

Anansi and the Big Buzz



The big fig
tree has the
best figs in
town. But
hornets come
and spoil it all.





The swarm
buzzes at all
who come near.
It gets a goat, a
bug, a boy. Gran
and her bag fall
down. She runs
fast.

Anansi is mad for figs. The town calls
for figs, too. 'I will get the figs,' he says
in a big voice. No one else can help.



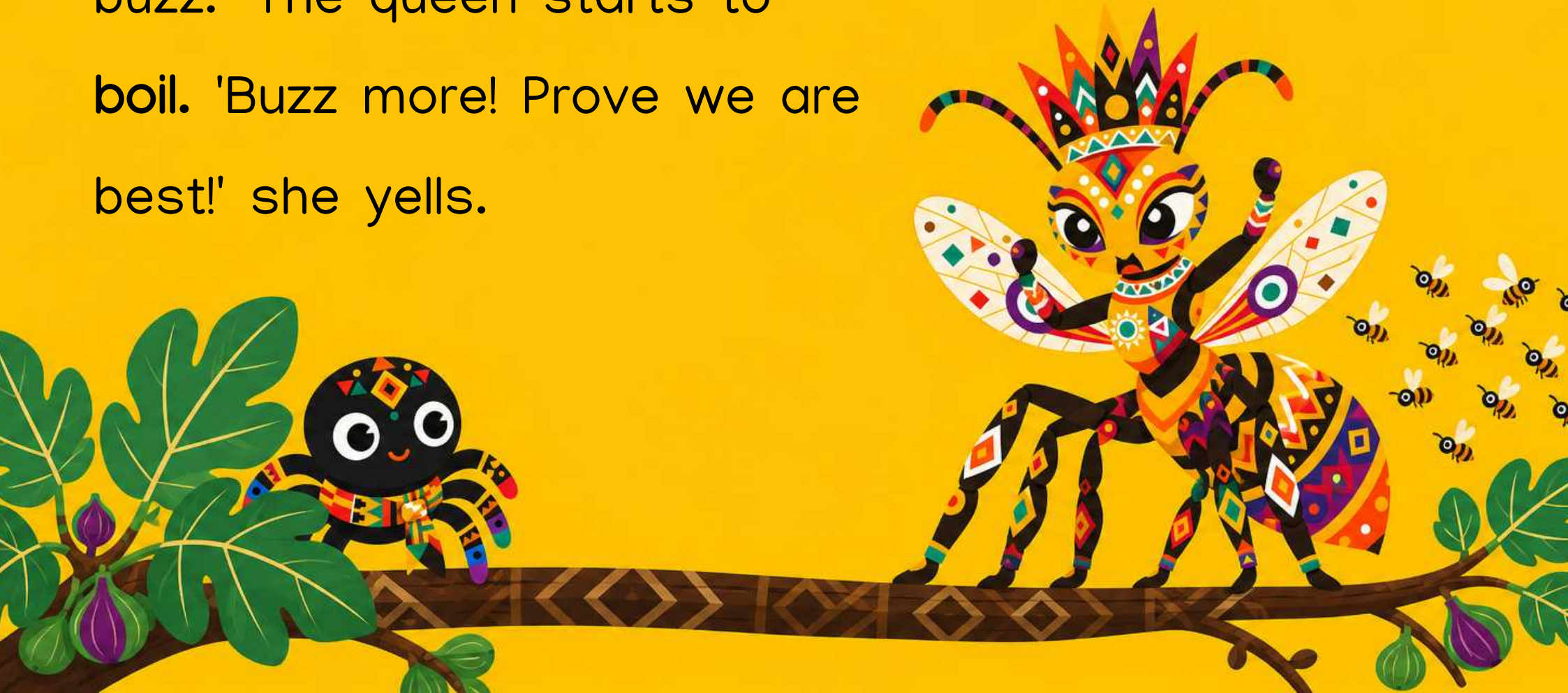
Anansi finds Kofi.
He gives Kofi a
coin. 'Take the
drum down to
the deep pit,' he
says. 'Beat it. Do
not stop.' Kofi
nods and goes.



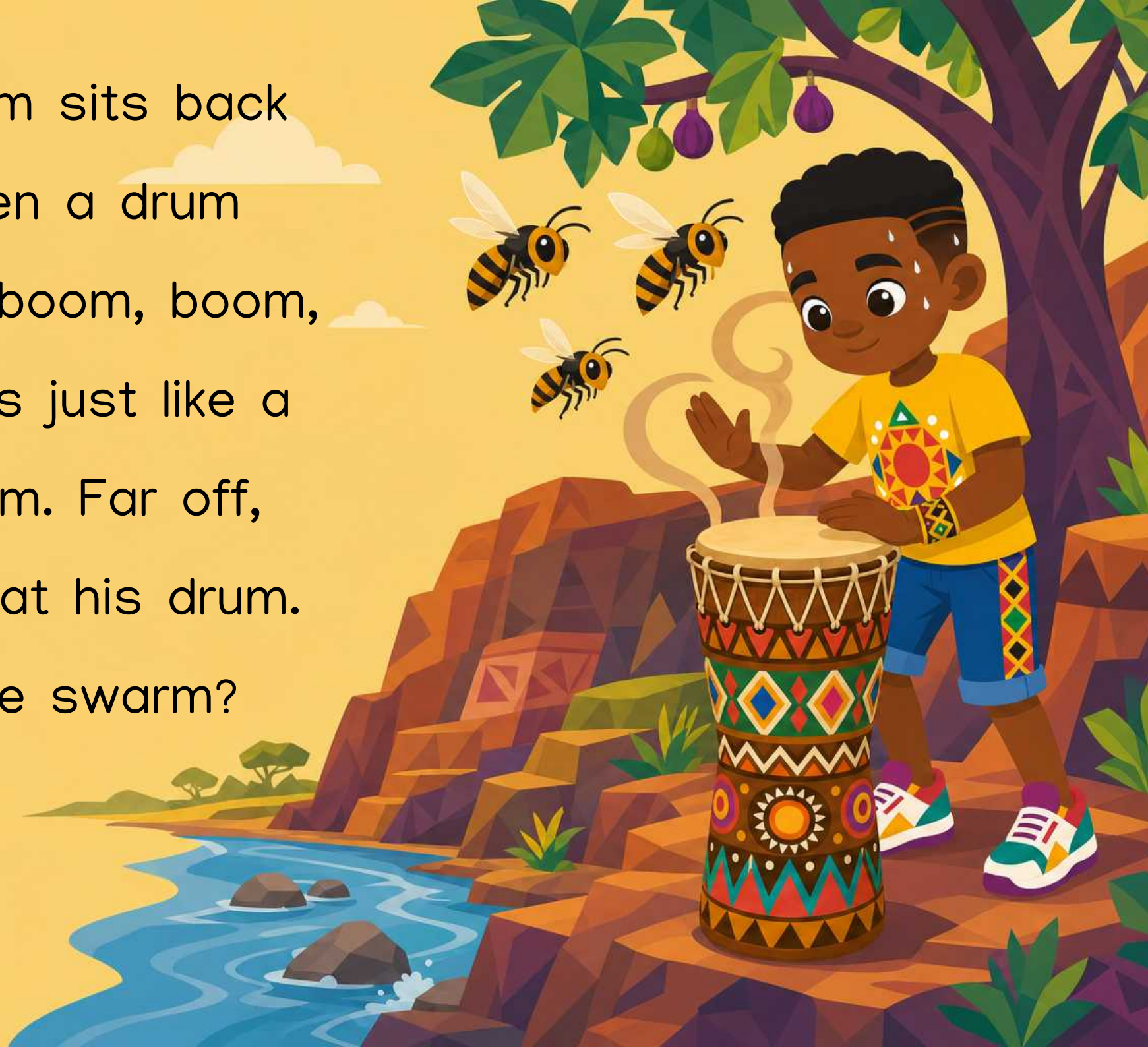


Anansi goes up near the swarm. They turn to face him. 'Great hornets, I know a thing,' he says. The swarm makes no noise. They wish to know things.

'A new swarm sits in the pit,'
says Anansi. 'Big hornets.
They say the queen has a dull
buzz.' The queen starts to
boil. 'Buzz more! Prove we are
best!' she yells.



The swarm sits back
down. Then a drum
rolls out. boom, boom,
boom. It is just like a
new swarm. Far off,
Kofi toils at his drum.
Is it a true swarm?



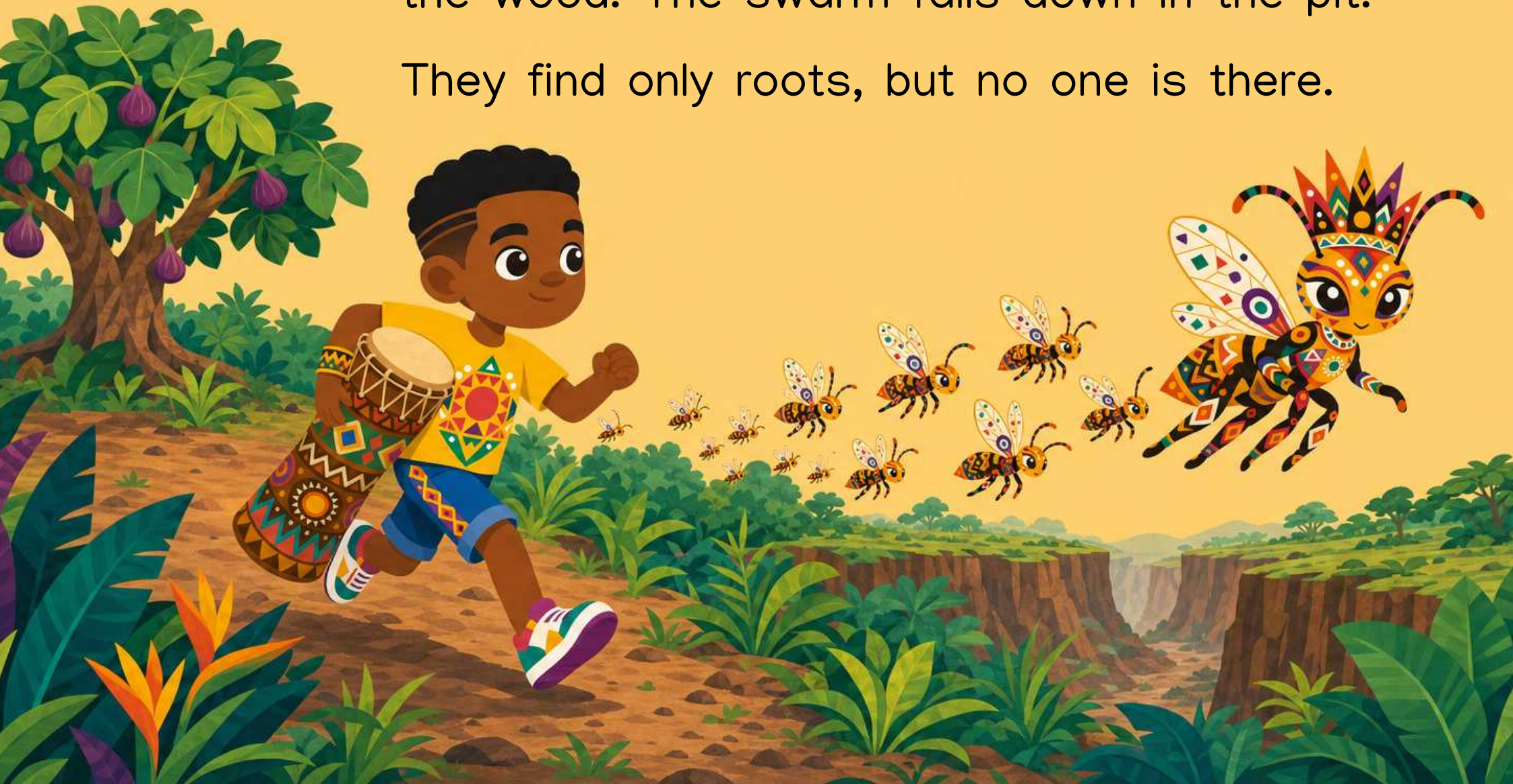


Anansi comes near.

'Look, queen! They mock the swarm,' he says.

The queen's eyes are mad. 'We will all join and buzz in their faces!' 'Yes,' Anansi nods. 'Buzz more! Prove we are best!'

All the swarm heads off to the pit. Kofi sees them come. He hoists his drum and runs to the wood. The swarm falls down in the pit. They find only roots, but no one is there.



Anansi runs back.
'Come, all! Bring the
pots!' he calls. The
town runs out and
grabs figs fast. They
eat as they grab.
Gran fills three pots
with joy. Then a mad
buzz comes near...





The swarm buzzes back, mad and loud. Anansi grabs one last fat fig. He falls down a coil of web, fast as a bug. The swarm finds no figs at all. Anansi runs off fast.

Now the town eats figs and soup. Drums play. Anansi sits in the best seat. He eats till he is round as the moon. He beat the swarm with a **ploy**, not **toil**. The hornets fly far off to a new tree. When a big head looks for a fight, we say, 'Buzz more! Prove we are best!'





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Anansi loves figs, but a swarm of angry hornets has claimed the whole tree, and no one in the village dares go near. Can one clever little spider outsmart a whole buzzing swarm without a single sting? With a drum, a whisper, and a lot of nerve, Anansi sets his plan in motion. Will his sneaky trick actually work? This book practices the // sound with lesson words like 'boy', 'coin', 'ploy', 'toil', and 'join'.

Reading Skills: <oi> <oy>

boil, boy, coil, coin, hoist, hoists, join, joy, noise, play, spoil, toil, toils, voice

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