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Bingo and the Burblies

One day, deep in the rainforest,
Bingo discovers something amazing:
small creatures called burblies!
But when strangers come to the
valley, can she keep the burblies safe?

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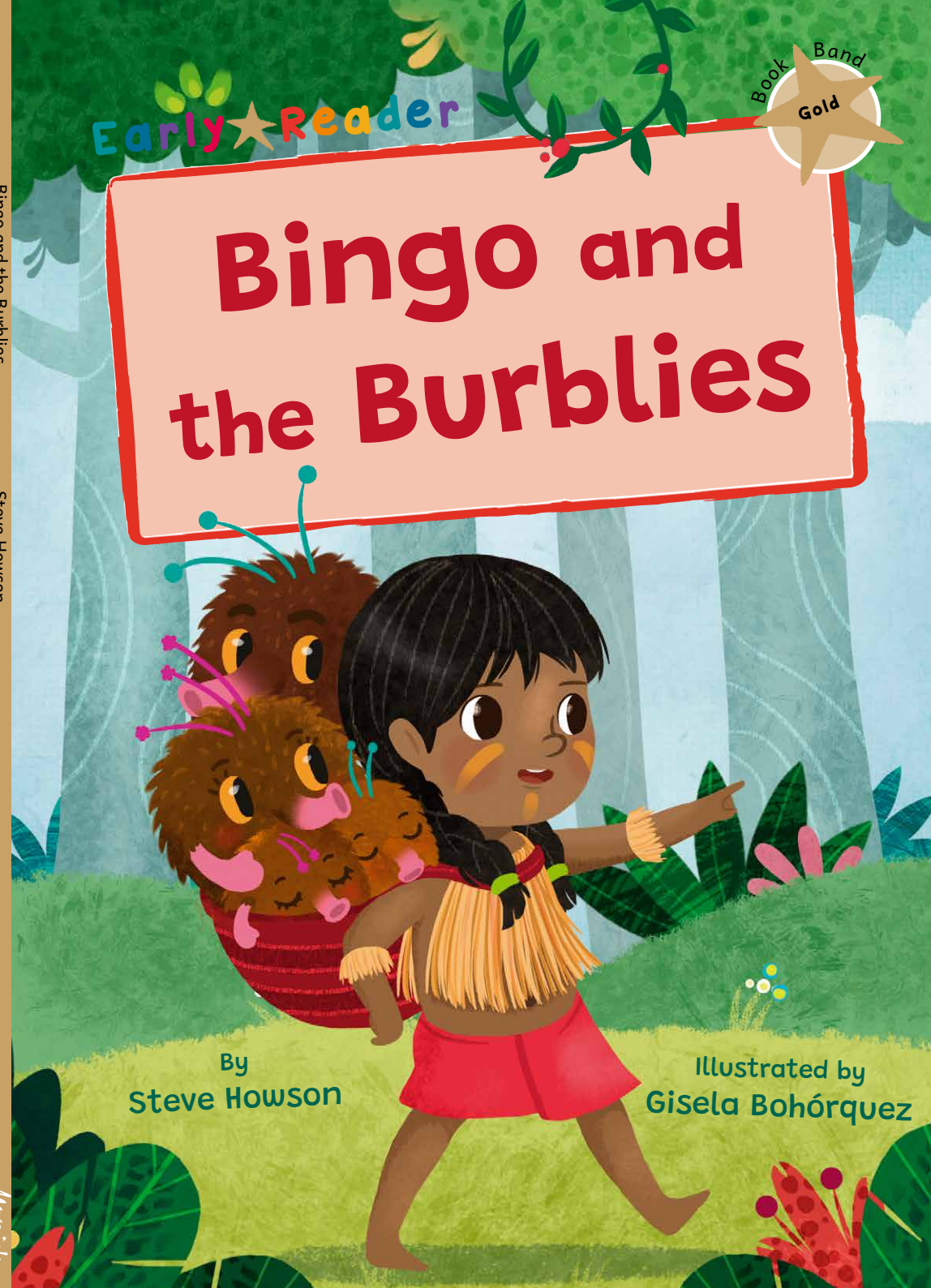
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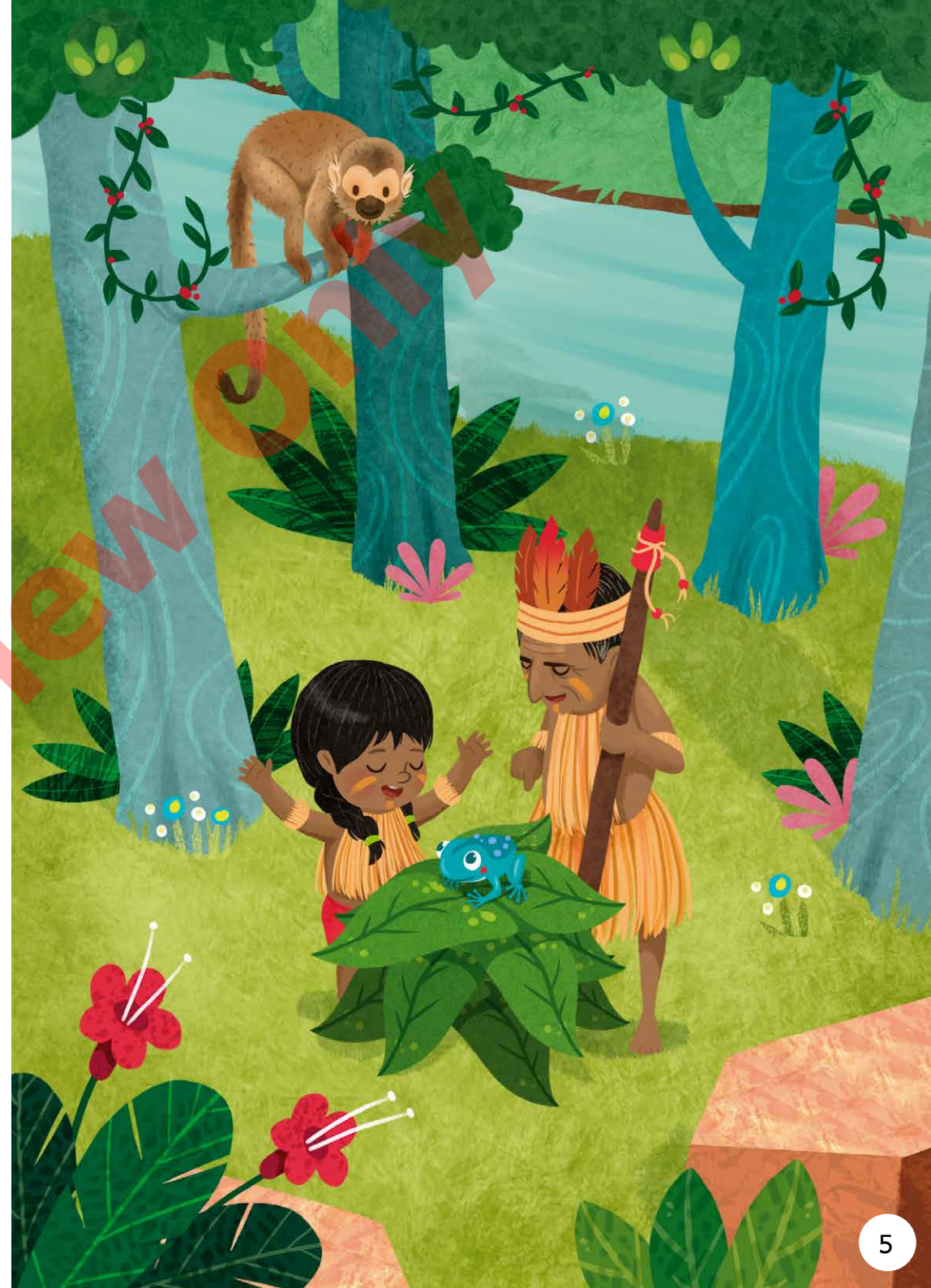




Chapter 1

Bingo lived in a village in the rainforest. Her family had lived there for hundreds of years.

Bingo loved to explore. Every day she discovered something new. Like a shiny beetle with great black horns. Or a blue frog living under a leaf. Or a bright red bird with a curly tail. When she told her grandfather, he knew the names for all of them.





One day Bingo wandered further than usual. She found noisy diggers working among the trees. Bingo crept past them. She followed a mighty river through the forest until it dropped over a ledge and became a huge waterfall.

Bingo climbed over the ledge and down the slippery rocks. She noticed a deep cave behind the waterfall. She couldn't resist going inside. It was gloomy and wet. The roar of falling water filled the air.

Then Bingo noticed another sound. A sort of gurgling, burbling noise. It was coming from above her head. Bingo peered into the darkness and gasped.

Four small creatures were staring back at her. They had brown furry bodies, bright orange eyes and long pink noses shaped like trumpets. Strangest of all, they had bare pink hands and feet that were covered in sticky pads.

There were two larger animals and two smaller ones.



They held each other tight and burbled at Bingo.



“I think I’m going to call you ‘burbles’,” said Bingo. “Please don’t be scared.”

She took a berry from her bag and held it out. The burbles looked at it for a long time. Then the biggest burble shot out a long pink tongue and gobbled it up. Bingo giggled.

The next day, Bingo went back to the cave. The burbles ate more of her food. She was amazed to see them climbing up the slippery walls using the pads on their fingers and toes.

Bingo didn’t tell anyone about the strange new creatures, not even her grandfather.