

Stage 4 A2

Readers



Young

Original

The Secret Passage

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This is the best day of Ned's life. He is in his favourite place – his bedroom – playing his favourite game – Space Animals. After months of practice, playing four hours a day, he has got the highest score ever! He will be the best player in the world!

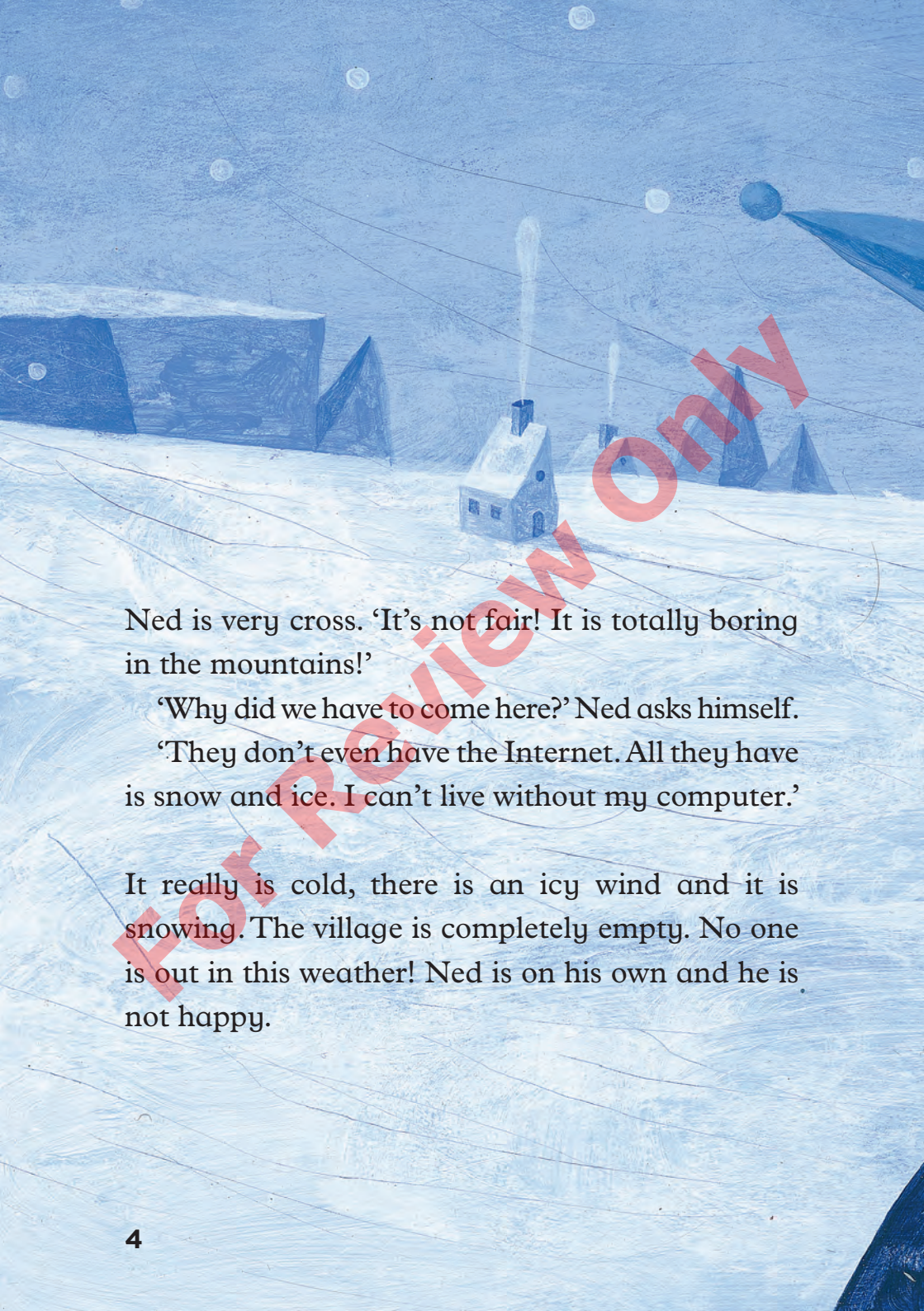
Suddenly, Ned's mum and dad come in to his room. They look happy.



'You must start packing, Ned,' says his mother, 'We are leaving early tomorrow... the mountains, remember?'

'What!? I don't want to go to the mountains! There is nothing to do there and I don't know anyone.'

'The fresh air will be good for you,' says Ned's dad. 'You spend too much time in your room.'



Ned is very cross. 'It's not fair! It is totally boring in the mountains!'

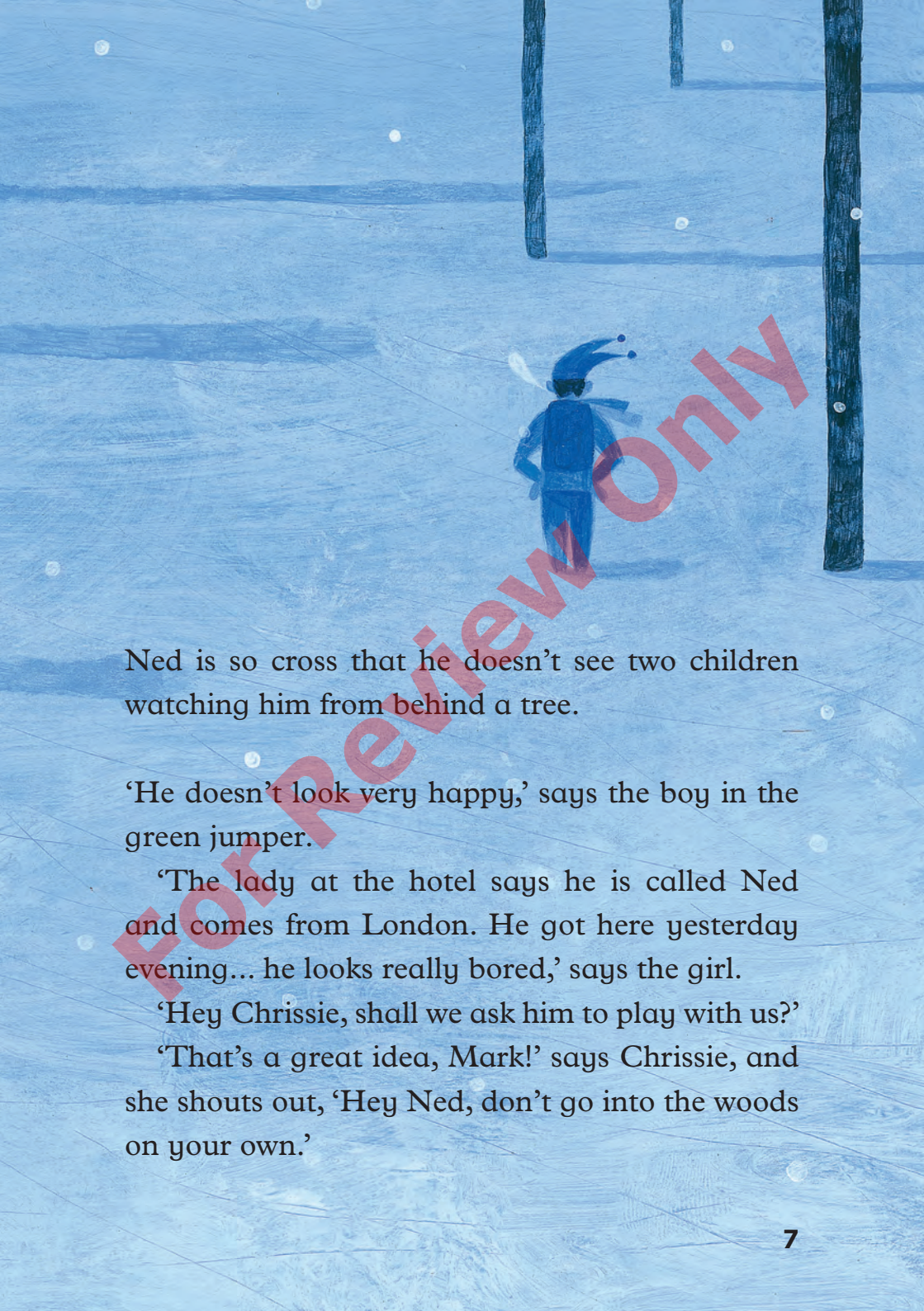
'Why did we have to come here?' Ned asks himself.

'They don't even have the Internet. All they have is snow and ice. I can't live without my computer.'

It really is cold, there is an icy wind and it is snowing. The village is completely empty. No one is out in this weather! Ned is on his own and he is not happy.



For Review Only



Ned is so cross that he doesn't see two children watching him from behind a tree.

'He doesn't look very happy,' says the boy in the green jumper.

'The lady at the hotel says he is called Ned and comes from London. He got here yesterday evening... he looks really bored,' says the girl.

'Hey Chrissie, shall we ask him to play with us?'

'That's a great idea, Mark!' says Chrissie, and she shouts out, 'Hey Ned, don't go into the woods on your own.'



Activity Pages



- 1** This paragraph describes the place where Ned goes on holiday. Put the correct word in the gaps. There are three extra words in the box!

river	wood	cold	rain	deer
rabbit	icy	snowing	mountains	

Ned goes on holiday to a village in the _____.

There is an _____ wind and it is

_____. Ned feels very _____.

Near the village there is a _____, where

Ned sees a _____.

- 2** Adverbs describe how you do something. Choose the right word from the box.

crossly	carefully	worriedly	slowly
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1 When people are angry they speak _____.

2 'Where is everyone?' Ned asks, _____.

3 When you see a deer you have to move _____ and _____.

3 *Stop or start need a verb with 'ing' if the action continues. Put the words in the right order.*

1 snowing?' 'Does asks it stop Ned.
never

2 Mark. never do 'And you complaining?'
asks stop

3 Mark 'Stop says. talking,'

4 starts walking Ned wood. through the

5 towards him. The deer and
starts Ned moving looks at

