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# Anna Hibiscus's Song

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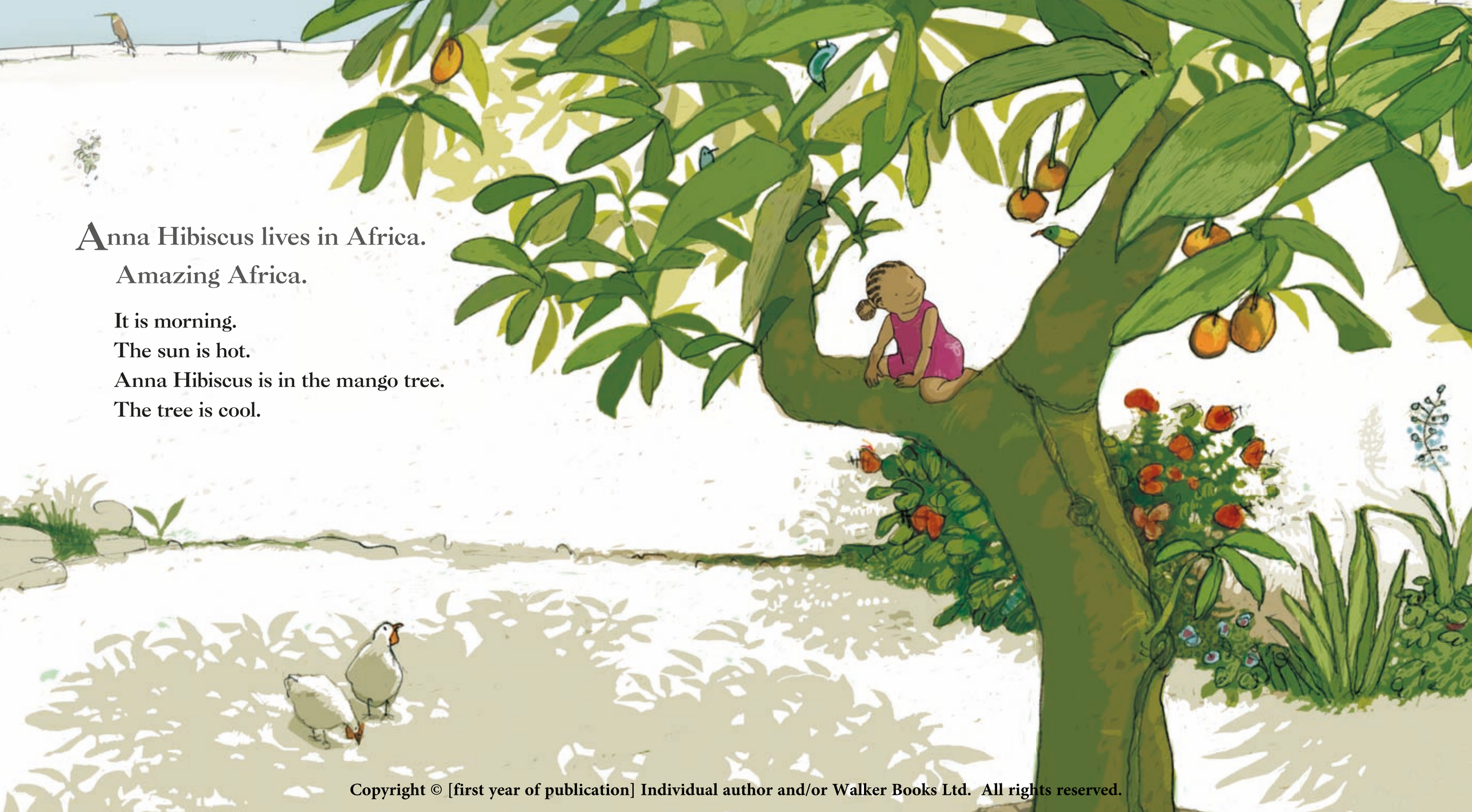
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Anna Hibiscus lives in Africa.
Amazing Africa.

It is morning.
The sun is hot.
Anna Hibiscus is in the mango tree.
The tree is cool.

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

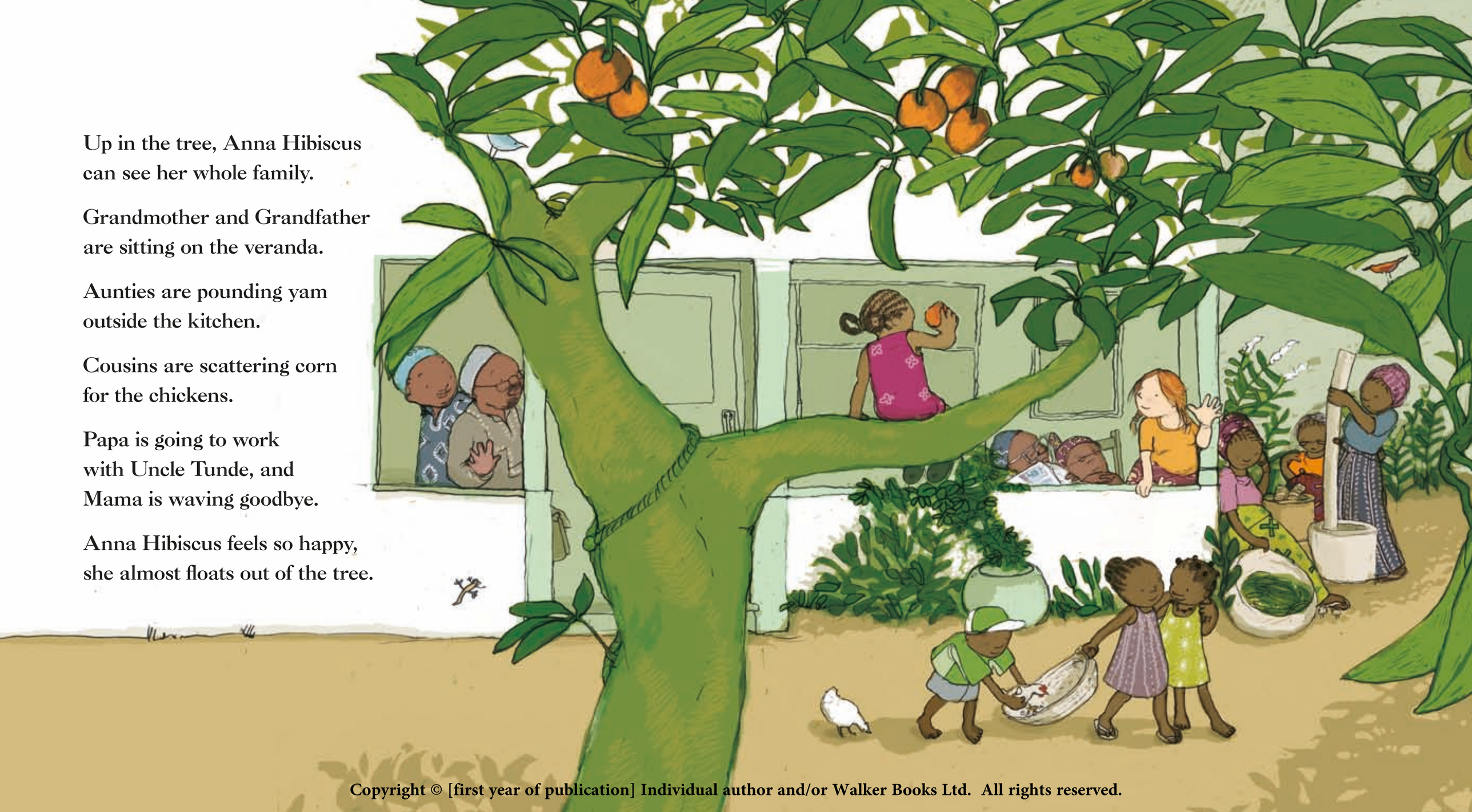
Grandmother and Grandfather
are sitting on the veranda.

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.



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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!

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"When I am happy," chuckles Grandmother,
"I squeeze Grandfather's hand."

So Anna Hibiscus does …
and her happiness grows!

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