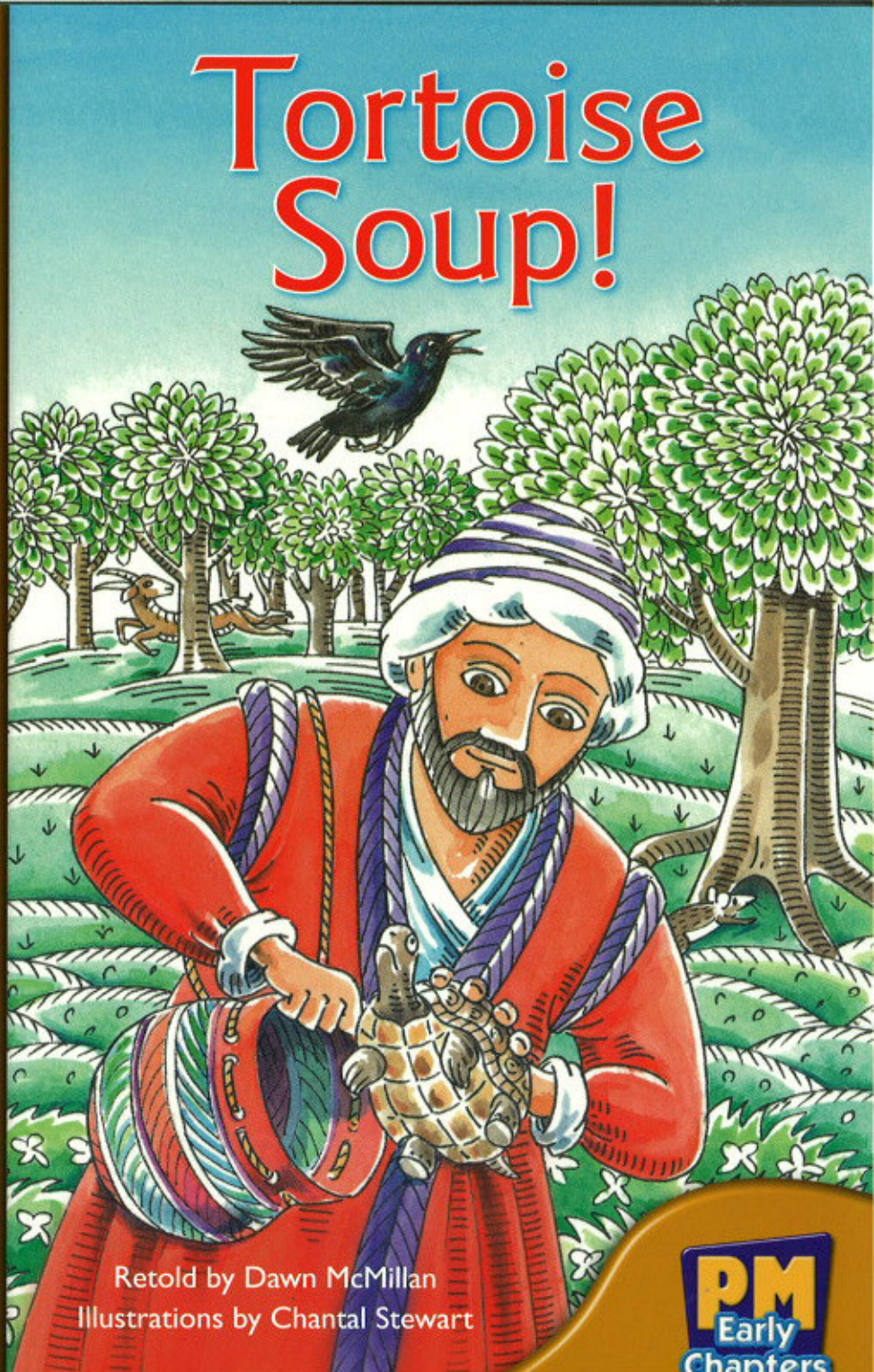
Tortoise Soup!



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Level 22

Running Words	Complete text	753
Reading Record	Pages 12–16	203

Key Teaching Points

- Explain that this book is a retold traditional story from India.
- Read the chapter headings on the title page and predict the story.
- Draw a map showing the different locations as the story is read.

Key Questions

- Why didn't Tortoise stay at the river bank? *(Literal)*
- Which animal do you think was the cleverest? Why? *(Inferential)*
- What do you think the hunter will do now that Goat and Tortoise are free? *(Inferential)*
- How else could the friends have tricked the hunter? *(Inferential)*
- Explain why it is good to have friends who care about you. *(Applied knowledge)*

Vocabulary Enrichment

- Find phrases that show the passing of time; e.g. *every day, one morning.*
- Revise these triple blends: *spr-, thr-, scr-.*
- Identify verbs that convey action; e.g. *hobbled, scooped, plodding.*

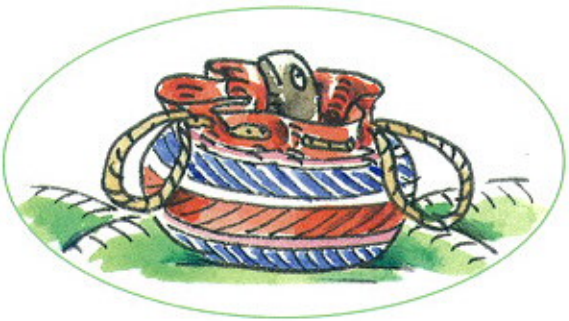
Links with other PM Books

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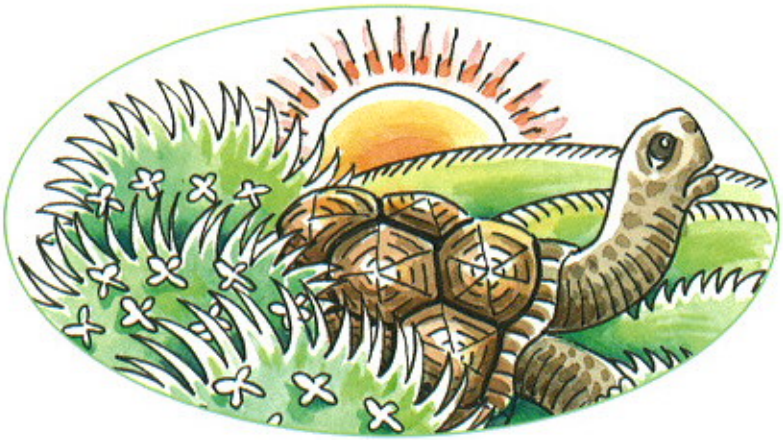
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Chapter 1

Where Is Goat?



Once there were four very good friends,
Tortoise, Goat, Raven and Rat.
They lived on the edge of a forest.

Every morning, Tortoise crawled out of his burrow
and made his way slowly down to the river
for a drink of water.
There, he met Goat, Raven and Rat,
who liked to drink from the river, too.

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Goat, Raven and Rat could move much faster than Tortoise and they got to the river first. But they always waited patiently for their friend to arrive.

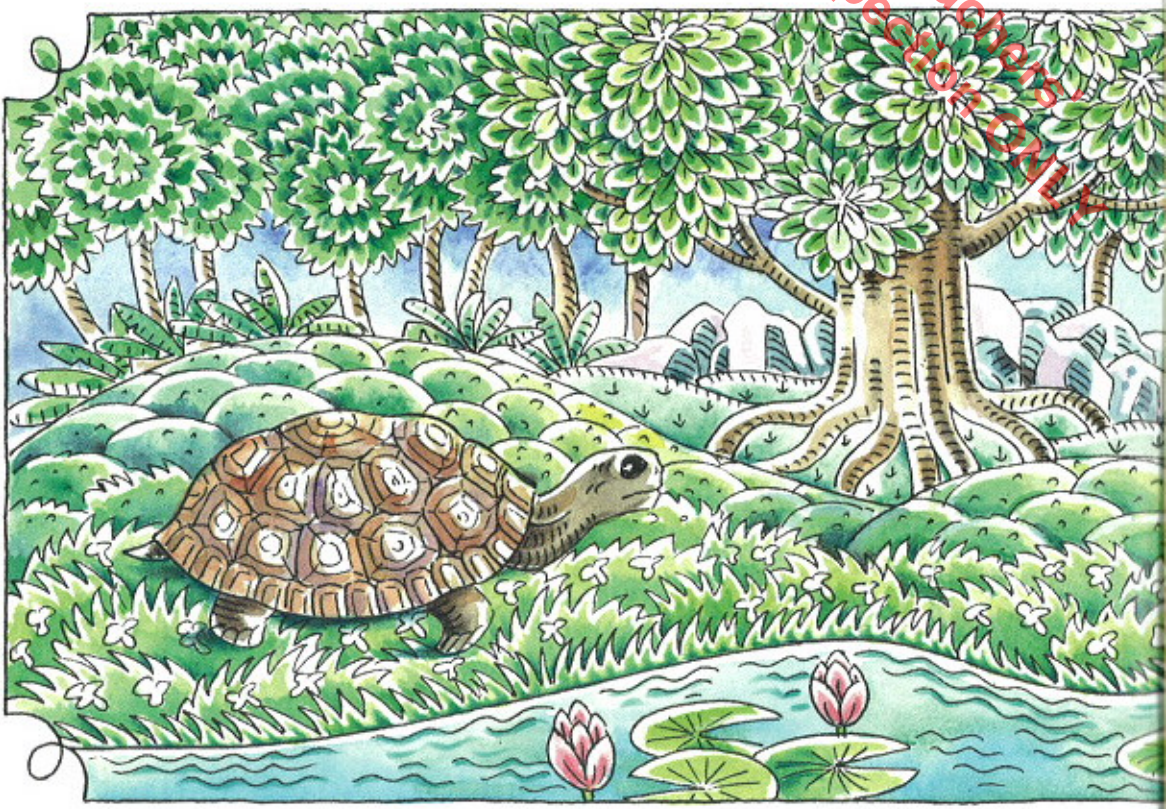


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Every day, Raven croaked, "Here he comes!" and then Tortoise and his friends would drink together.



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One morning, when Tortoise reached the river, he saw Raven and Rat sitting on the bank looking most unhappy.

"What's wrong?" asked Tortoise anxiously.

"Goat is late," answered Rat.

"Goat is never late!" exclaimed Tortoise.