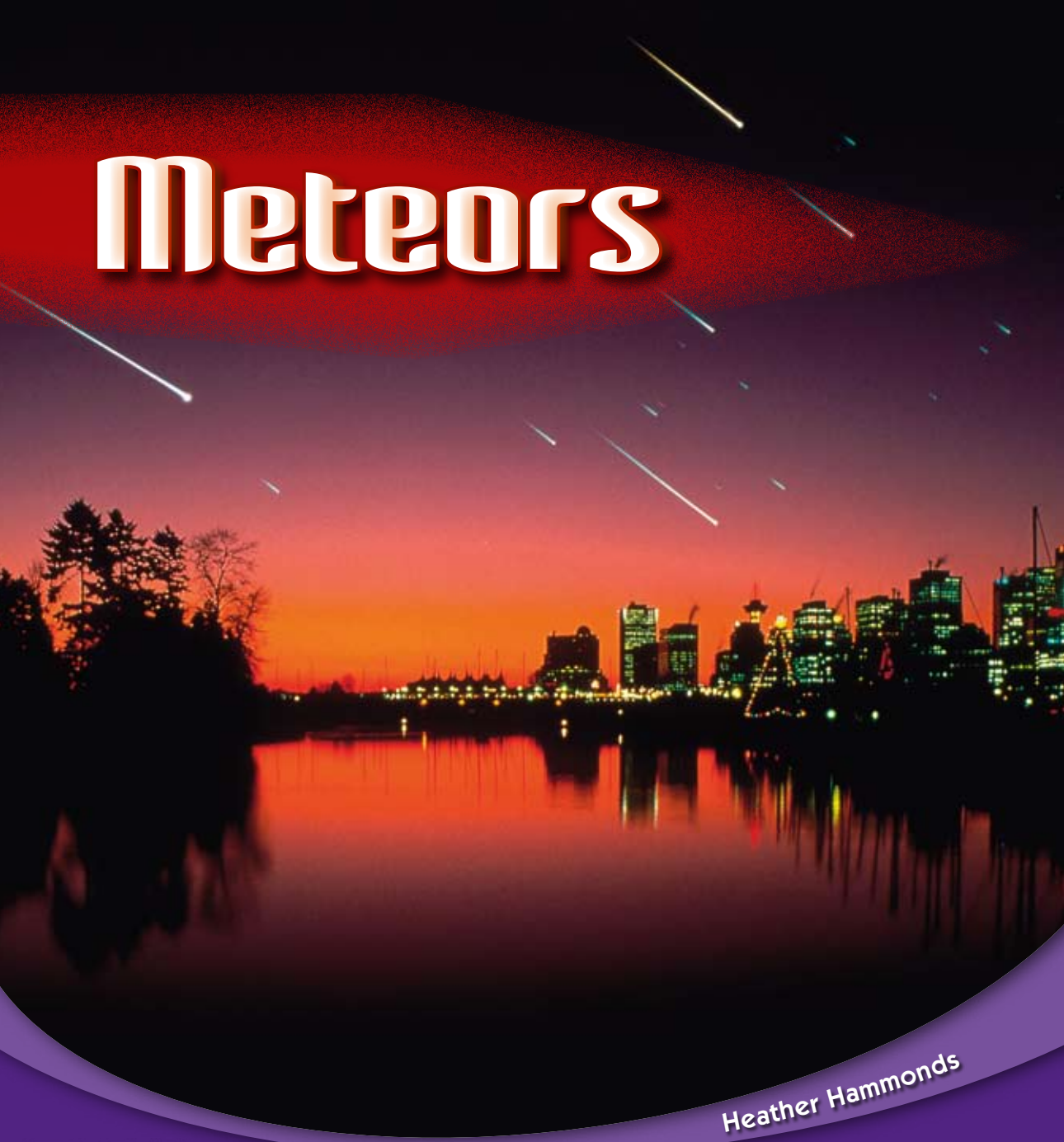
Meteors



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Meteors

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Key Learning Area **Science**

Theme **Meteor Showers and Astronomy**

Title **Shooting Stars**

Text Type *Narrative*

Pages **2–9**

Text Form **Story**

Genre **Fiction**

Purpose **To entertain and/or instruct readers by telling a series of events with a problem and a solution**

Text Structure

Orientation: The main character is introduced in a setting of time and place *(Page 2)*

Complication: The character encounters a problem *(Pages 3–8)*

Resolution: The problem is solved *(Page 9)*

Language Features

- Nouns *(e.g. house, movie, Saturday)*
- Pronouns *(e.g. They, it, You)*
- Adjectives *(e.g. favourite, bright, orange)*
- Past tense verbs *(e.g. followed, laughed)*
- Adverbial phrases *(e.g. into the garden)*
- Time and sequence words *(e.g. Suddenly)*

Title **How Meteors Are Formed**

Text Type *Explanation*

Pages **10–16**

Text Form **Scientific Essay**

Genre **Non-fiction**

Purpose **To explain how or why something occurs**

Text Structure

Identifying Statement: Tells what is to be explained *(Page 10)*

Explanation Sequence: Explains a series of events or cause and effect *(Pages 11–15)*

Summary Statement: Draws all the information together *(Page 16)*

Language Features

- Nouns *(e.g. comet, Earth, meteoroids)*
- Pronouns *(e.g. it, they)*
- Adjectives *(e.g. small, large)*
- Present tense verbs *(e.g. passes, glow, fall)*
- Adverbs *(i.e. brightly)*
- Adverbial phrases *(e.g. towards the Earth)*

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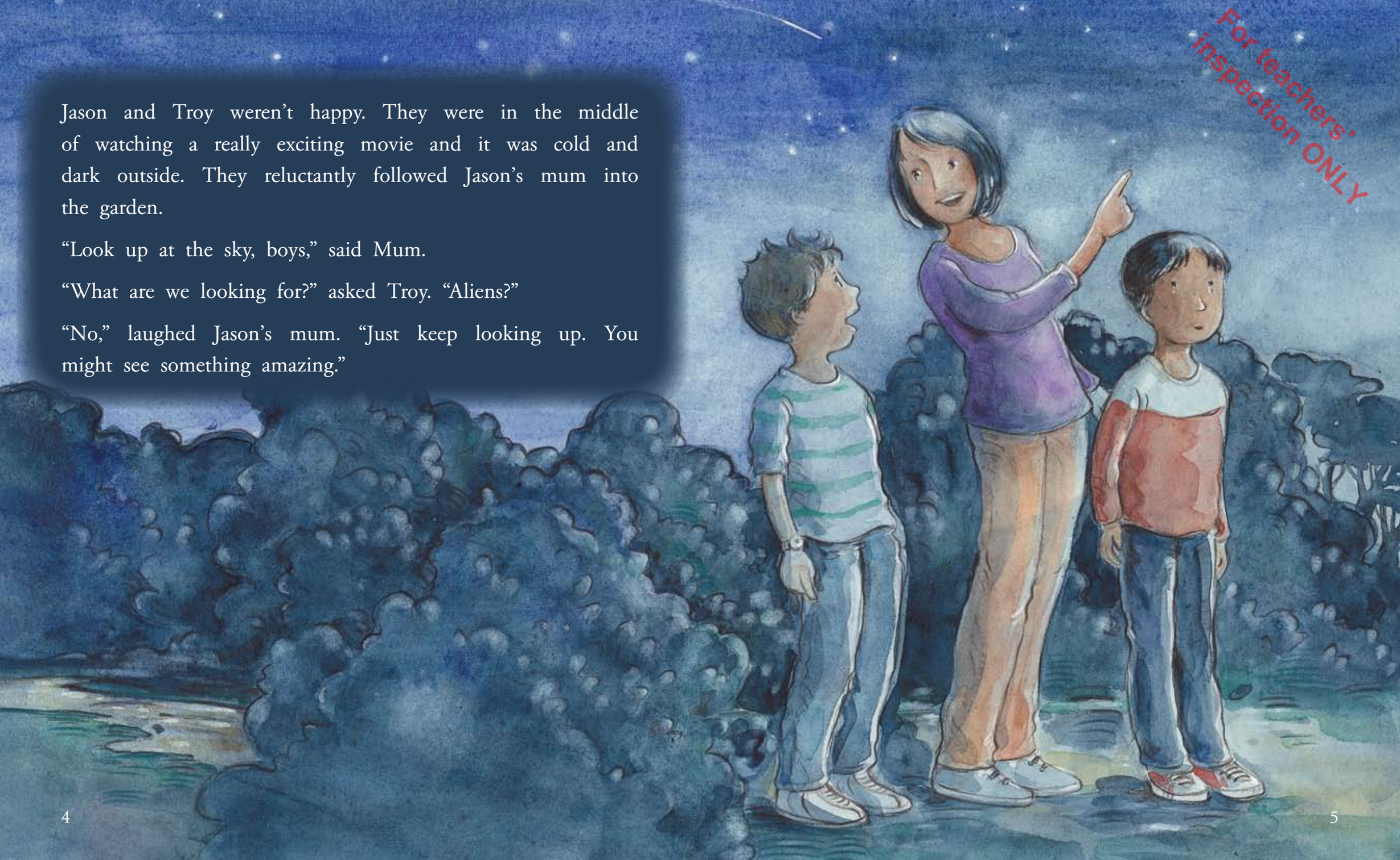
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Shooting Stars

Troy was staying at Jason's house on Saturday night. They were just starting to watch their favourite movie when Jason's mum came into the room.

"Turn off all the lights," said Mum, "and come outside. Something special is happening tonight."





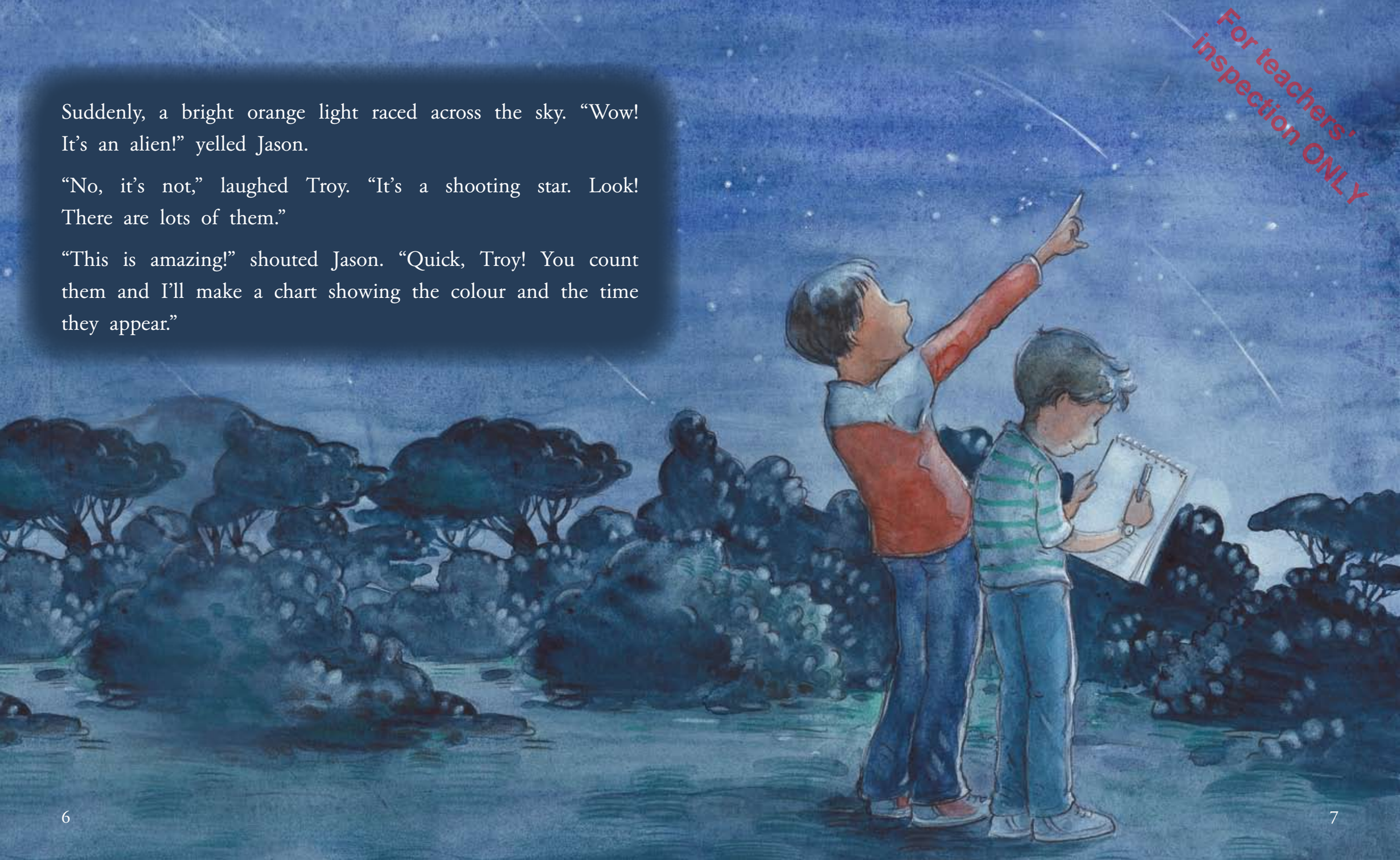
Jason and Troy weren't happy. They were in the middle of watching a really exciting movie and it was cold and dark outside. They reluctantly followed Jason's mum into the garden.

"Look up at the sky, boys," said Mum.

"What are we looking for?" asked Troy. "Aliens?"

"No," laughed Jason's mum. "Just keep looking up. You might see something amazing."

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Suddenly, a bright orange light raced across the sky. “Wow! It’s an alien!” yelled Jason.

“No, it’s not,” laughed Troy. “It’s a shooting star. Look! There are lots of them.”

“This is amazing!” shouted Jason. “Quick, Troy! You count them and I’ll make a chart showing the colour and the time they appear.”

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