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Opening extract from Anna Hibiscus's Song

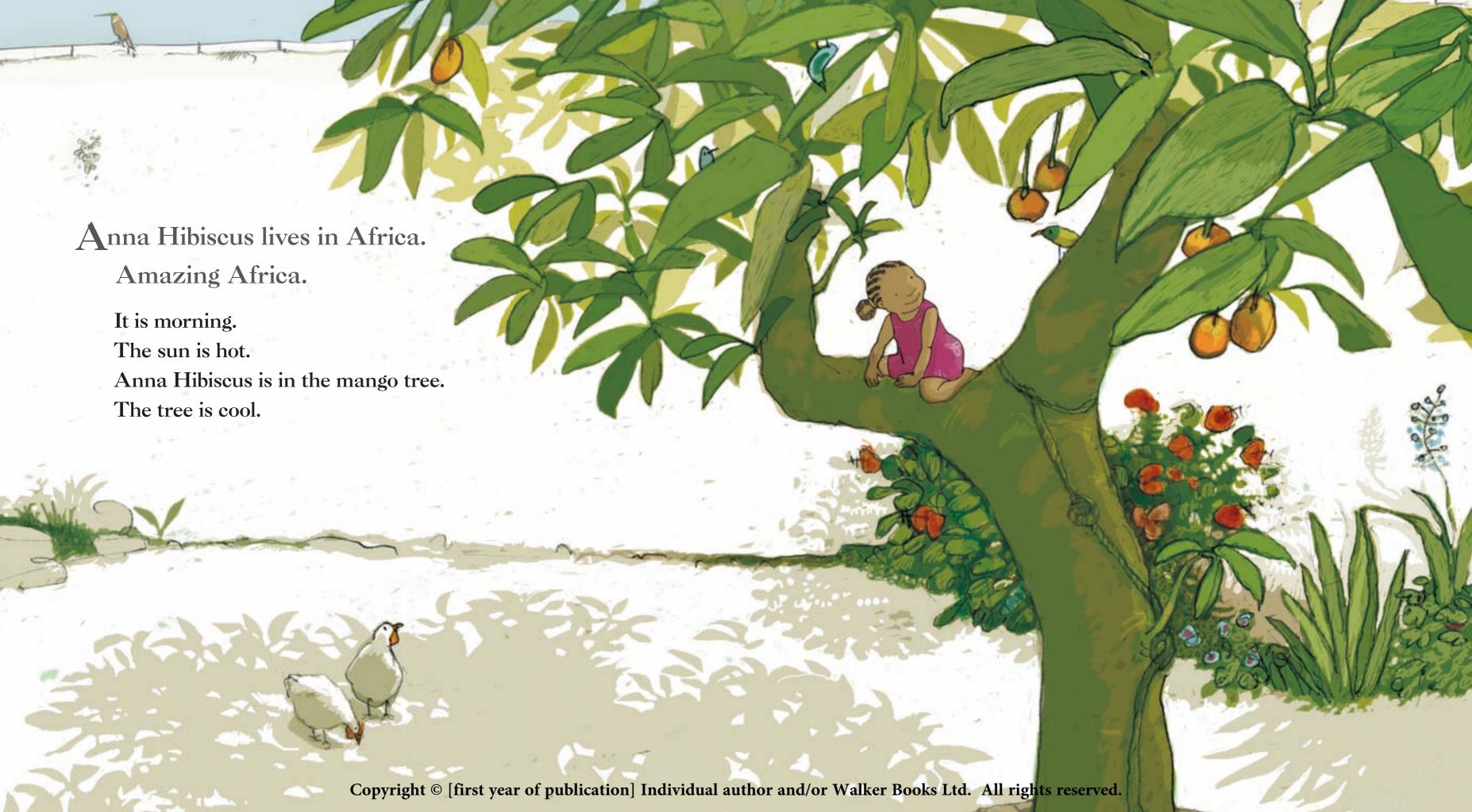
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Up in the tree, Anna Hibiscus can see her whole family.

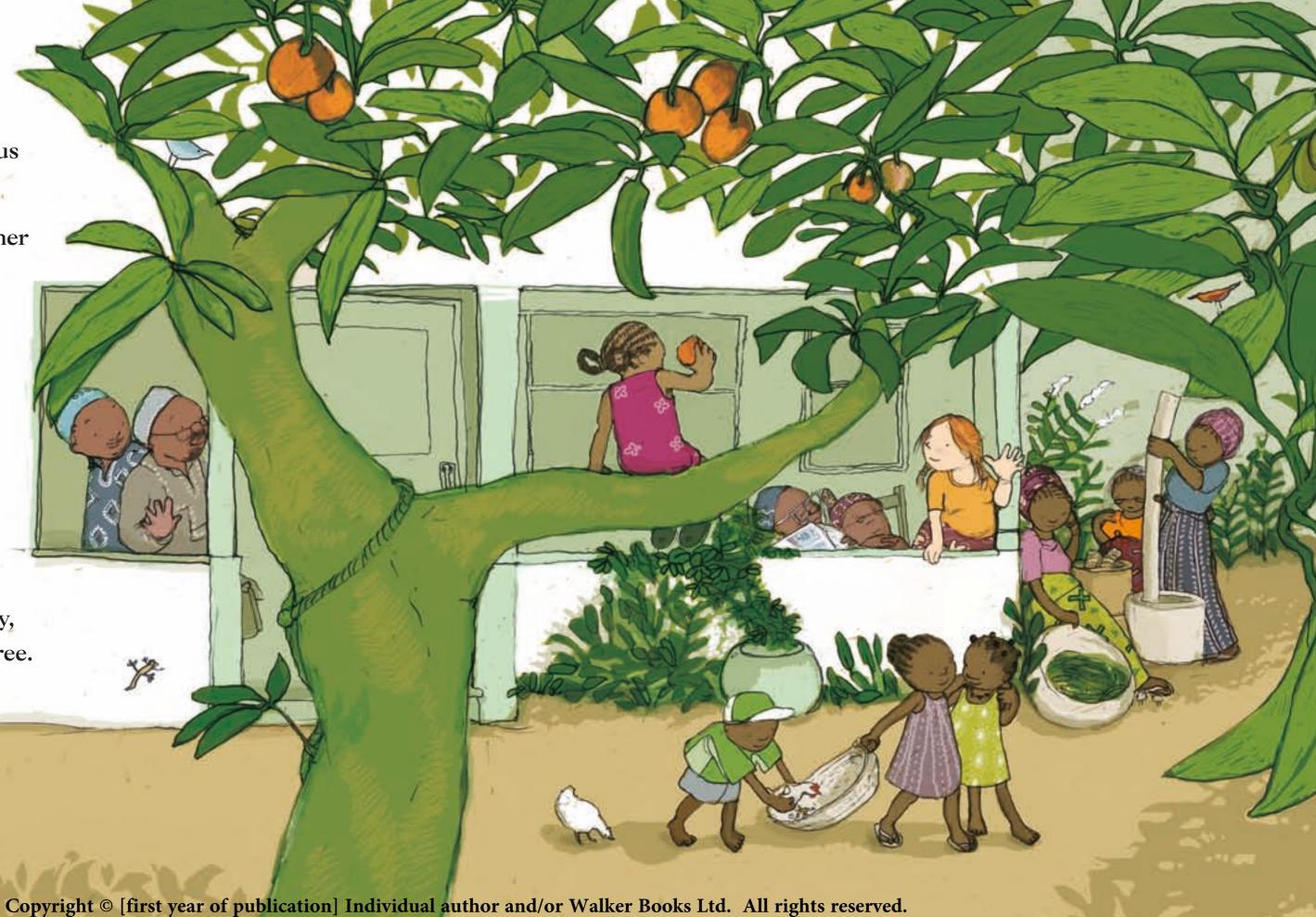
Grandmother and Grandfather are sitting on the veranda.

Aunties are pounding yam outside the kitchen.

Cousins are scattering corn for the chickens.

Papa is going to work with Uncle Tunde, and Mama is waving goodbye.

Anna Hibiscus feels so happy, she almost floats out of the tree.





Quickly, Anna Hibiscus jumps down.

"Grandmother! Grandfather!" Anna Hibiscus shouts. "I'm so happy! What can I do?"

Grandfather opens his hand wide.

"When I am happy, I count all the reasons why," he says.

Anna Hibiscus counts one, two, three, four, five fingers. But she is far more happy than that!



