

Anansi and the Fig Panic



The village has
one big fig plant,
and it is full of
figs.

But hornets sit
on all of the figs,
buzz, buzz, buzz.





The hornets sting!
Old Grandmother
Akosua drops a
basket and runs
fast.

No figs for the
kids. No figs at
all.

Anansi looks up at the figs and
the hornets. 'I have a plan,' says
Anansi. 'A classic trick.'



Anansi hands
cash to Kofi.
'Kofi, go to the
big dip and hit
the drum. Do not
stop.' Kofi nods.
He is content
with the cash.





Then Anansi sits
on a branch of the
fig plant. 'Hornets,'
he says, 'I have
gossip. Big gossip.'
In an instant, the
lot go still.

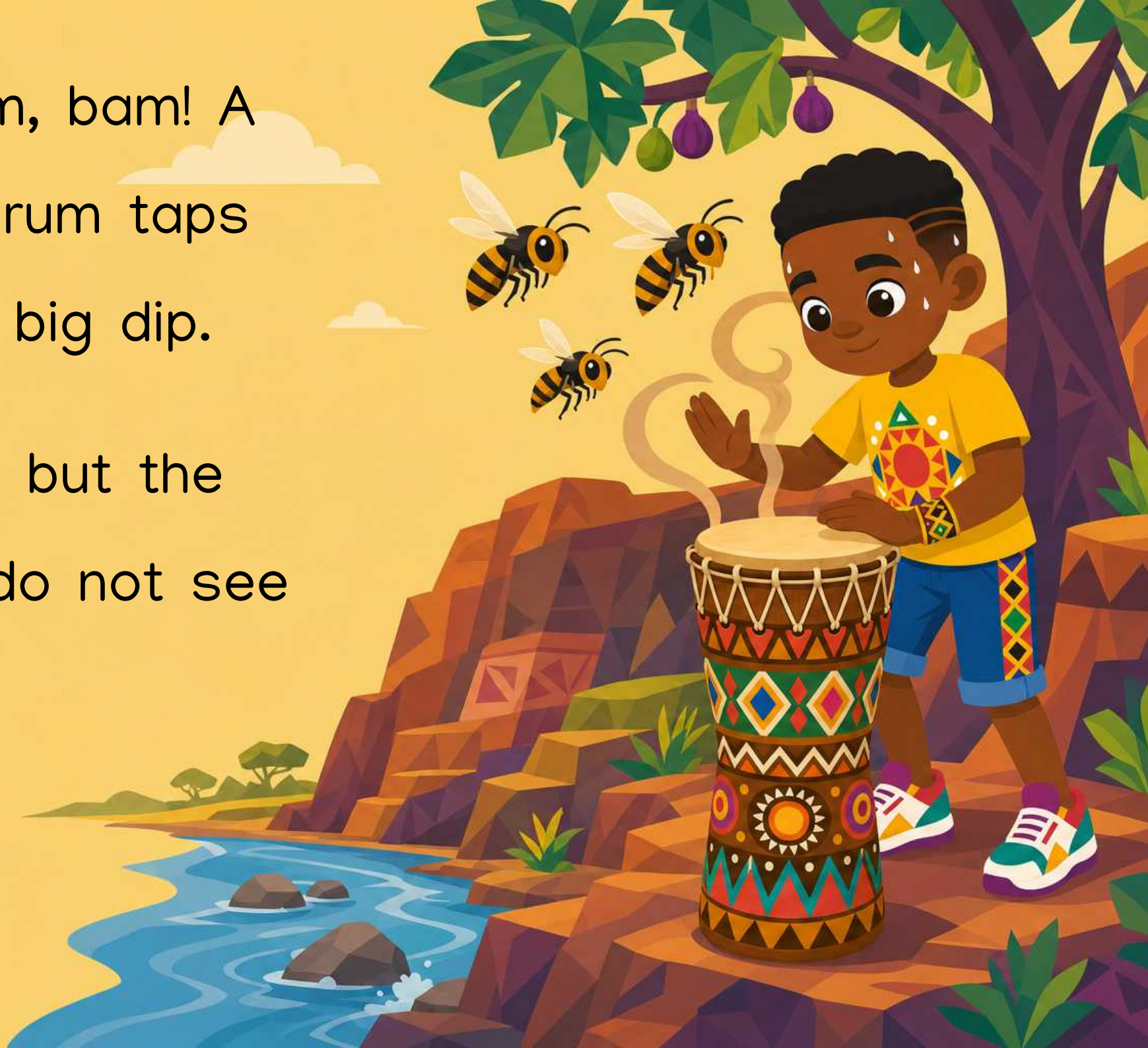
'A lot of big insects sit in the big dip,' says Anansi. 'They mock this buzz.'

The Hornet Queen is livid. 'Buzz a lot!' she yells. 'We are best!'



Bam, bam, bam! A
distant drum taps
from the big dip.

It is Kofi, but the
hornets do not see
that.





'That lot mocks this buzz,' says Anansi. The Hornet Queen is so upset. 'Attack!' she yells. 'Go and buzz at them!'

The hornets cross the river and rush to the big dip. Kofi grabs the drum and sprints off. But nothing is in the big dip, nothing at all.



Anansi yells, 'Quick!
Bring baskets and
pots!' All rush in and
pick figs, and Old
Grandmother Akosua
fills basket upon
basket.

But then a buzz hums
from the river. The
hornets!





Anansi grabs one last fat fig. The Hornet Queen gets to the fig plant, but not one fig is on it! Anansi grins and zips off on silk. A rapid exit.

At **sunset** the **village** has a **splendid picnic**. Kids dance, drums tap, and all munch figs and sip nut dish. Anansi grins, glad and full. What a **fantastic** trick! The hornets go off to a **distant** fig plant. Buzz, buzz, buzz. But not in this **village**!





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Anansi the spider-trickster is hungry, but hornets have claimed every fig in the village, and Old Grandmother Akosua drops her basket and runs. With everyone tired of plain yams, can a clever plan and some gossip about a rival swarm finally get the figs back? Created to align with the UFLI Foundations scope and sequence (Lesson 67: Closed/Closed), this book practices words like 'basket', 'gossip', 'classic', 'insects', 'rapid'.

Phonics Focus: Closed/Closed

basket, classic, content, distant, exit, fantastic, gossip, insects, instant, livid, nothing, picnic, rapid, splendid, sunset, upon, upset, village

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