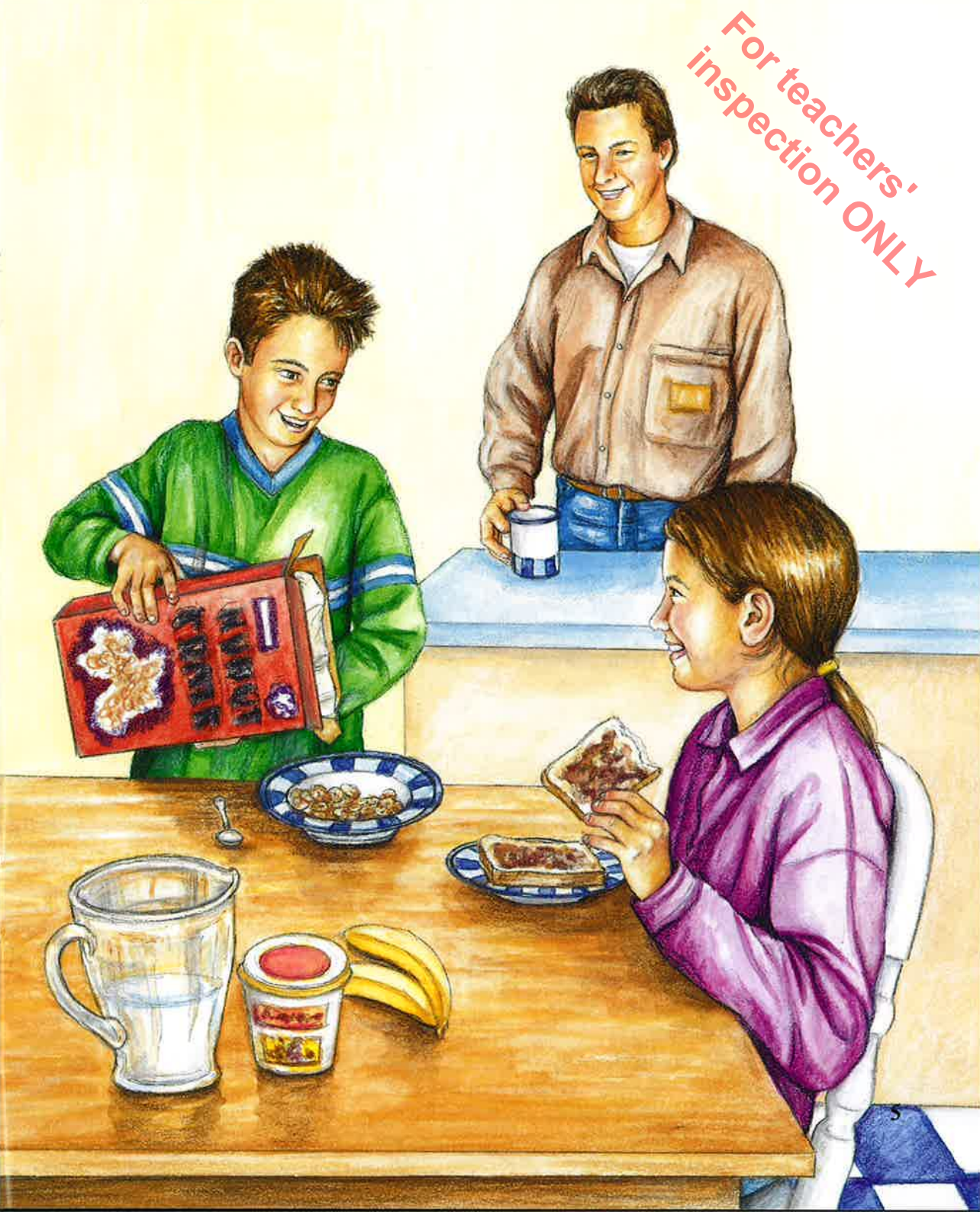
"I'm going to catch the biggest fish today,"
said Ella, as Daniel came into the kitchen.

"No chance!" laughed Daniel.
"I'm the fishing champ in this family."

Then Dad said,
"We're taking two extra people with us today.
They are Mr Moore, who works with me,
and his daughter, Sophie.
Sophie is the same age as you."

Daniel and Ella looked at each other.
They weren't sure that they wanted
to go fishing
with people they didn't know.

"Sophie has wanted to go on a boat
for a long time," said Dad.
"But she's probably going to need some help,
because she is blind."


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When they arrived at the boat ramp,
they saw Sophie and her father
waiting for them.

Dad introduced everybody,
and they all put on their life jackets.

The children stood back
while the men launched the boat,
and then Ella and Daniel climbed in.

Although her father was helping her,
Sophie looked anxious
whenever the boat rocked.
Ella wondered how she would manage
for the rest of the trip.

Sophie held her father's hand,
and felt her way towards the seat.
The boat rocked again,
and she almost lost her balance.

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As Daniel watched Sophie,
he began to realise
how difficult it must be for her.

