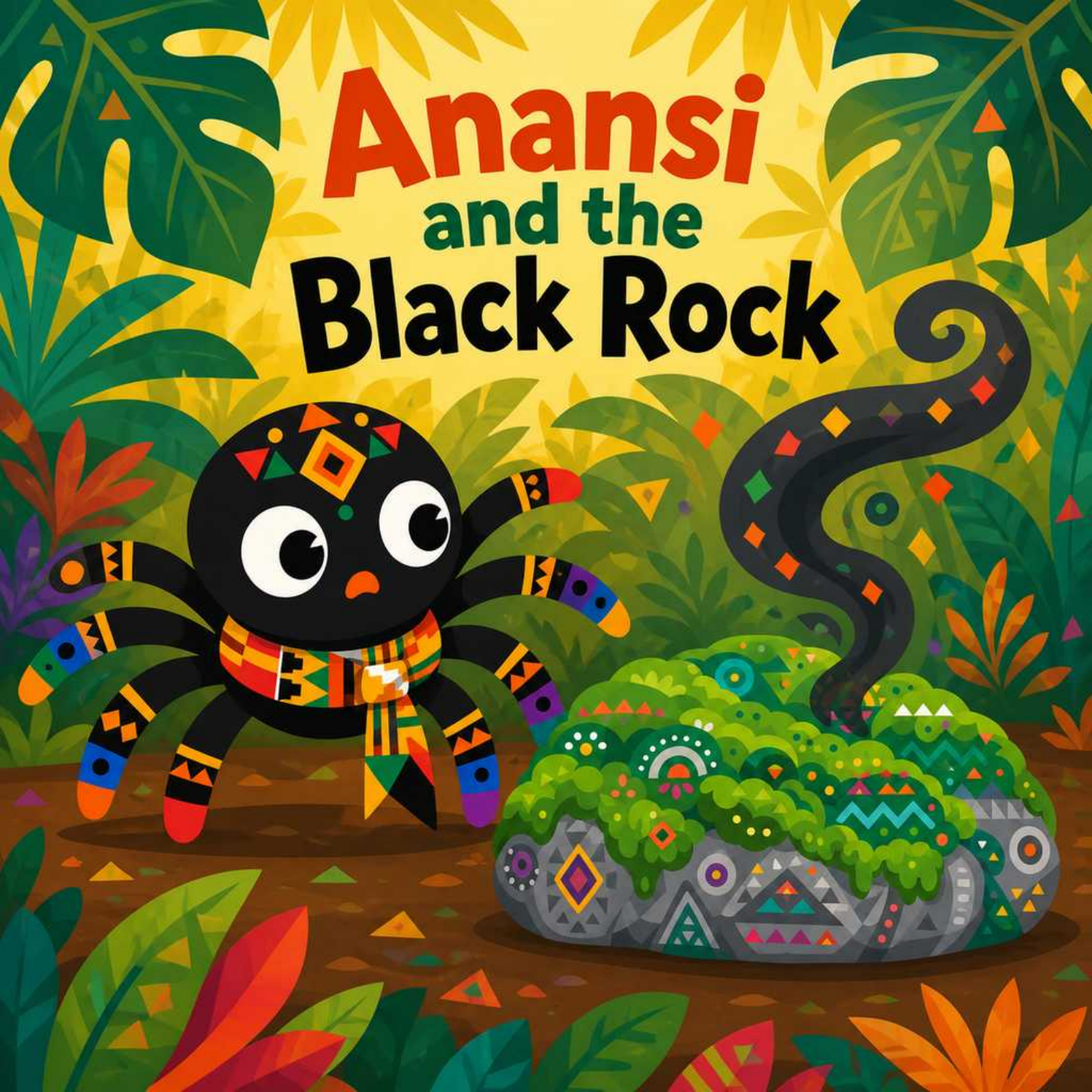


Anansi and the Black Rock



Anansi is on a path by a big rock. The rock is covered in thick, soft moss. 'What a strange rock,' he says, and in a moment he begins to doze.





Anansi wakes up flat
on a soft bed. That
rock is odd, he thinks.
He says it twice, and
twice he dozes off. In
a moment, he sits up
with a big grin.
Anansi has a plan.

Anansi has a **secret** plan. He can trick the animals with the rock and take all their snacks. Off he trots to find Elephant.



'Elephant, come
see this strange
rock,' Anansi calls.
Elephant looks at
the rock and drops
with a thud.

Anansi grabs her
big snack. The
snack is **stolen!**

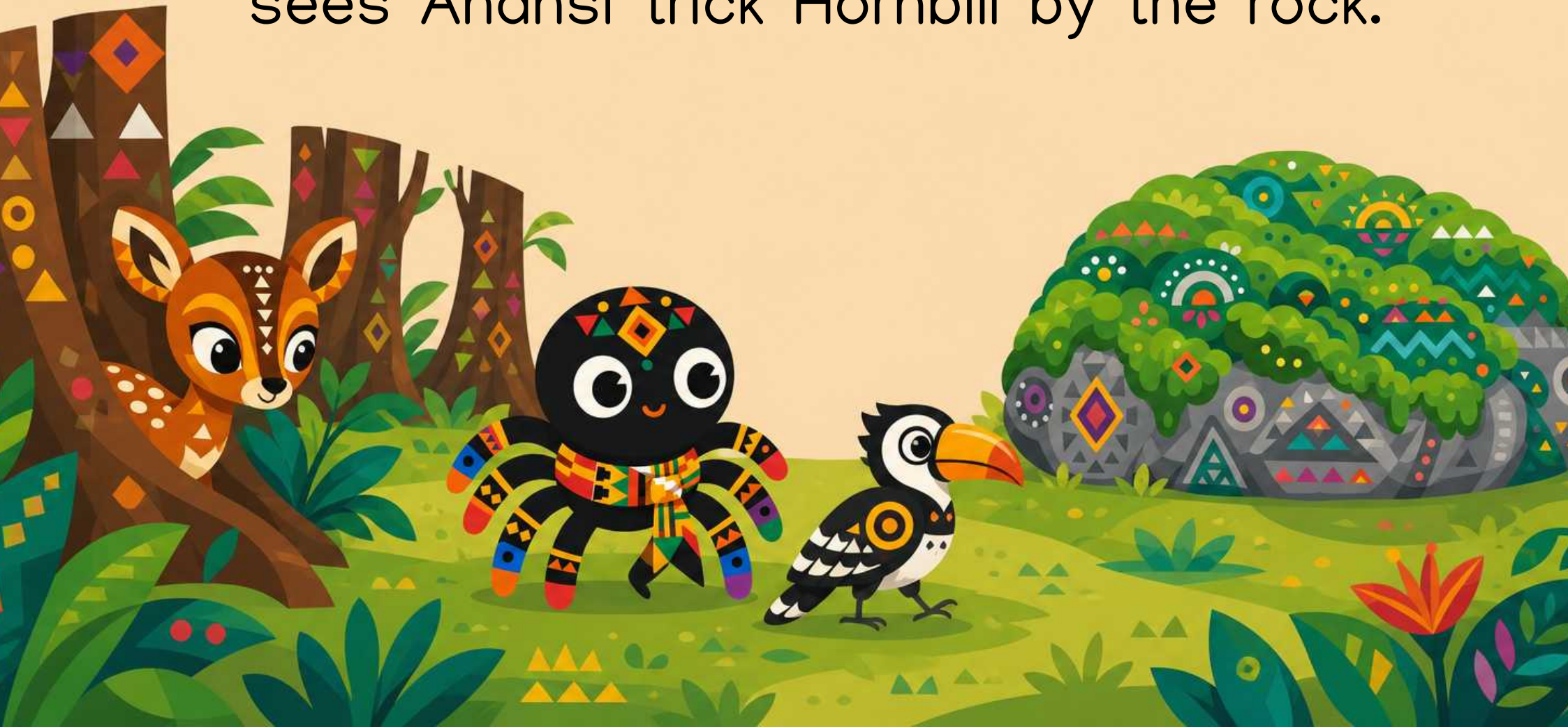




One by one, the animals doze by the rock. They wake up and blink. All the snacks have been taken.

The rock just sits there, **silent** and still.

Bush Deer hides by a fig trunk. She is small and **silent**, and she sees it all. She sees Anansi trick Hornbill by the rock.



Bush Deer talks to
the sad animals.

'Anansi stole the
snacks,' she says. 'I
can recall what he
said by the rock.'

Elephant sits and
thinks and thinks.

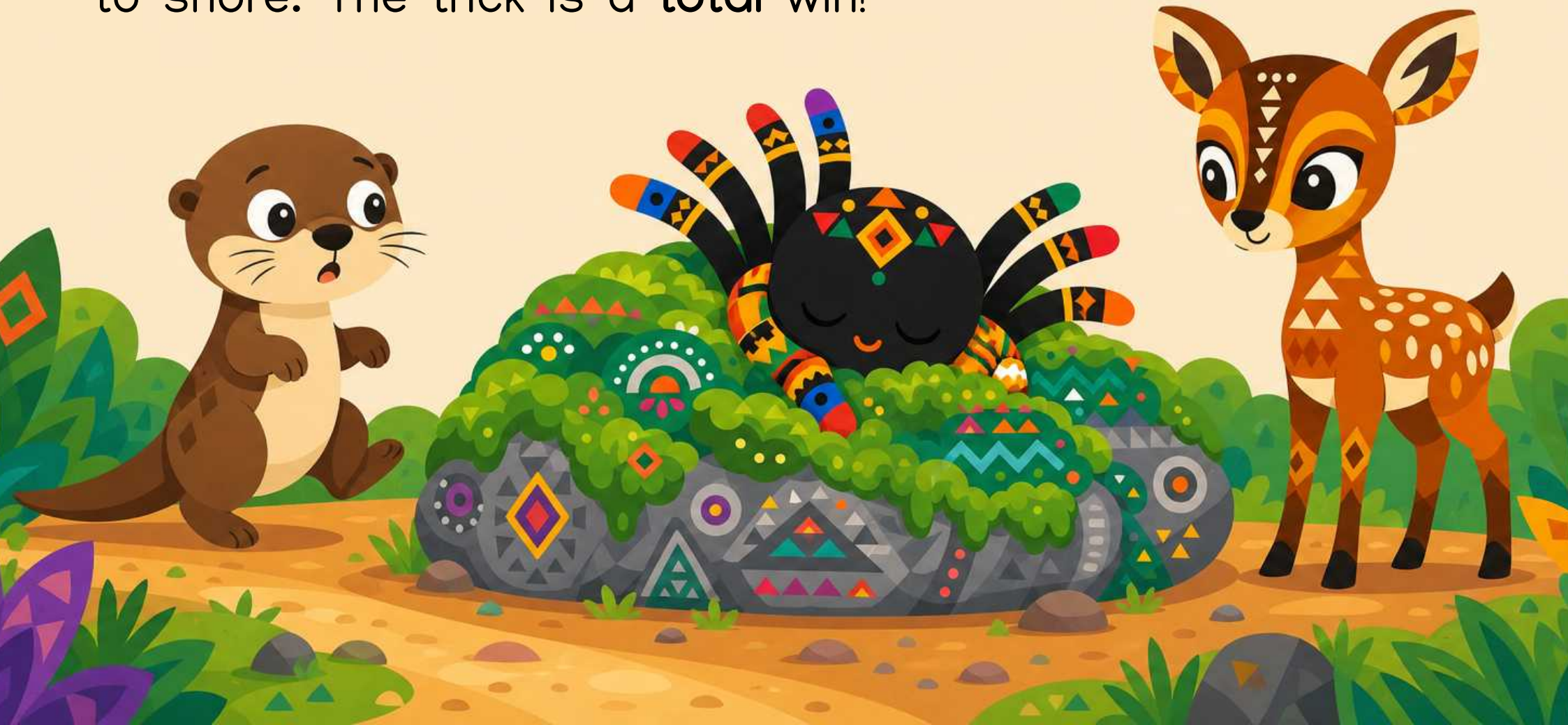




Bush Deer has a plan. 'Hide, and I will trick Anansi,' she says.

Elephant hides by a thin trunk, but Elephant is not small! The animals all depend on Bush Deer.

'Anansi, is this not a strange
moss-covered rock?' asks Bush Deer.
Anansi drops flat on the moss and **begins**
to snore. The trick is a **total** win!



The animals get
their snacks
back. Even the
small pal gets a
snack.

They sit by the
rock and have a
big picnic while
Anansi naps.





Anansi wakes up and blinks. Elephant hands him a bit of the **stolen** snack. 'A trick can **befall** the one who tricks,' says Bush Deer. Anansi regrets his plot, but he **munches** the snack.

Now the **animals** walk the path in a big, glad pack.
By the rock, they hush. No one says 'strange rock'!
They **protect** their friends, and they split their
snacks.





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Anansi finds a strange mossy rock in the forest, and saying seven secret words puts anyone right to sleep. Soon he's using it to trick the animals and take their snacks for himself. But one small animal is watching from the shadows, silent and unseen. Can she help her friends get their snacks back? Created to align with the UFLI Foundations scope and sequence (Lesson 68: Open/Closed), this book practices words like 'silent', 'stolen', 'secret', 'depend', 'total'.

Phonics Focus: Open/Closed

animals, befall, begins, depend, even, moment, munches, picnic, protect, recall, regret, secret, silent, stolen, taken, total

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