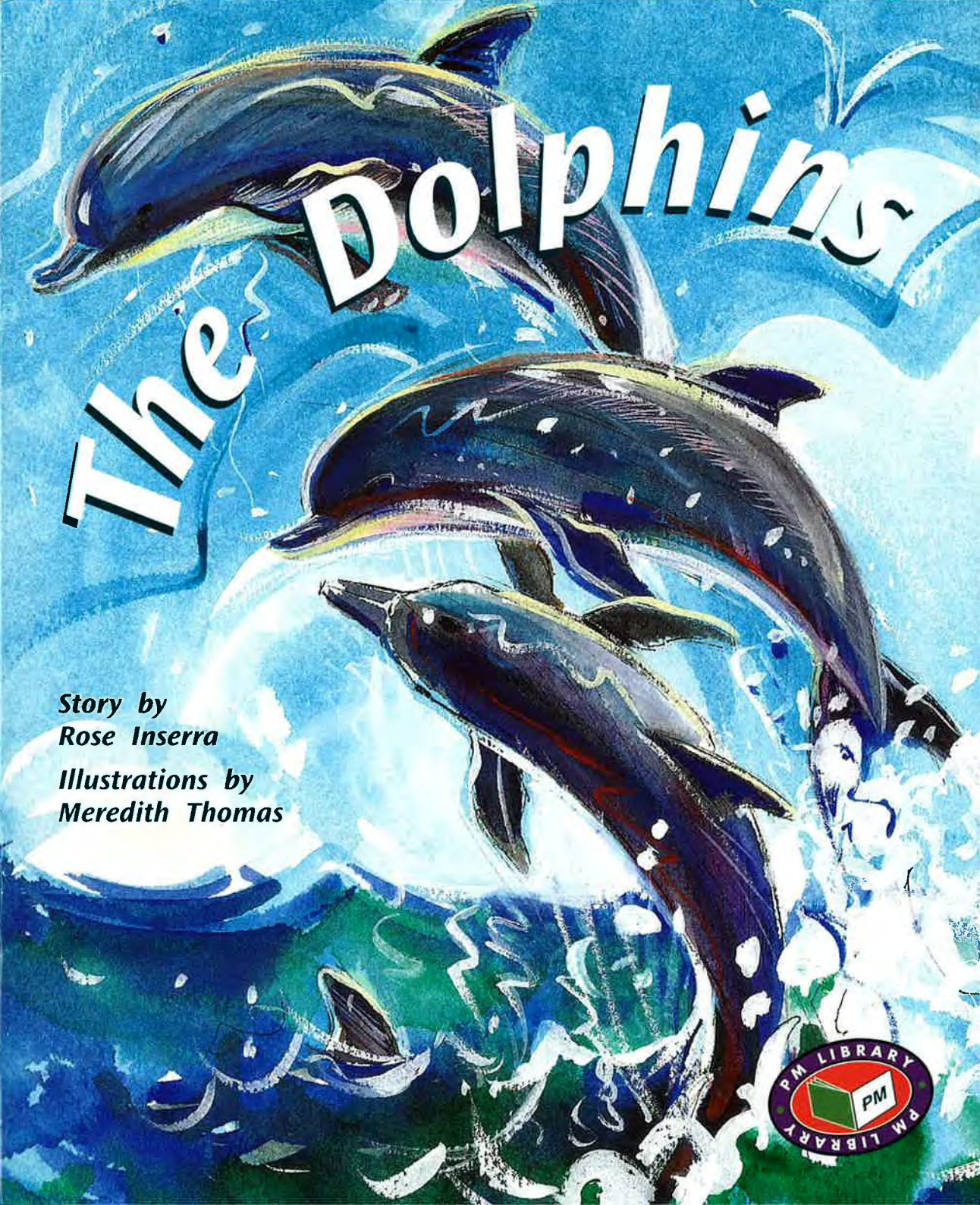

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"I don't want to go out
with Dad today," said Jason.
"I want to go to Ben's place
and practise my swimming in his pool."

"Your dad will be disappointed,"
Mum told him.
"He's taking you for a special swim.
I think you should go."

Jason didn't want to disappoint his dad.
He only spent time with him on Saturdays.

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When Jason heard Dad's car horn,
he ran outside.
"Hi, Dad. Where are we going today?"
Jason asked.

"We're going to Seaport
for a special swim," said Dad.

"What kind of a special swim?" asked Jason.

"You'll see," replied Dad. "It's a surprise."



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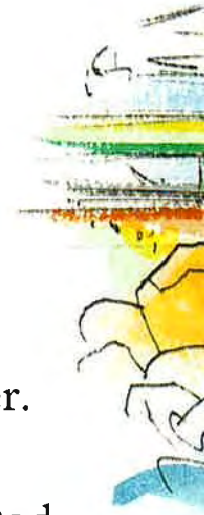
Jason sighed.
He really wanted to swim in Ben's pool.
The sea had waves and seaweed.
He could swim much better in a pool.

It was hot and stuffy in Dad's car,
and the seats were sticky under his legs.
"We'll be there soon," said Dad.

The cars on the road were moving slowly.
Fumes from the traffic
made Jason feel sick.
The trip seemed to be taking forever.

Finally they came over a hill
and Jason could see the sea.
"Nearly there," said Dad.

Dad drove into the car park near the pier.
But the car park was full.
"We'll have to park further away," said Dad.
Jason said nothing.



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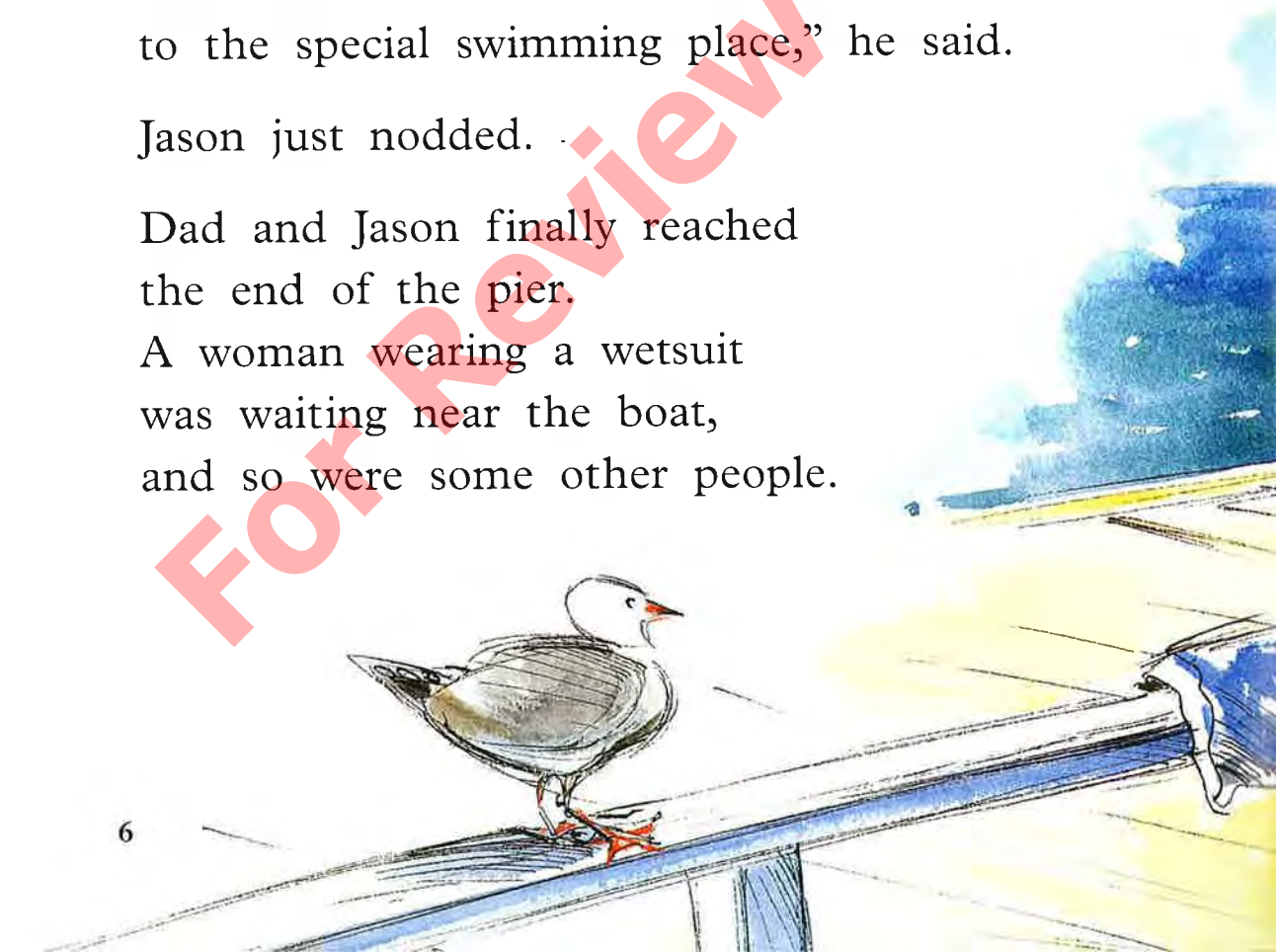

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Dad drove around for ages.
At last, he found a parking spot,
but it was a long way from the pier.
Dad and Jason began the hot walk back.
"When are we going
to have the special swim, Dad?" asked Jason.

Dad pointed to the end of the pier.
"See that boat? It will take us
to the special swimming place," he said.

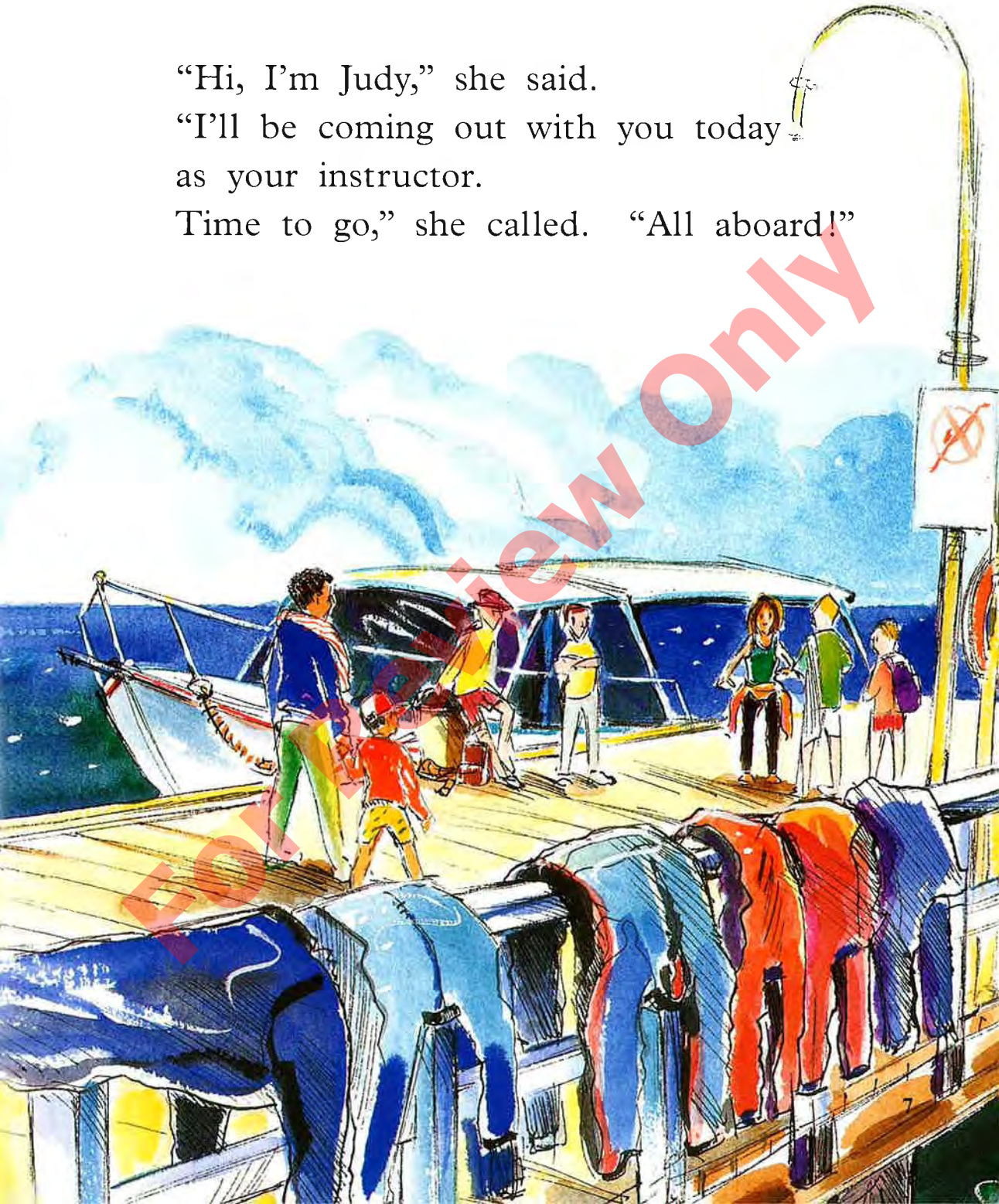
Jason just nodded.

Dad and Jason finally reached
the end of the pier.
A woman wearing a wetsuit
was waiting near the boat,
and so were some other people.



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"Hi, I'm Judy," she said.
"I'll be coming out with you today as your instructor.
Time to go," she called. "All aboard!"



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