The Green Dragons



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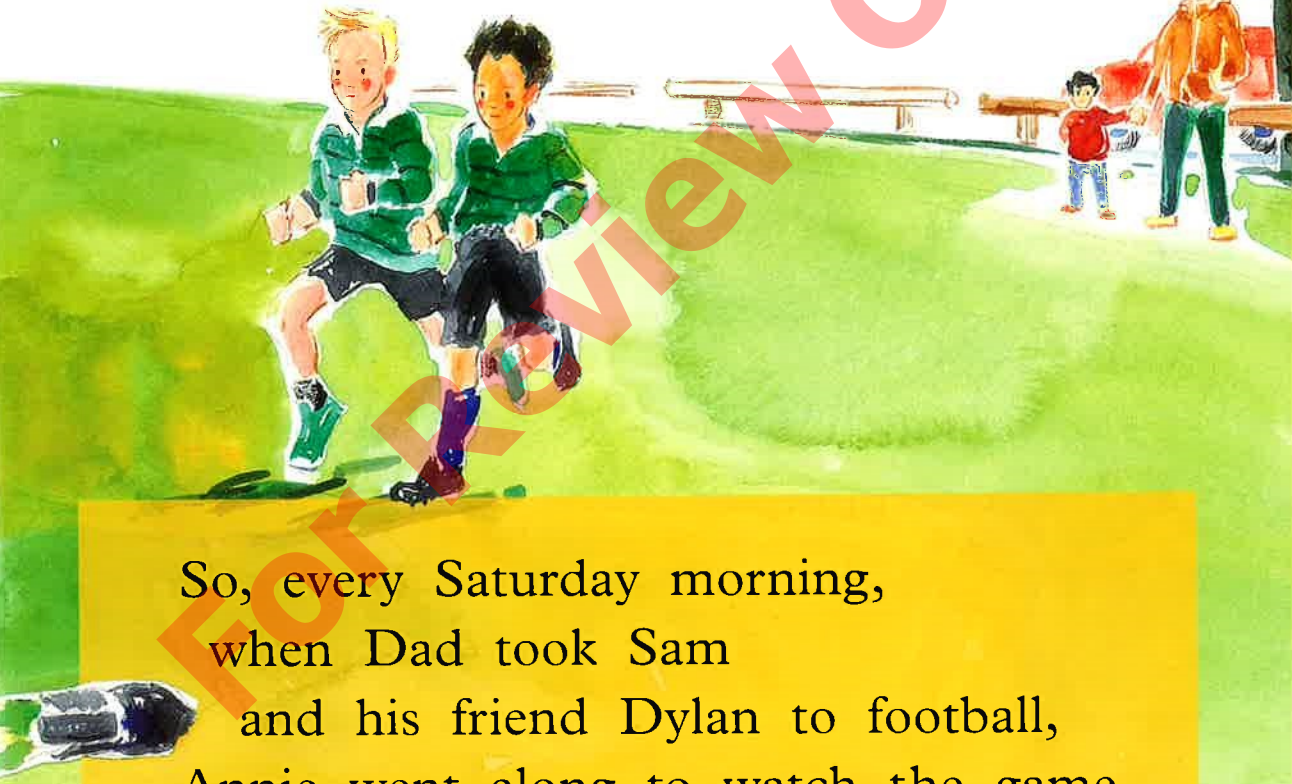
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Annie loved football.
Her brother Sam was older
and bigger than she was,
and he played for the Green Dragons
every Saturday morning.



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Annie wanted to play for them, too,
but Dad said,
"The Green Dragons are all
older than you.
You can't play for them,
but you can come along and watch."



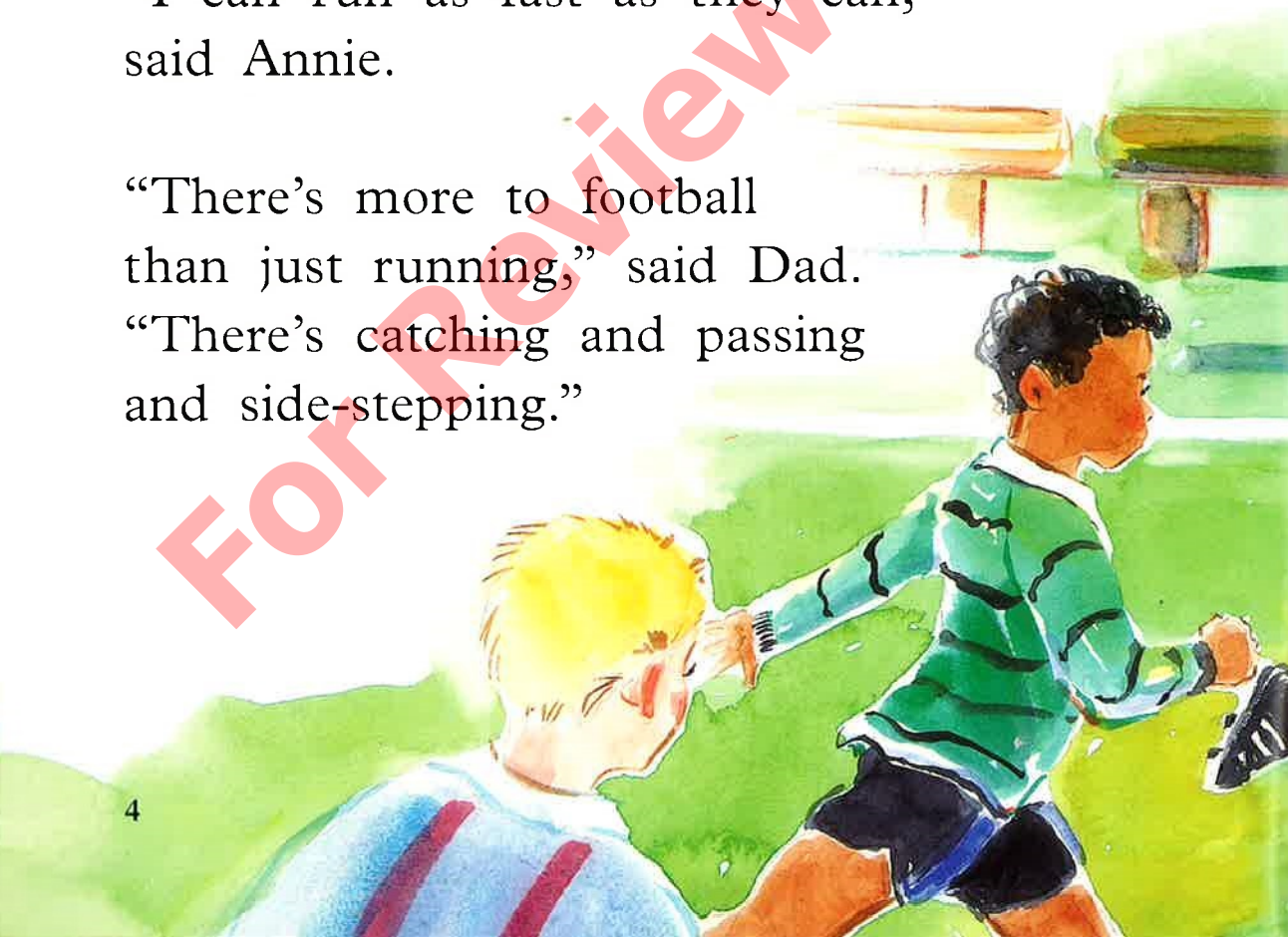
So, every Saturday morning,
when Dad took Sam
and his friend Dylan to football,
Annie went along to watch the game.

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Annie stood next to Dad
at the side of the football field.
When the Green Dragons had the ball
and ran up the field,
she cheered and shouted,
and ran along the sideline to keep up.

"I can run as fast as they can,"
said Annie.

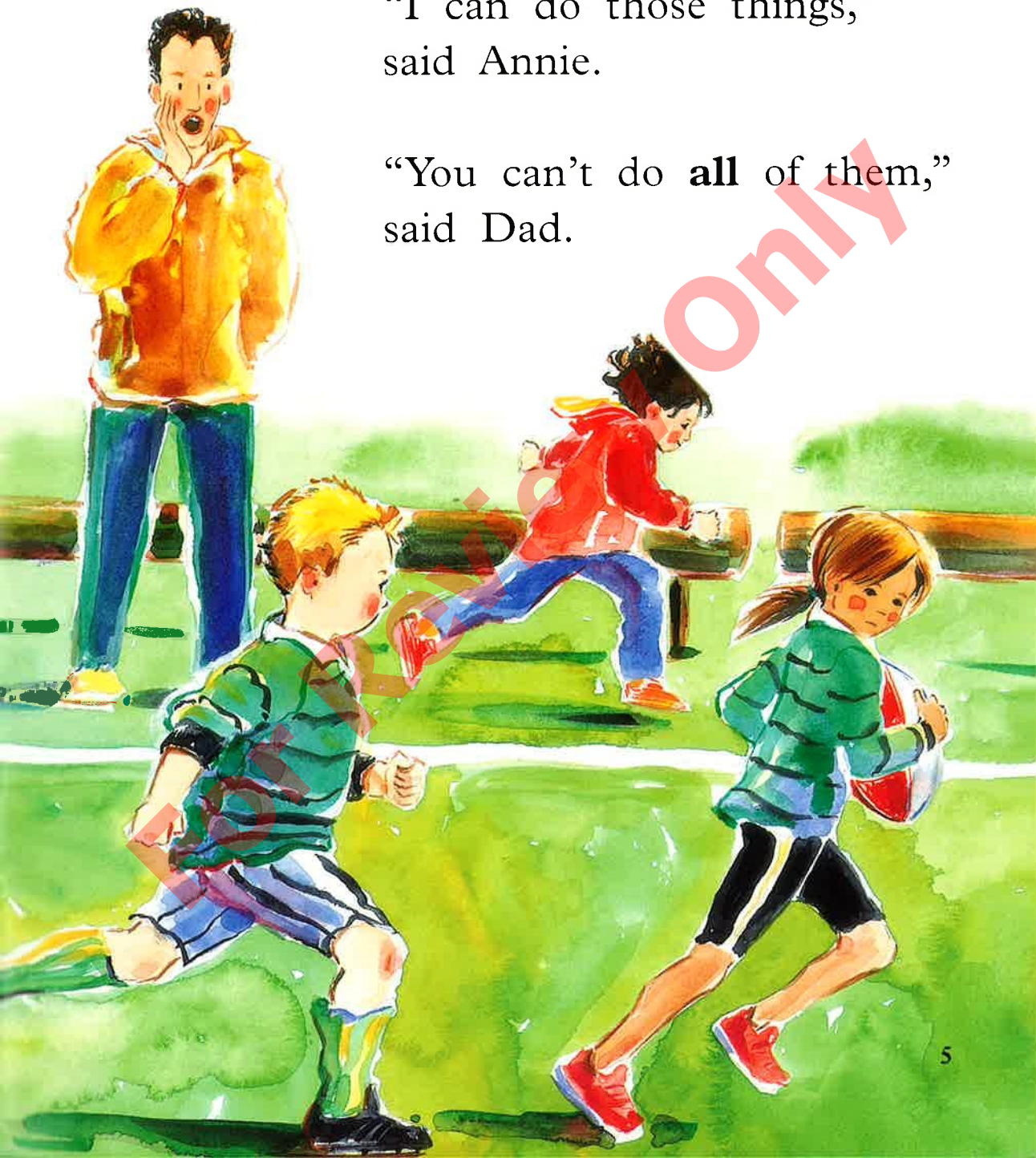
"There's more to football
than just running," said Dad.
"There's catching and passing
and side-stepping."



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"I can do those things," said Annie.

"You can't do **all** of them," said Dad.



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For two Saturdays in a row,
the Green Dragons **lost**!

"We will have to practise more,"
said the coach.

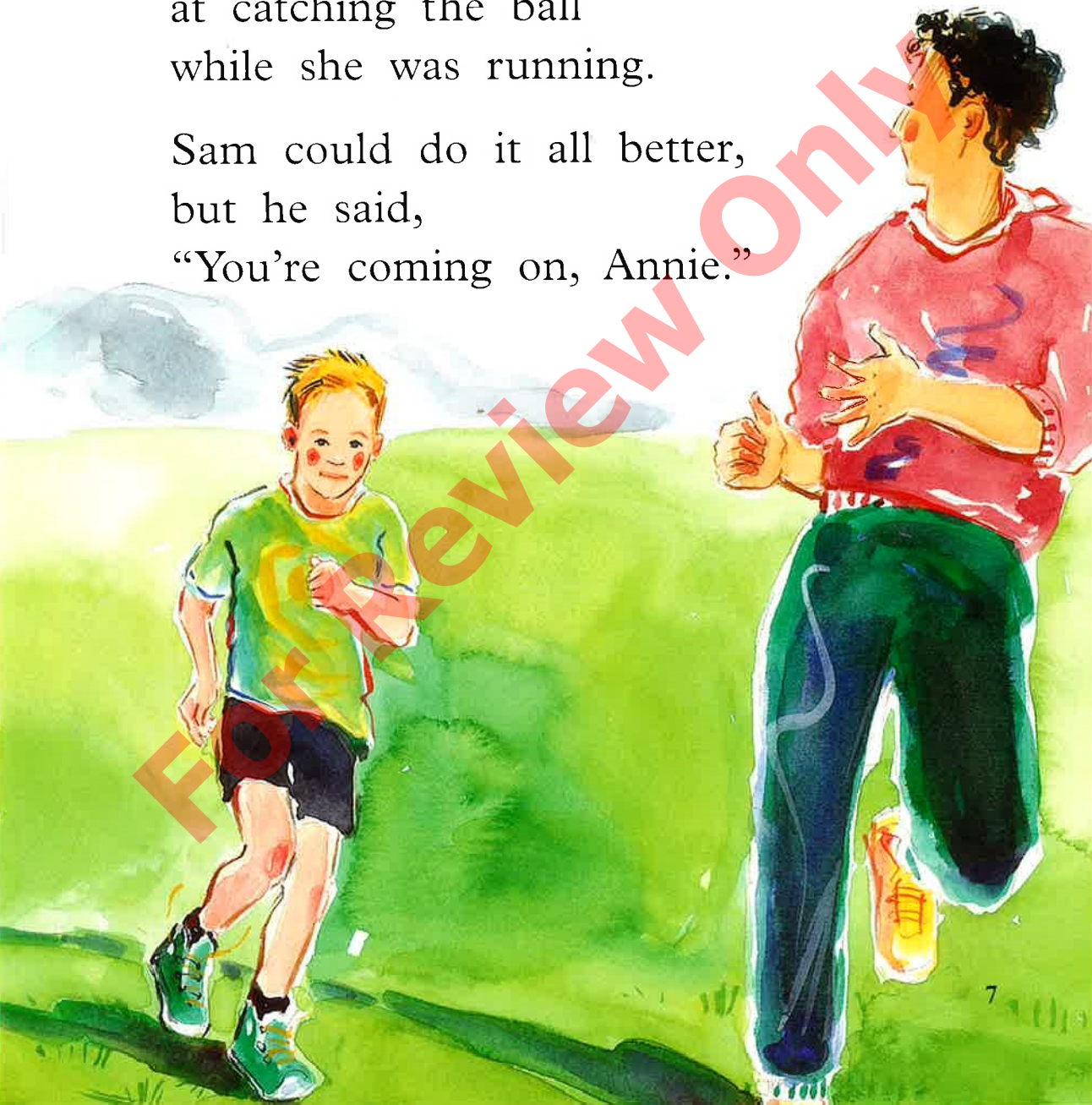
So, on most evenings,
when Dad came home from work,
he took Sam and Dylan
along to the park for a quick game.



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Annie played, too.
Soon she was really good
at catching the ball
while she was running.

Sam could do it all better,
but he said,
"You're coming on, Annie."



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