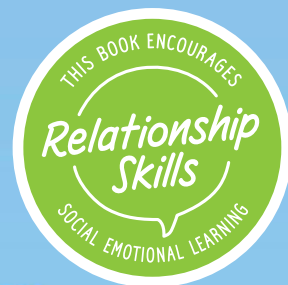


The Otter in Charge



A CONFLICT RESOLUTION STORY

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Meet Murray

Meet Otti



HOBBIES: singing and dancing, painting seashells

FAVORITE BOOKS: *Tomorrow I'll Be Brave*

FAVORITE FOOD: fish

FUTURE GOALS: to become an artist

GOALS FOR THIS YEAR

- SPEAK UP MORE
- BECOME BRAVE
- CREATE A DANCE SHOW FOR FRIENDS

HOBBIES: playing doctor with her stuffed animals

FAVORITE BOOKS: *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*

FAVORITE FOOD: crayfish

FUTURE GOALS: to become president

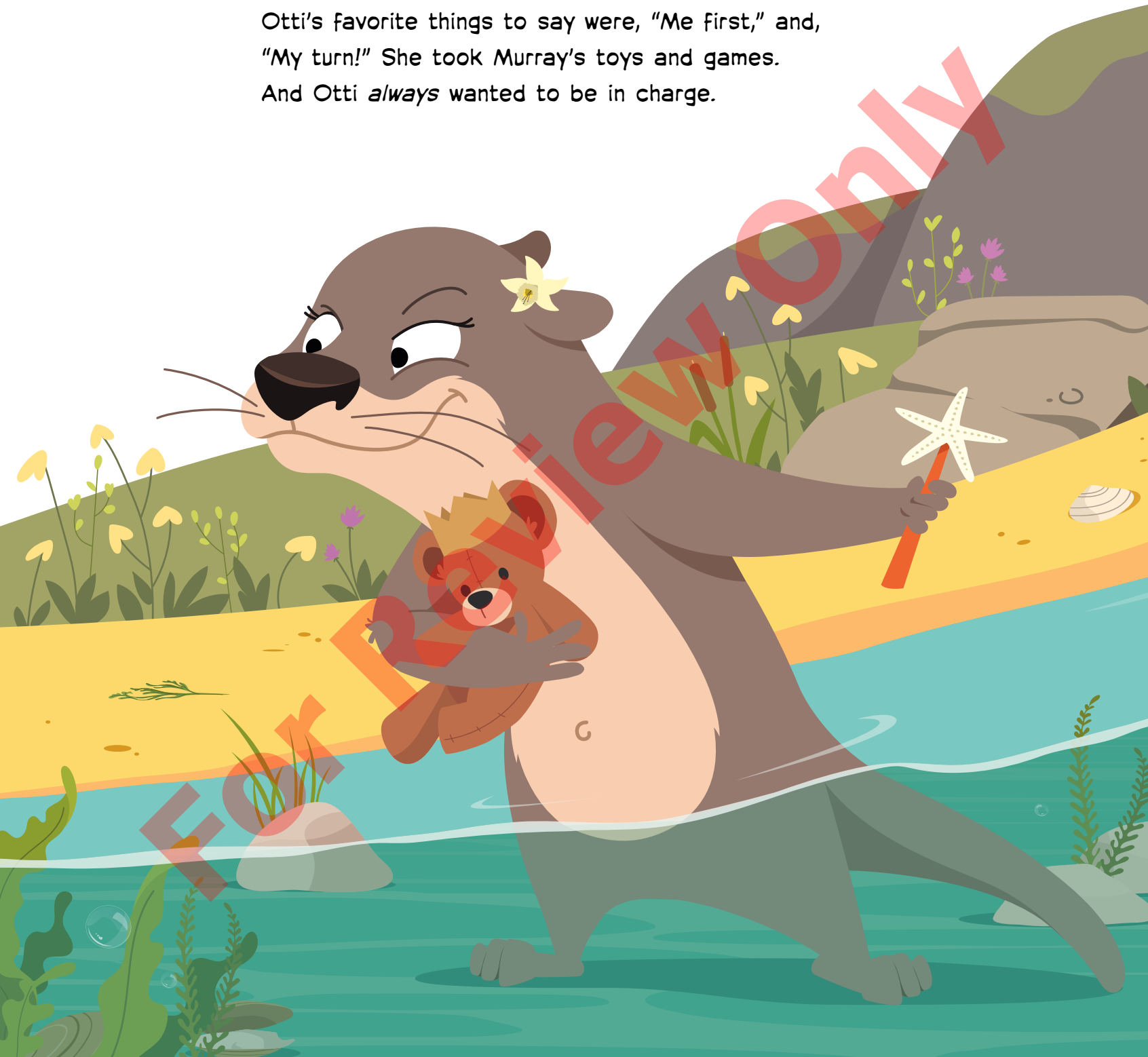
GOALS FOR THIS YEAR

- HANG OUT WITH MURRAY ALL THE TIME
- BAKE 100 FISH COOKIES BY JUNE
- WIN THE BIG SWIM MEET

Being Otti's little sister was hard for Murray.
It was Otti's way or no play.



Otti's favorite things to say were, "Me first," and, "My turn!" She took Murray's toys and games. And Otti *always* wanted to be in charge.



On Murray's birthday, Mommy made her a beautiful cake.
But Otti blew out the candles before Murray had the
chance. "I'm helping you, Murray," Otti declared.



Those were my candles, Murray thought. But she said
nothing and handed Otti a piece of cake.

When Murray had friends over to paint shells, Otti invited herself to join them. Murray told her, "Not today, Otti." But Otti grabbed a paintbrush anyway.



This was supposed to be my special time with friends, Murray thought. But she said nothing and moved the purple paint closer to Otti.

When Murray made tiny dens for worms and beetles on the shore, Otti changed the game without even asking.





Let's build
sandcastles!

*I was building homes for critters, Murray thought.
But she said nothing and started filling a bucket.*