

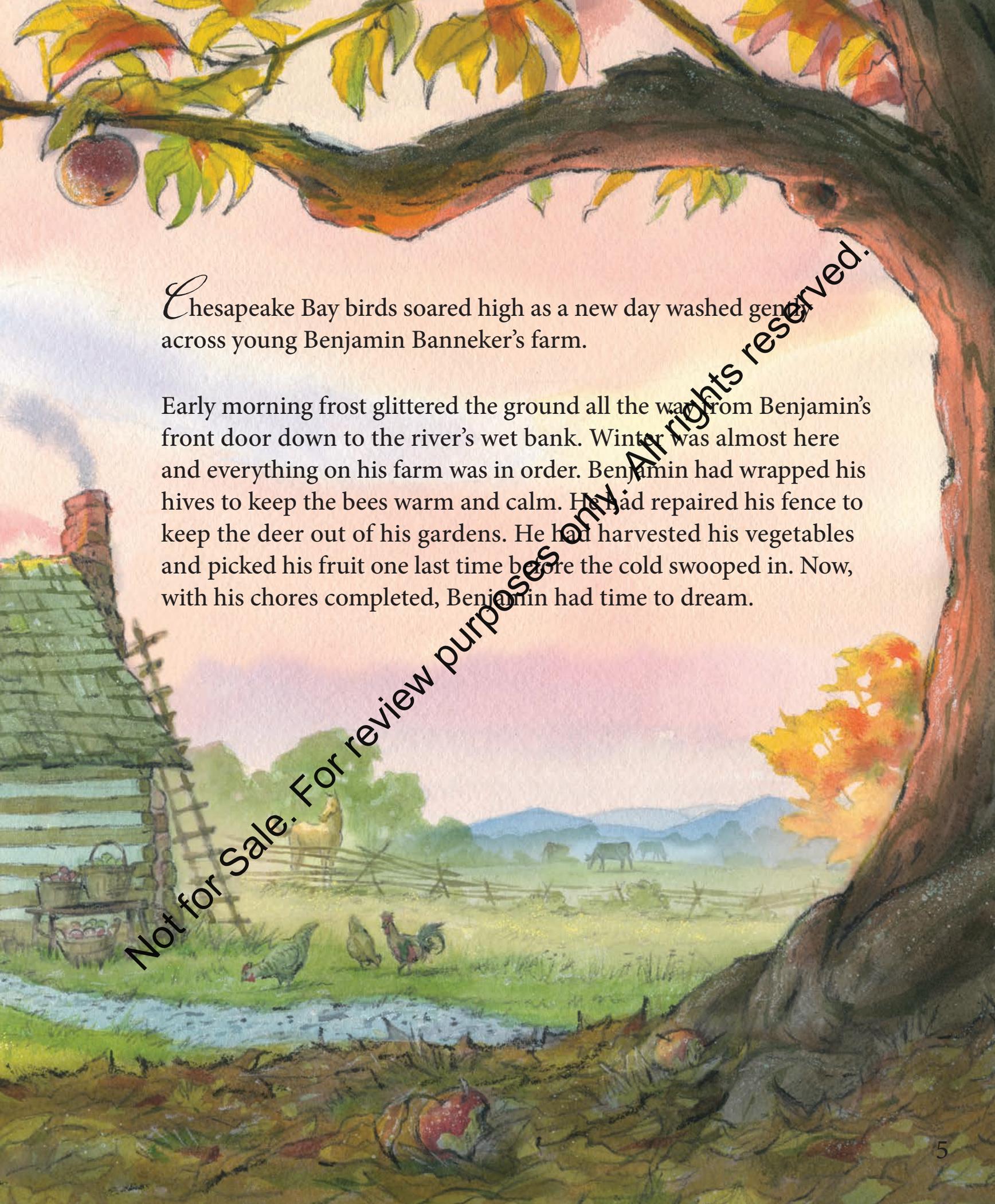
# TICKTOCK BANNEKER'S CLOCK

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Chesapeake Bay birds soared high as a new day washed gently across young Benjamin Banneker's farm.

Early morning frost glittered the ground all the way from Benjamin's front door down to the river's wet bank. Winter was almost here and everything on his farm was in order. Benjamin had wrapped his hives to keep the bees warm and calm. He had repaired his fence to keep the deer out of his gardens. He had harvested his vegetables and picked his fruit one last time before the cold swooped in. Now, with his chores completed, Benjamin had time to dream.

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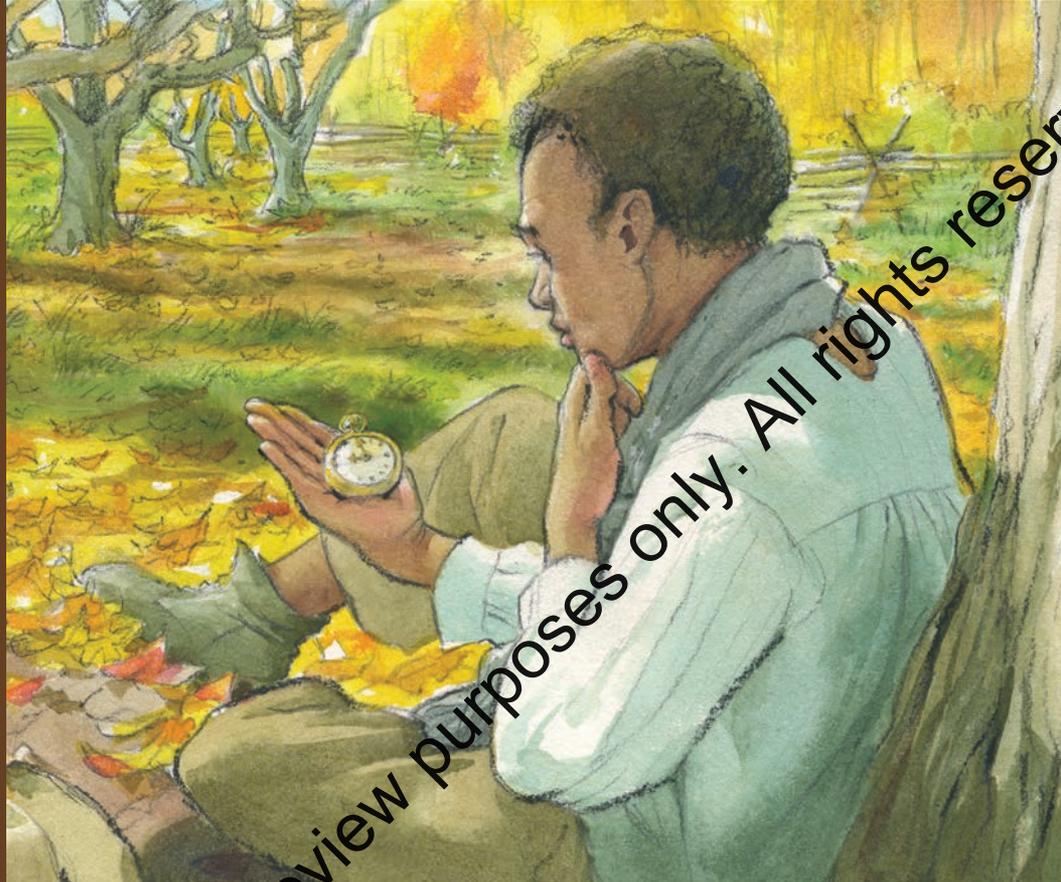


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By the time spring returned, Benjamin had finished carving all of the gears and wheels, and small pins he needed to hold the wheels and gears together. He had even carved large pieces into what would become the clock's stand and case.



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Benjamin took his time to study the miniature machine.  
This was a challenge and he loved challenges.

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