

Stage 4 A2

Young Readers



Classic

Rudyard Kipling

The Jungle Book

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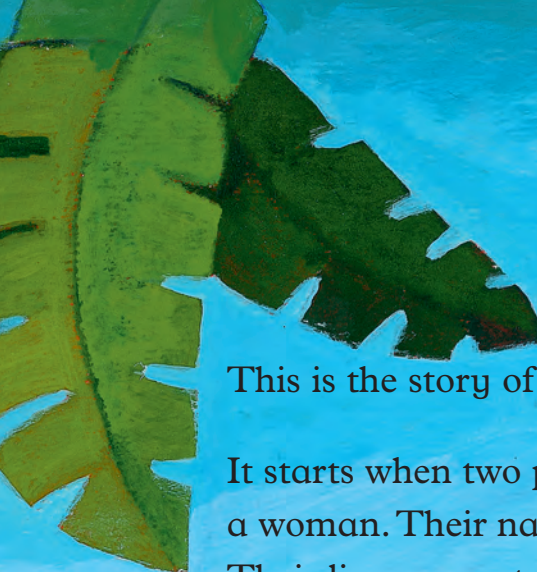
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This is the story of the Jungle Book. Perhaps you know the film? The cartoon with dancing bears and singing monkeys? It's a film for children, and people laugh when they watch it. It's funny.

But it's just a cartoon. It isn't real.

The real story of the Jungle Book isn't funny. You don't laugh when you read the real story.

If you don't like stories with blood and death, stop reading now. Find a different book, or watch a cartoon. Then you can laugh.



This is the story of the Jungle Book.

It starts when two people die. A man and a woman. Their names are not important. Their lives are not important. Only this is important: they died.

Of course, everyone dies, sooner or later. It is natural. It is the First Law of the jungle.

But the woman and the man died in a terrible way.

They went into the jungle, but they didn't know the laws of the jungle.

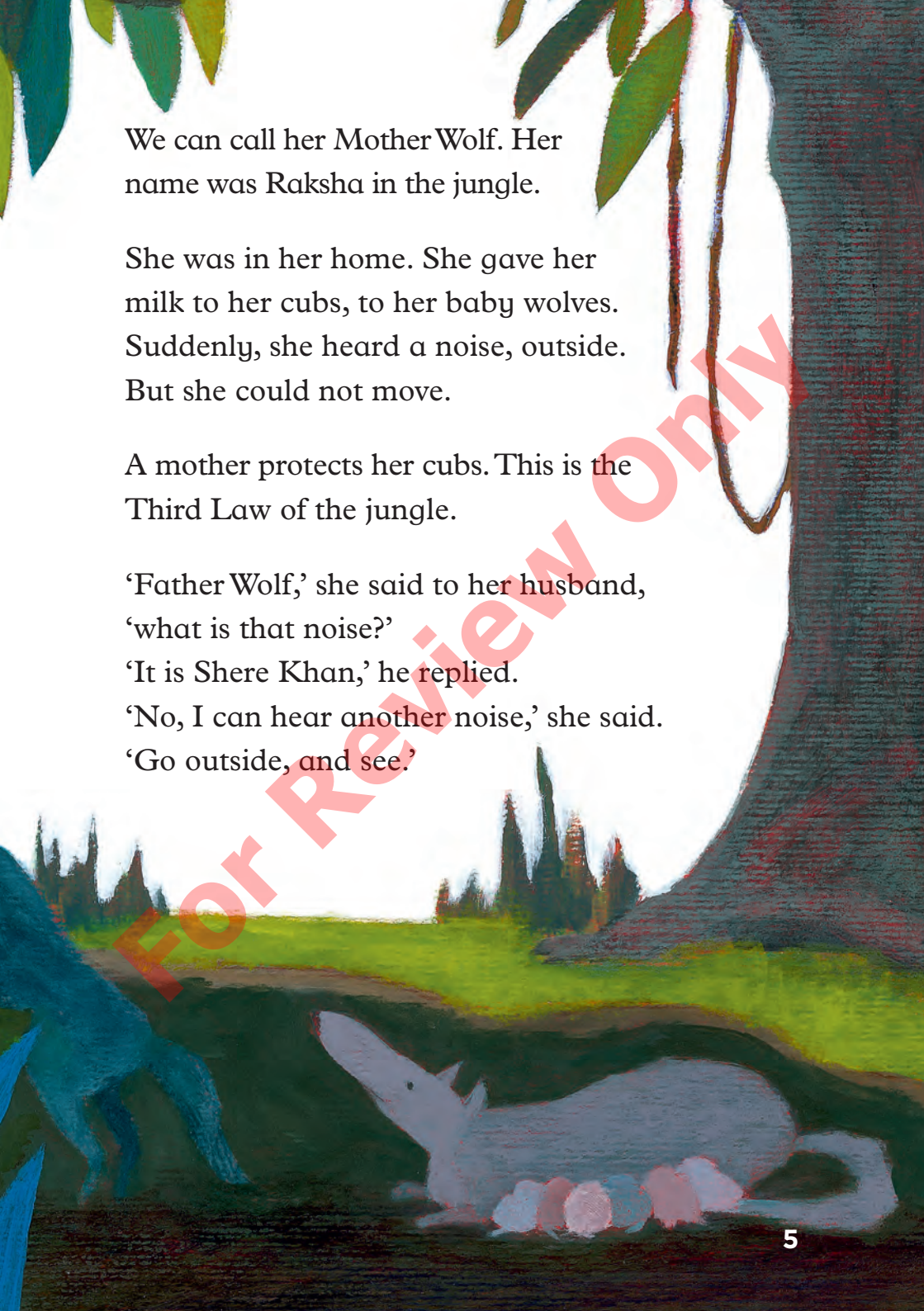
So Shere Khan killed them.



One day in the jungle Shere Khan – the great tiger – killed a man and a woman. He did this because they were alone. He did this because he was hungry. Hungry animals kill. This is the Second Law of the jungle.

Animals do not understand fire. They call it “The Orange Flower” and they are frightened of it. Before they died, the man and the woman used fire against Shere Khan.

They burned the great tiger. They burned his paw – his foot – and Shere Khan was angry. He killed them, and then he went away. He went away because he was frightened of the fire.

A colorful illustration of a jungle scene. In the foreground, a grey wolf with a white underbelly and a bushy tail is lying down, looking towards the left. To her left, a blue wolf is partially visible, also looking left. In the background, there is a large tree with a thick trunk and green leaves hanging from the top. The ground is a mix of green grass and brown earth. The sky is a pale blue. A large, semi-transparent red watermark with the text 'For Review Only' is diagonally across the center of the page.

We can call her Mother Wolf. Her name was Raksha in the jungle.

She was in her home. She gave her milk to her cubs, to her baby wolves. Suddenly, she heard a noise, outside. But she could not move.

A mother protects her cubs. This is the Third Law of the jungle.

‘Father Wolf,’ she said to her husband, ‘what is that noise?’

‘It is Shere Khan,’ he replied.

‘No, I can hear another noise,’ she said.

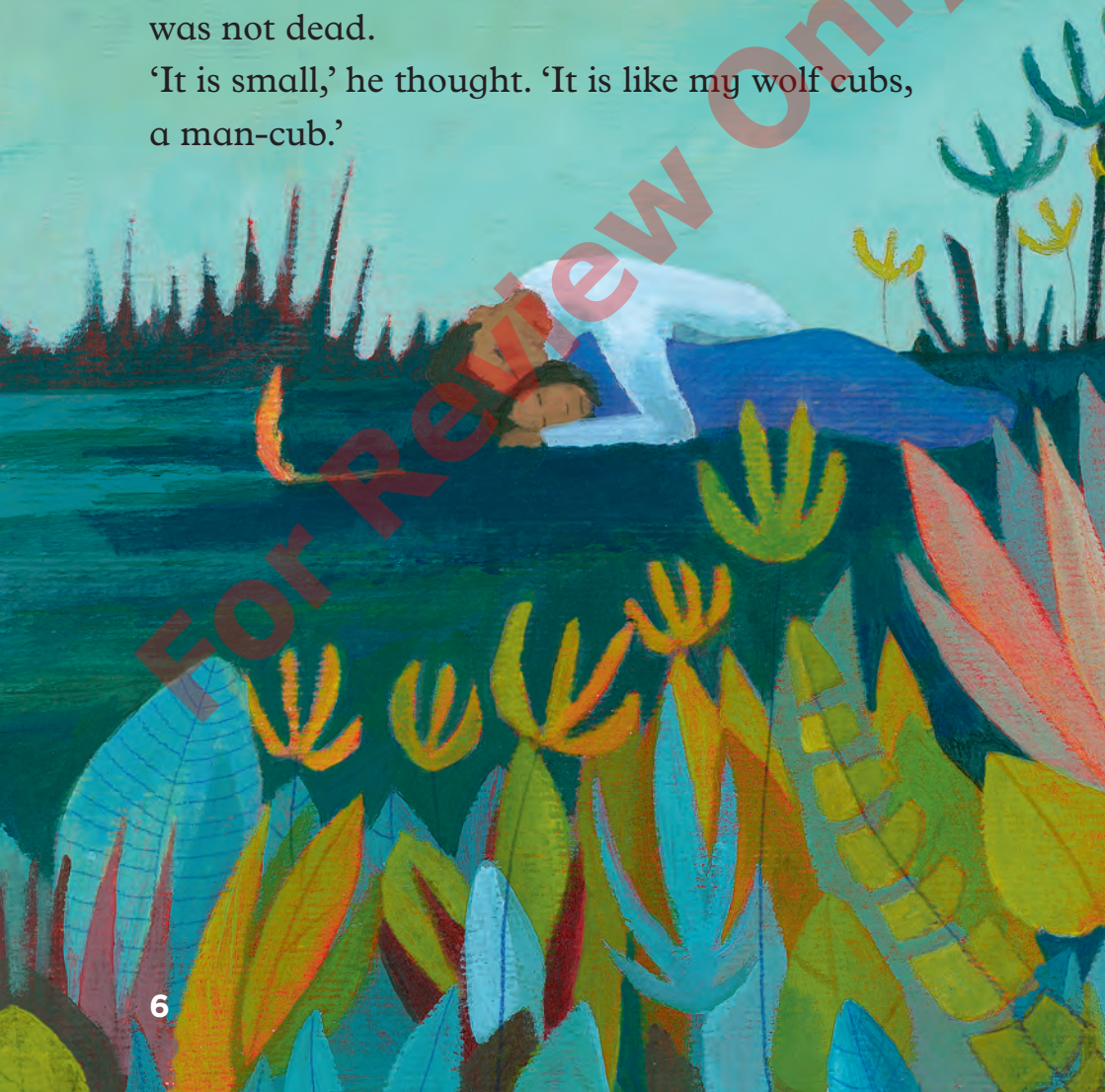
‘Go outside, and see.’

Father Wolf went outside. He saw the fire, he saw the man and he saw the woman. They were dead.

He did not see Shere Khan. The great tiger was not there.

And he saw a baby. The woman's baby. The baby was not dead.

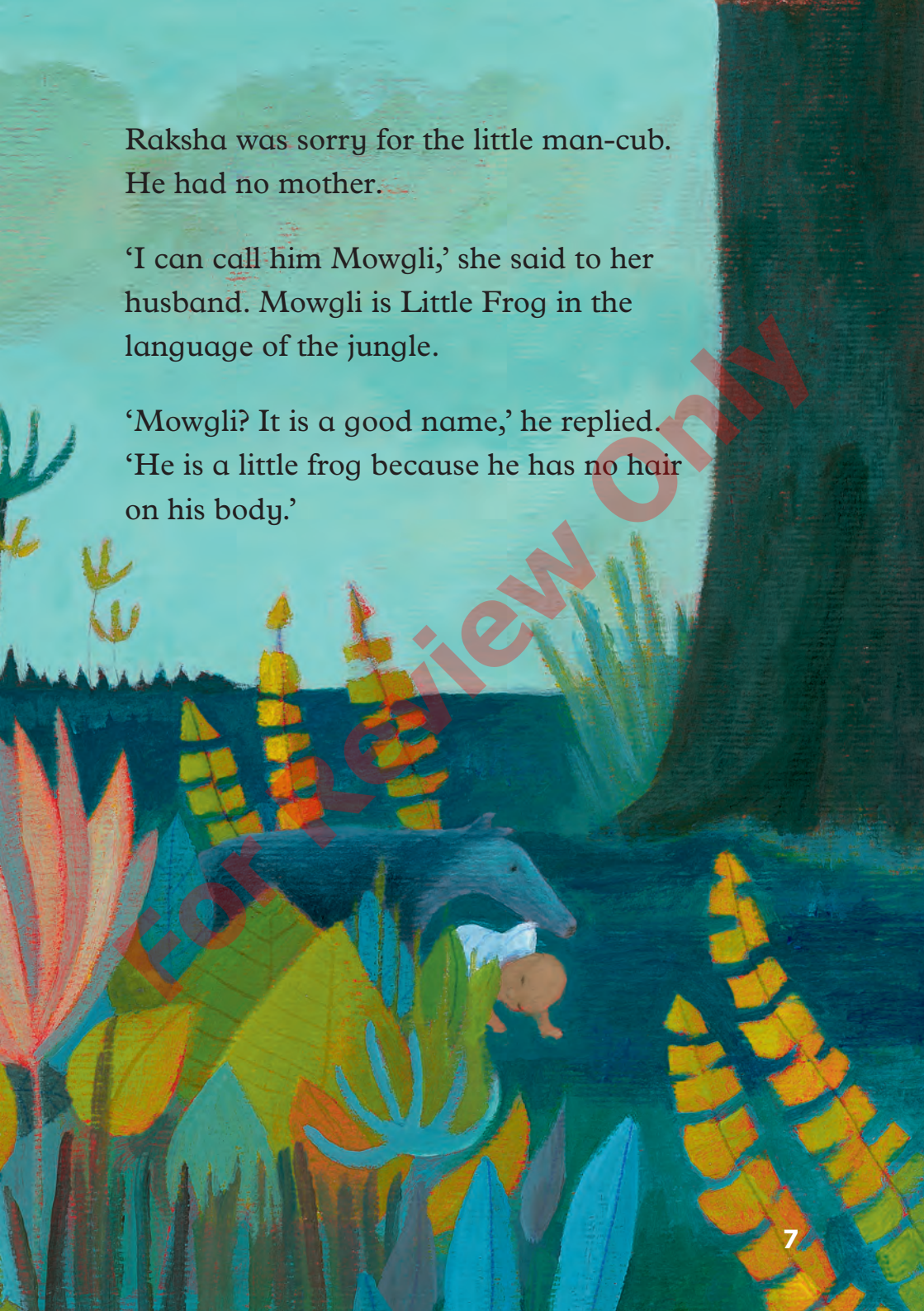
'It is small,' he thought. 'It is like my wolf cubs, a man-cub.'



Raksha was sorry for the little man-cub.
He had no mother.

‘I can call him Mowgli,’ she said to her
husband. Mowgli is Little Frog in the
language of the jungle.

‘Mowgli? It is a good name,’ he replied.
‘He is a little frog because he has no hair
on his body.’





Activity Pages

1 Can you remember the story? Match each beginning to an end.

- 1 A man and a woman died but
- 2 Akela was the leader because
- 3 Baloo and Bagheera spoke for the baby so
- 4 Mowgli learned the language of animals and
- 5 Bagheera took him to a village and
- 6 Shere Khan couldn't escape because
- 7 Mowgli spoke to the wolves and

- a the language of people.
- b he joined the pack.
- c he was the strongest.
- d the cows ran very fast.
- e they didn't kill the old wolf.
- f a woman found him.
- g their baby didn't.

- 2** Mowgli lived with the wolf family in their wolf home. Can you draw the wolf home?



- 3** Use the right form of these words to complete the sentences and tell the story.

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- 1 The wolves found a little baby in the jungle.
- 2 Shere Khan _____ to eat the little baby.
- 3 The wolves saved him, and he _____ with them.
- 4 He _____ the language of wolves.
- 5 Bagheera _____ him to a village.
- 6 He _____ after the cows.
- 7 He _____ the great tiger.
- 8 He _____ the laws of the jungle.