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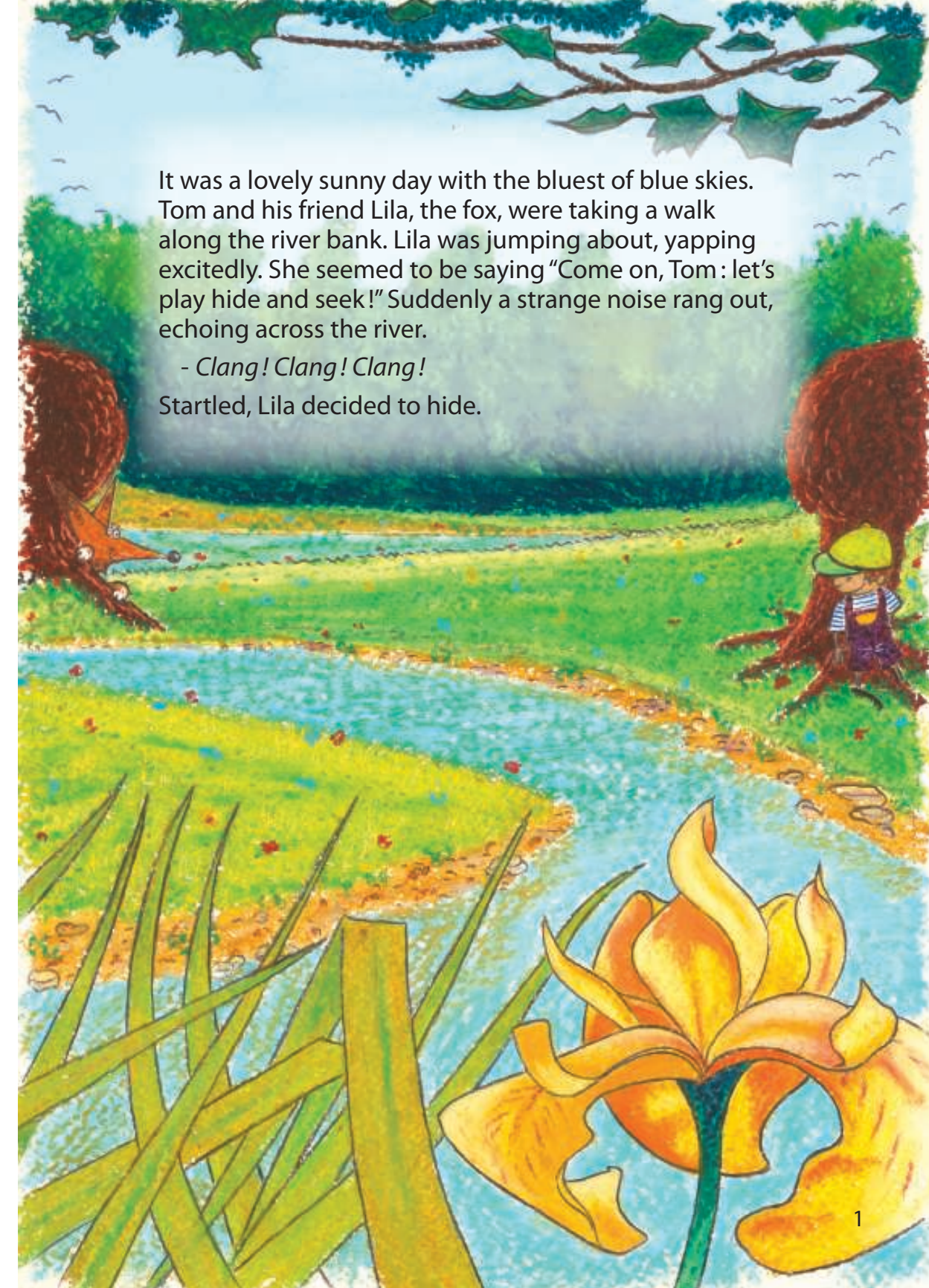
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It was a lovely sunny day with the bluest of blue skies. Tom and his friend Lila, the fox, were taking a walk along the river bank. Lila was jumping about, yapping excitedly. She seemed to be saying "Come on, Tom: let's play hide and seek!" Suddenly a strange noise rang out, echoing across the river.

- *Clang! Clang! Clang!*

Startled, Lila decided to hide.

Tom crept forward on his hands and knees, hoping to see what was making the noise. Oh, it was only old Basil, the bee-keeper. But what was he doing? No! Surely not! Tom leapt to his feet and rushed towards the old man.

- "Stop!" shouted Tom. "That's the beavers' dam!"

- "I don't care what it is!" grumbled old Basil, swinging his hammer: *Clang! Clang!*

- "It's blocking the river and flooding my meadow! Before long, I'll need a boat just to get across to my beehives!"



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