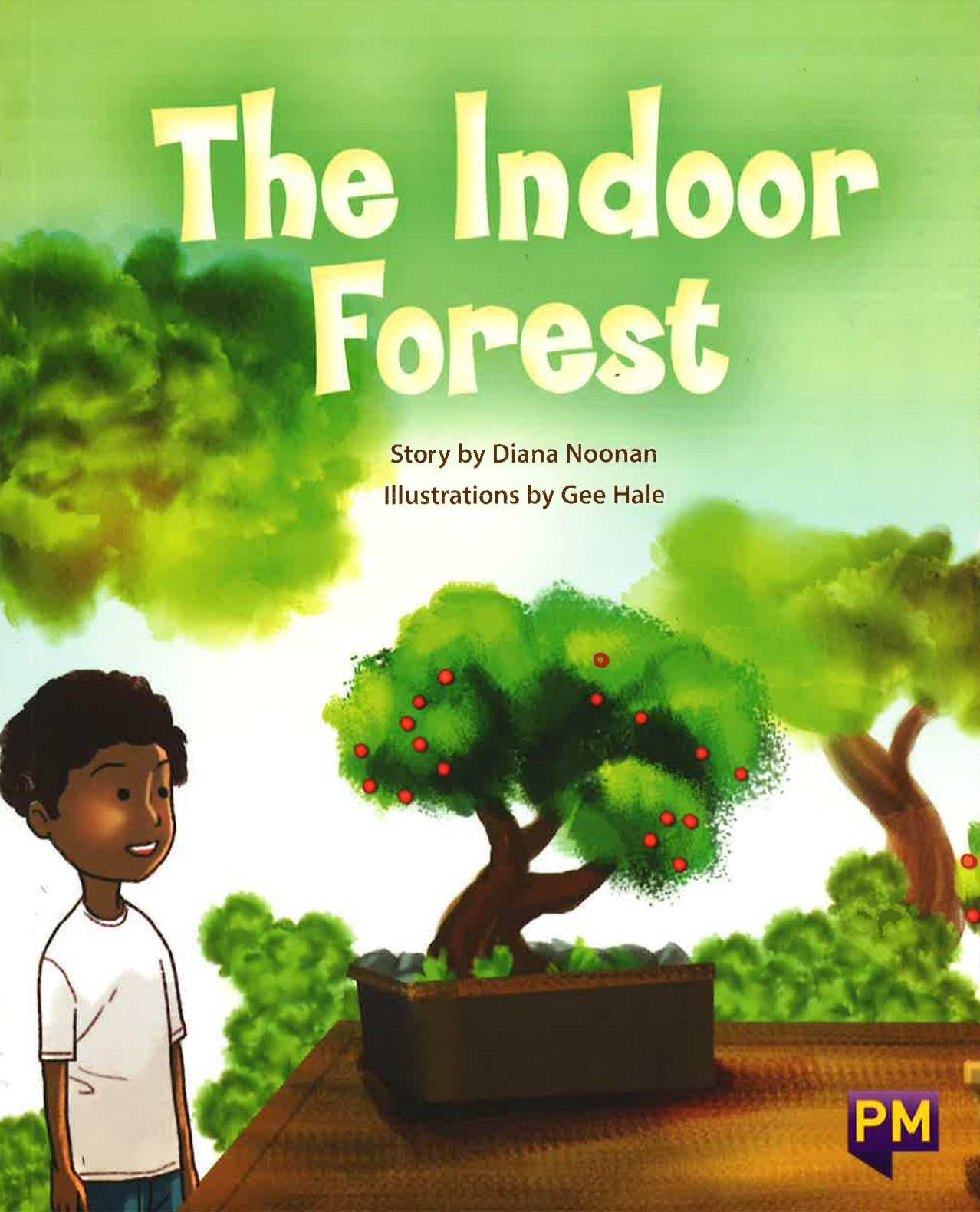
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Running Words 1314 **Text Type** Narrative (Imaginative)

Curriculum Areas Literacy; Civics and Citizenship

Retelling to encourage critical thinking about the content

Ask each student to retell the story in his or her own words.

Record the retelling for further discussion and reflection.

Questions to reinforce meaning and stimulate discussion

Literal

1 Why did Matt and his mum have to move to the city?

2 Why did Miss Potter seem to be unfriendly?

3 Why did Miss Potter wind wire around the tiny branches of the trees?

Inferential

4 Why did Mum and Matt press leaves between the pages of books?

5 Why did Matt think living in the country was the best place in the world?

6 Why are many apartments built with balconies?

7 Why are recycling bins kept in the basement of apartment buildings?

8 Why was it important to keep Miss Potter warm after her fall?

9 Why would people join a city bonsai club?

Applied Knowledge

10 Who invented bonsai?

11 What does 'bonsai' mean?

12 Why can bonsai trees live for many, many years?

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Chapter 1

Moving to the City



Mum and Matt lived in the country next to a huge forest. There were trees and birds everywhere.

Mum was a librarian in town, but every weekend, she and Matt went walking in the forest. They looked for birds in the trees. They made big piles of leaves and jumped on them. They picked berries and found feathers.

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Sometimes, they brought colourful leaves back home.
They pressed them between the pages of books.
Then, they glued the leaves to cards.

Matt thought he lived in the best place in the whole world.

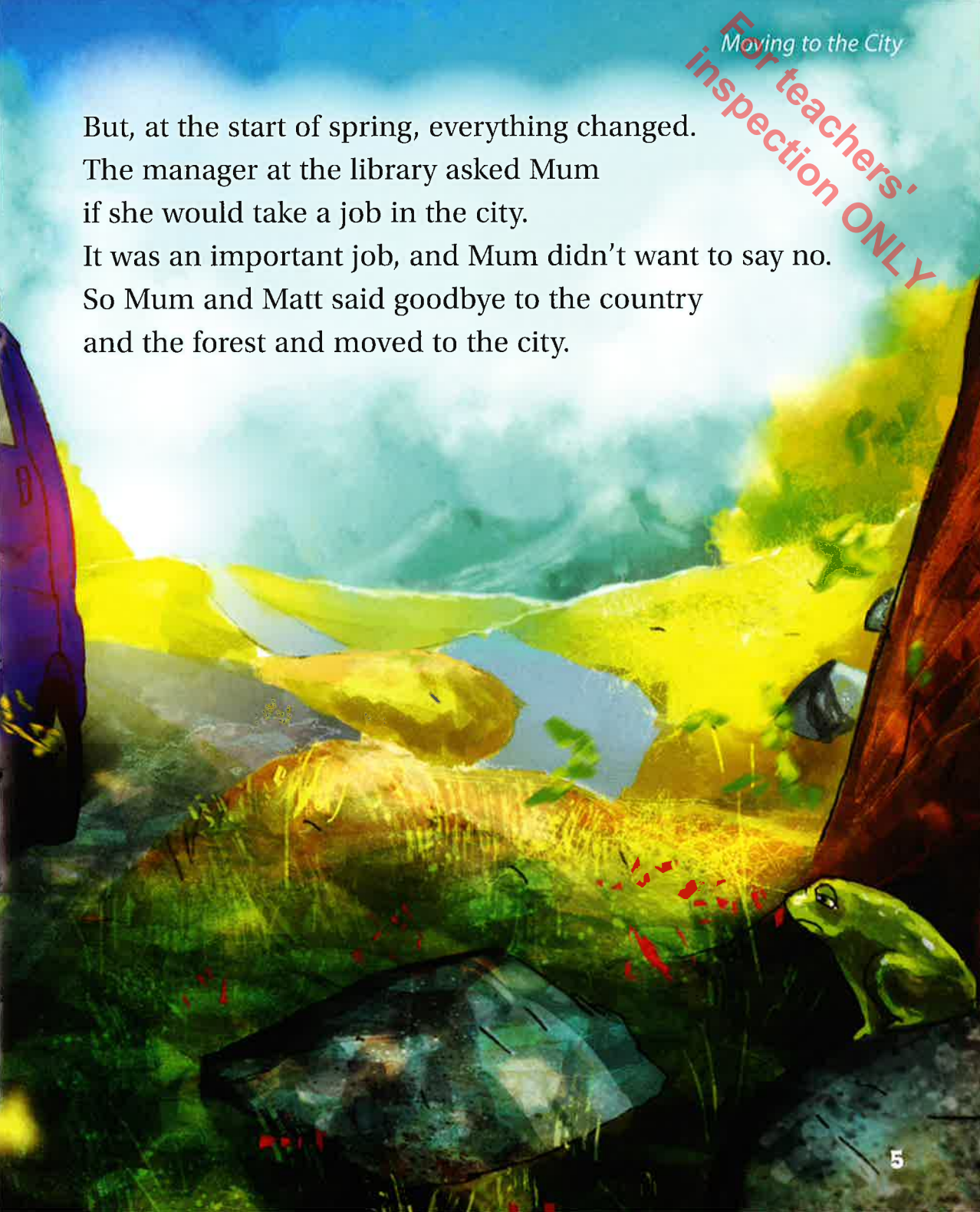




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But, at the start of spring, everything changed.
The manager at the library asked Mum
if she would take a job in the city.
It was an important job, and Mum didn't want to say no.
So Mum and Matt said goodbye to the country
and the forest and moved to the city.



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Their new home was an apartment, ten storeys up.
It was in a street that had gardens with flowers, but no trees.

The apartment had little balconies.
Matt and Mum planted flowers in pots on the balconies.
They even planted some vegetables.

But there was no room for trees, and that made Matt sad.
He missed watching leaves dance in the wind.
He missed seeing them change colour.
And he missed seeing birds fly in and out of the branches.

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On the weekends, Matt and Mum would take a bus to the big park on the edge of the city. There were trees in the park, but there were also lots of people. It was hard to hear the birds when everybody was shouting and laughing.

Wherever Mum and Matt walked on the park trails, there were other people in front of them and behind them.

