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Olly the otter finds the perfect pool.
But how will Herb the heron feel when
Olly invites his family and friends along?

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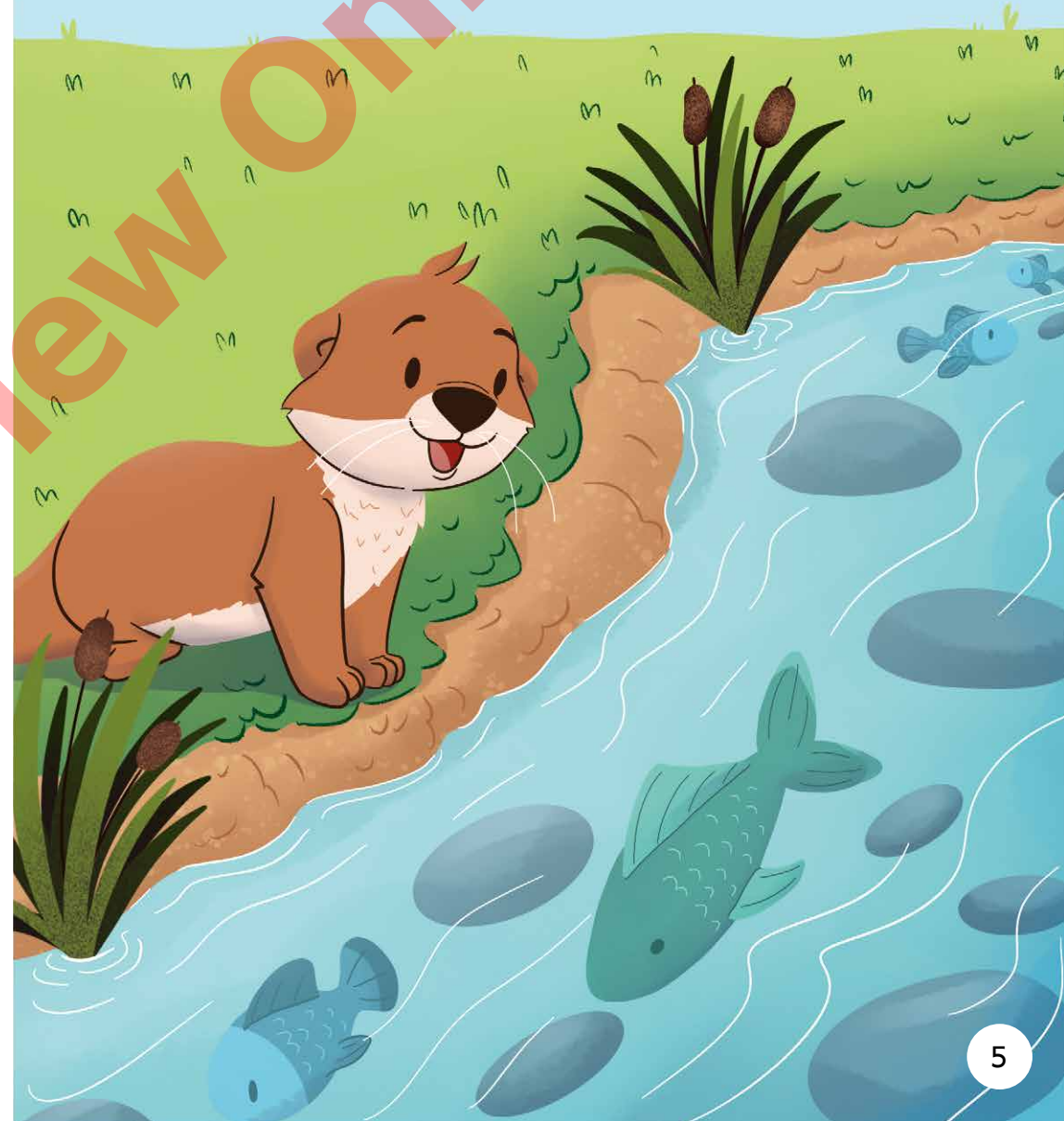
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Olly the otter did not like living on the riverbank. It was noisy and crowded, and there was never enough space to play. So, Olly went wandering.



Over a hill, far from the river, he found a beautiful pool. The water was cool and clear and fresh – and it was full of tasty fish.



Olly slid down the bank and dived among the reeds. He swooped through the water and scooped up a fish. It was the most delicious fish he had ever tasted. Then he sat on the bank under a shady tree.



An old grey heron was watching him from the reeds.

“Hello,” said Olly. “Who are you?”

“I’m Herb,” said the heron.

“This is the most perfect place I have ever seen,” said Olly.

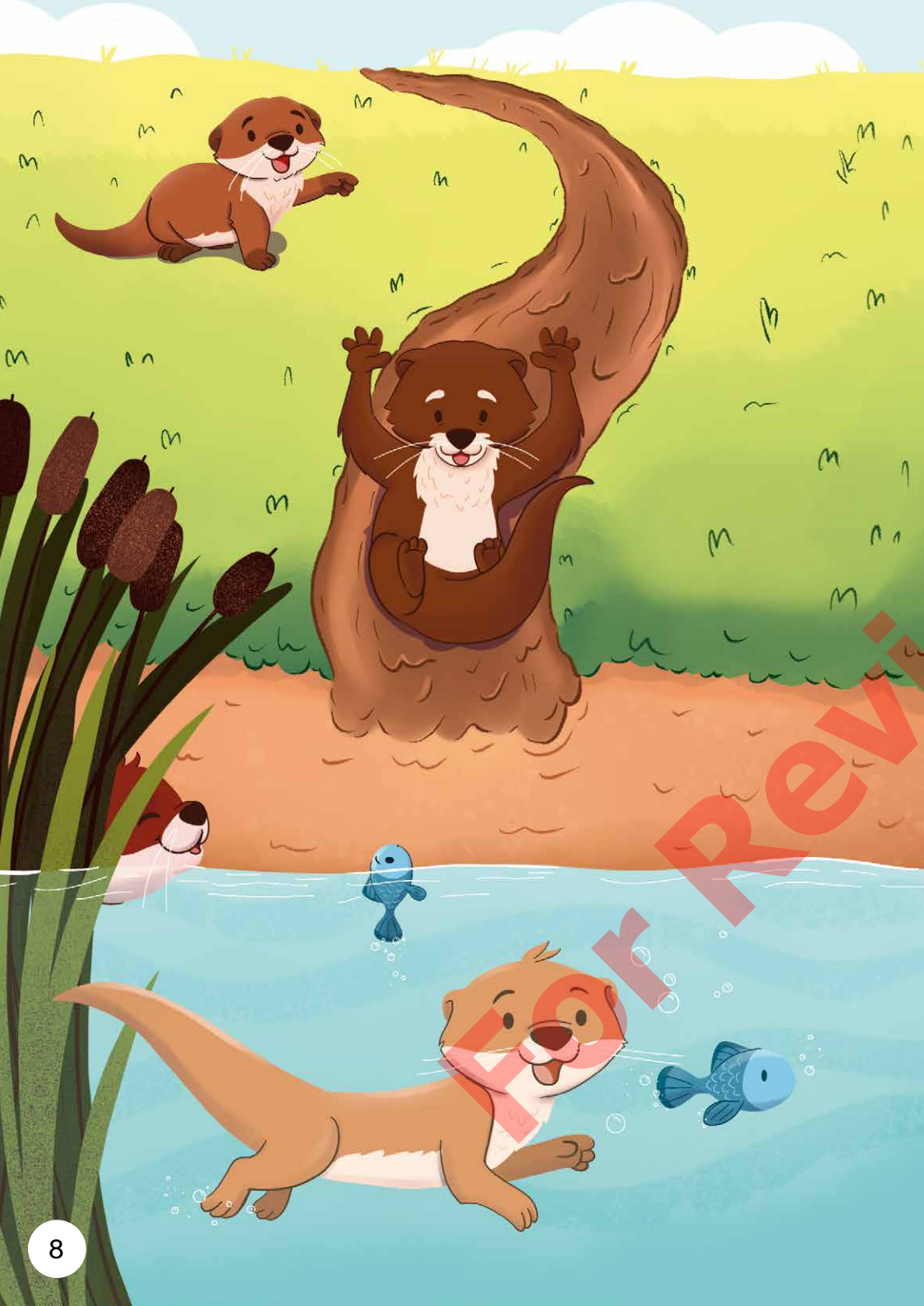
“Yes, it is,” said Herb.

“It’s so quiet here,” said Olly.

“Yes, it is,” said Herb.

“How did you find this place?” asked Olly.

“I’ve lived here all my life,” said Herb.



The next day, Olly came back with his mum and dad and five sisters. They slid down the bank and dived among the reeds. They swooped through the fresh, clear water and scooped up the fish.

Olly's dad said, "This is the most perfect place in the world. Why don't we stay for a while?"

