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# Maaloo, Kaaloo ...and who?

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Level 1



Maaloo went to his Nani's place with his dog, Kaaloo. Nani's house was in the hills.





When he got there, Nani said, "Maaloo, there are strange sounds coming from the garden these days. Keep the doors of the house shut."



At once, Maaloo took out his detective's bag. He pulled out his binoculars and went into the garden. He looked at each tree, plant and creeper very carefully.





Suddenly, he spotted a big beehive on a tree in the corner of the garden.



Maaloo ran to Nani.  
“Nani, there are so many bees buzzing around the mulberry tree.”

“Right Maaloo. But even a thousand bees cannot make the heavy sounds I have heard,” said Nani.  
“This could only be a thief...or a ghost!”





Maaloo picked up a long stick and made his way to the garden again. Kaaloo started going round and round on the grass with his nose to the ground... ***ghoon ghoon ghoon.***



“Kaaloo, stop all this drama. Don’t spoil the grass,” Maaloo called out. But Kaaloo wagged his tail very hard and kept going in circles there.

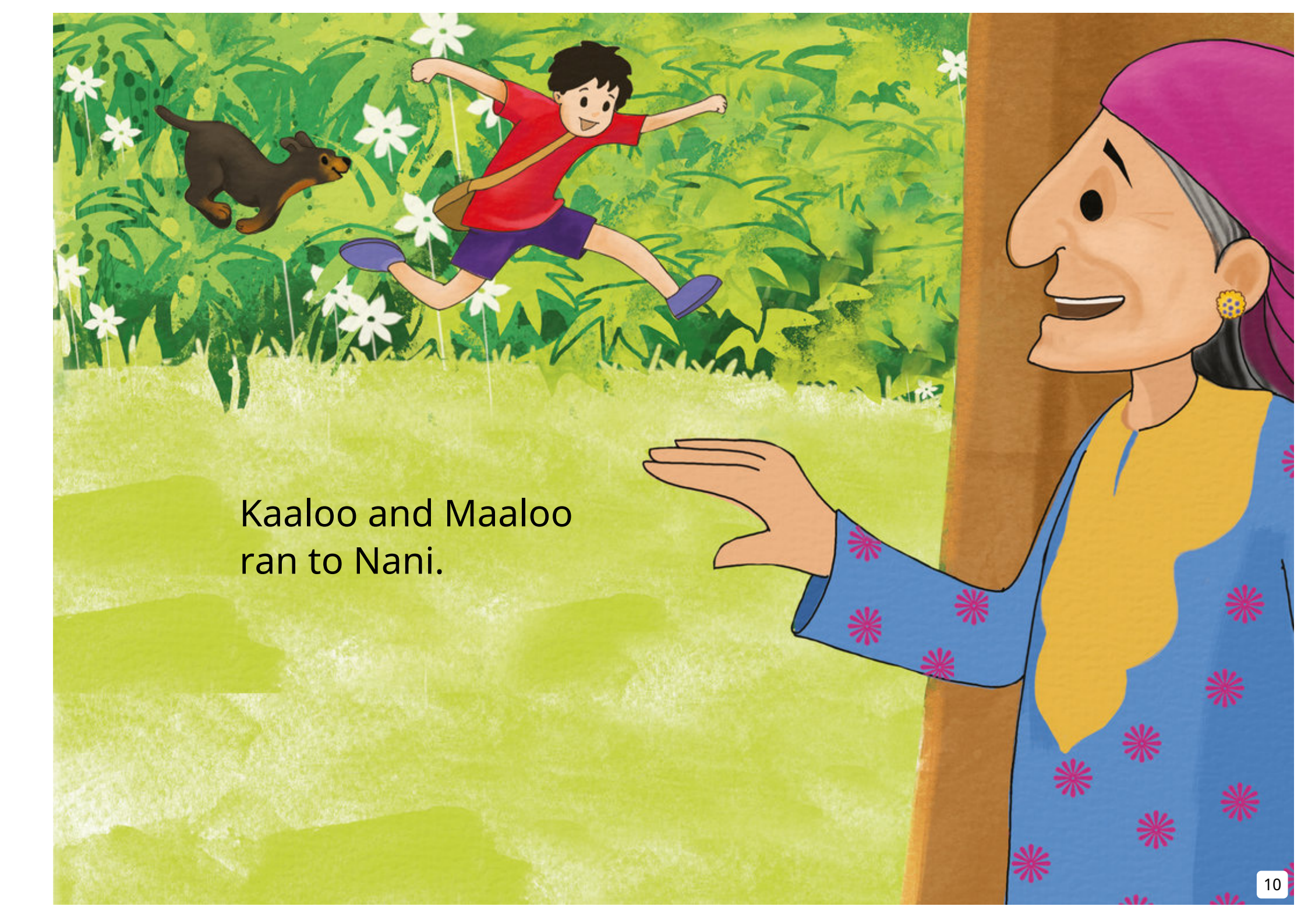




Maaloo ran to Kaaloo. He looked at the grass and found big paw prints. These were the tracks of a bear!

“Very good Kaaloo, you have found the Bhaaloo!”



A vibrant illustration depicting a scene in a garden. In the upper left, a young boy with dark hair, wearing a red t-shirt, purple shorts, and purple shoes, is running joyfully towards the right. A small brown dog with tan markings is running alongside him. The background is filled with lush green foliage and several white daisies. In the lower right, an elderly woman, referred to as Nani, is shown from the chest up. She has a large nose, a gentle smile, and is wearing a pink headscarf, a yellow earring, and a blue kurta with pink floral patterns. Her right hand is extended forward, palm up, in a welcoming gesture. The ground is a mix of green grass and light brown patches.

Kaaloo and Maaloo  
ran to Nani.





“No thief, no bandit, nor a ghost is it,” said Maaloo.





"A bear comes to visit.  
Honey and mulberry are  
his favourite!"



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(English)

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