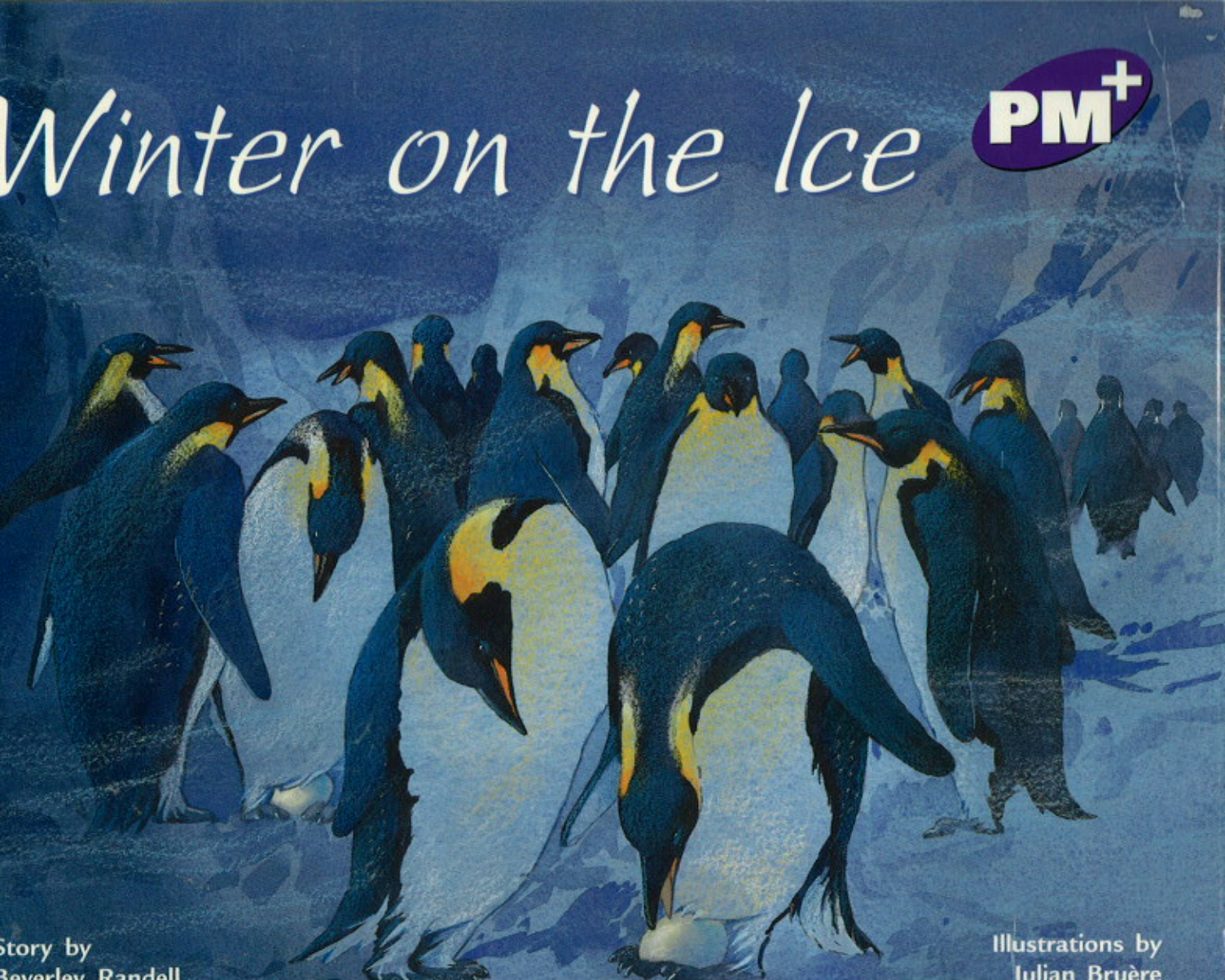
Winter on the Ice

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The cold winter was coming.
It was time for the emperor penguins
to go ashore.
There were hundreds of them.



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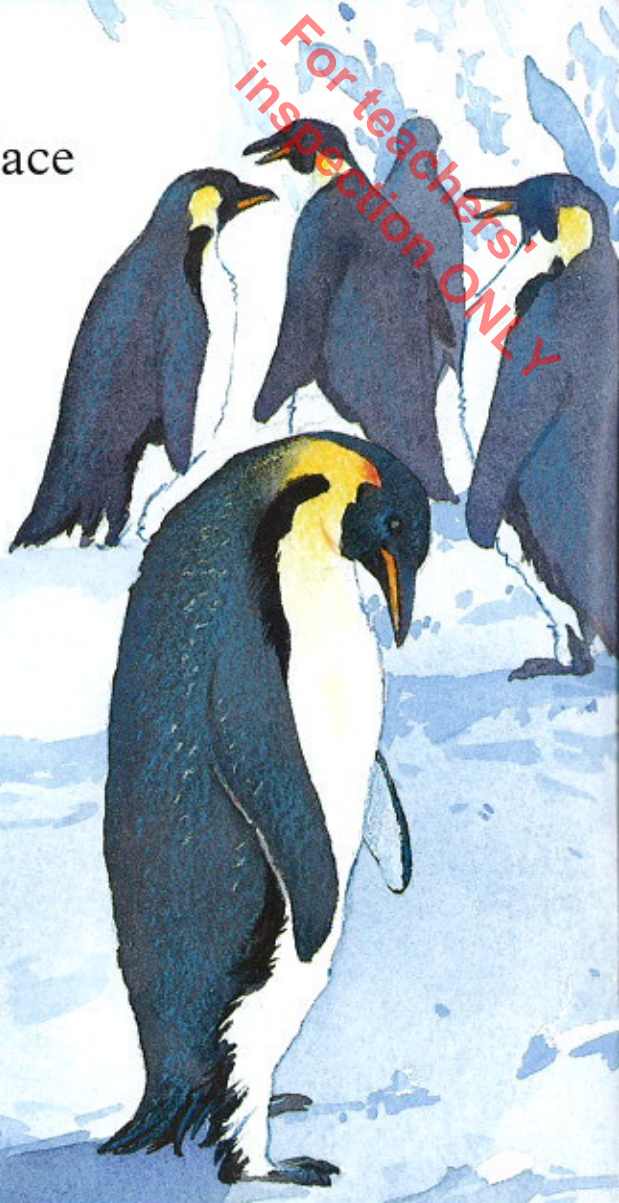
Gwin leaped out of the sea
with all the others.

The penguins plodded
across the ice and snow, in a long line.
Sometimes they lay down
and slid on their fronts.

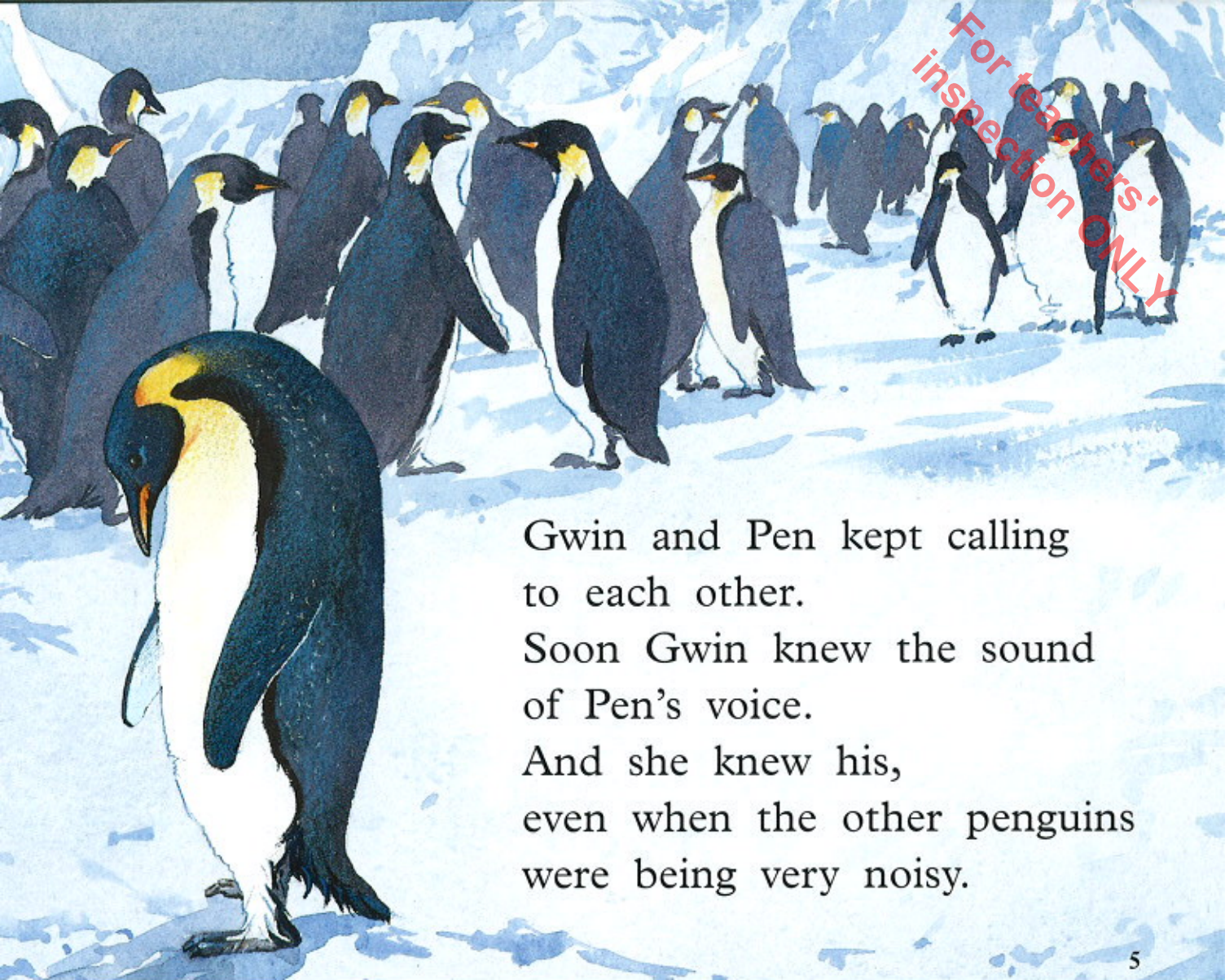


A week later, they reached the place where the mother penguins always laid their eggs.

Gwin bowed to Pen
and she bowed back.
She would be his mate.



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Gwin and Pen kept calling
to each other.
Soon Gwin knew the sound
of Pen's voice.
And she knew his,
even when the other penguins
were being very noisy.

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When Pen laid her egg,
Gwin stood beside her.
He knew that he had to keep the egg
off the freezing ice.

He pulled it quickly towards him
with his beak.
He rolled it onto his strong feet
before it had time to get cold,
and tucked it under his feathers.

Gwin would have to keep the egg warm
until it hatched.



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