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Chapter 1
MAY DAY
FESTIVAL

It is a bright spring day.

The river flows.

Birds sing.

Then they go quiet.

People are coming.

Who are they?

They put up a pole.

Long ribbons hang from it.

Then the people form a circle.



They begin to sing.
A drum thumps.
The singing stops.
Each person takes a ribbon.
Some move right.
Others move left.

Thump. Thump. Thump.
Faster and faster.
People **weave** the ribbons.
In and out.
In and out.
The pole is covered.