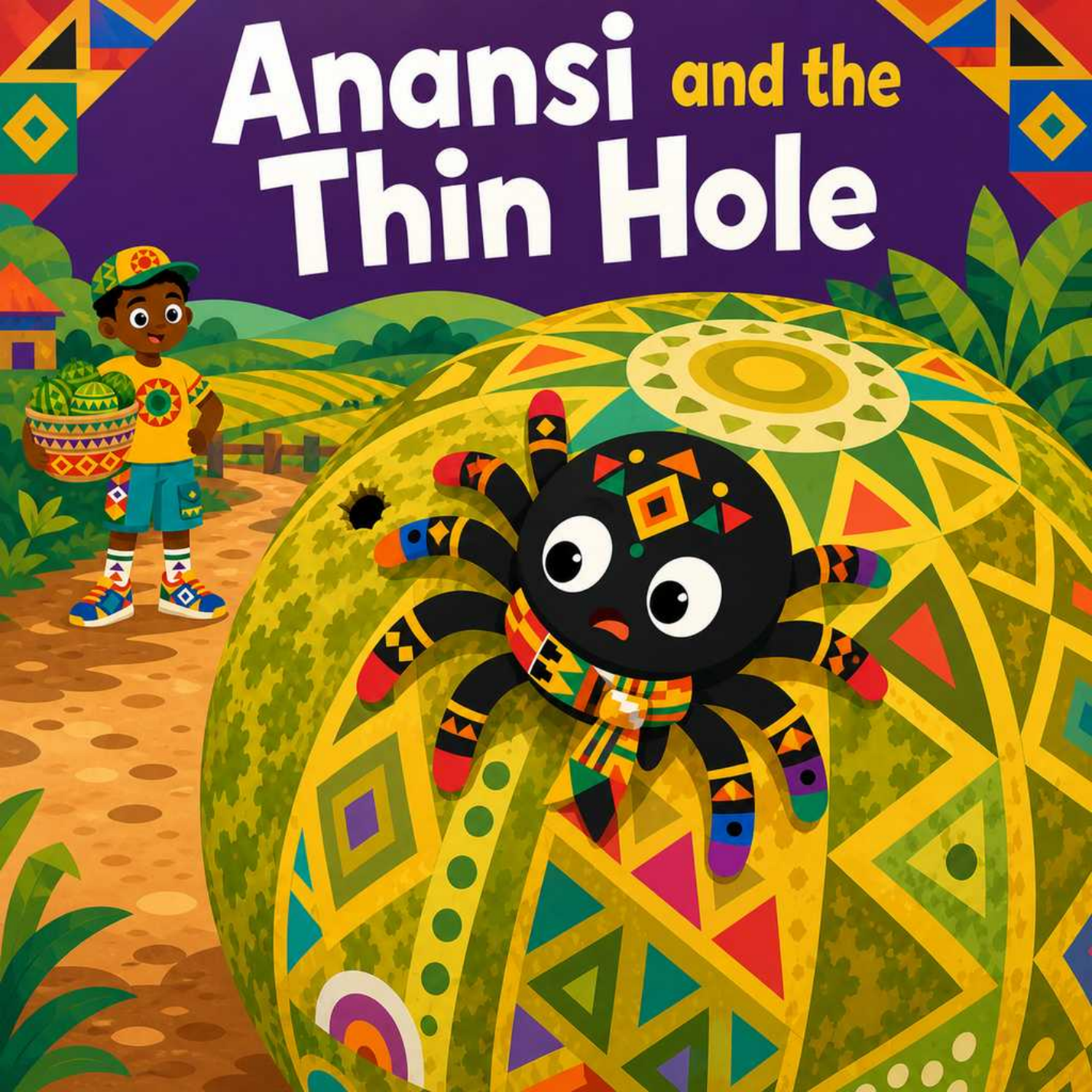


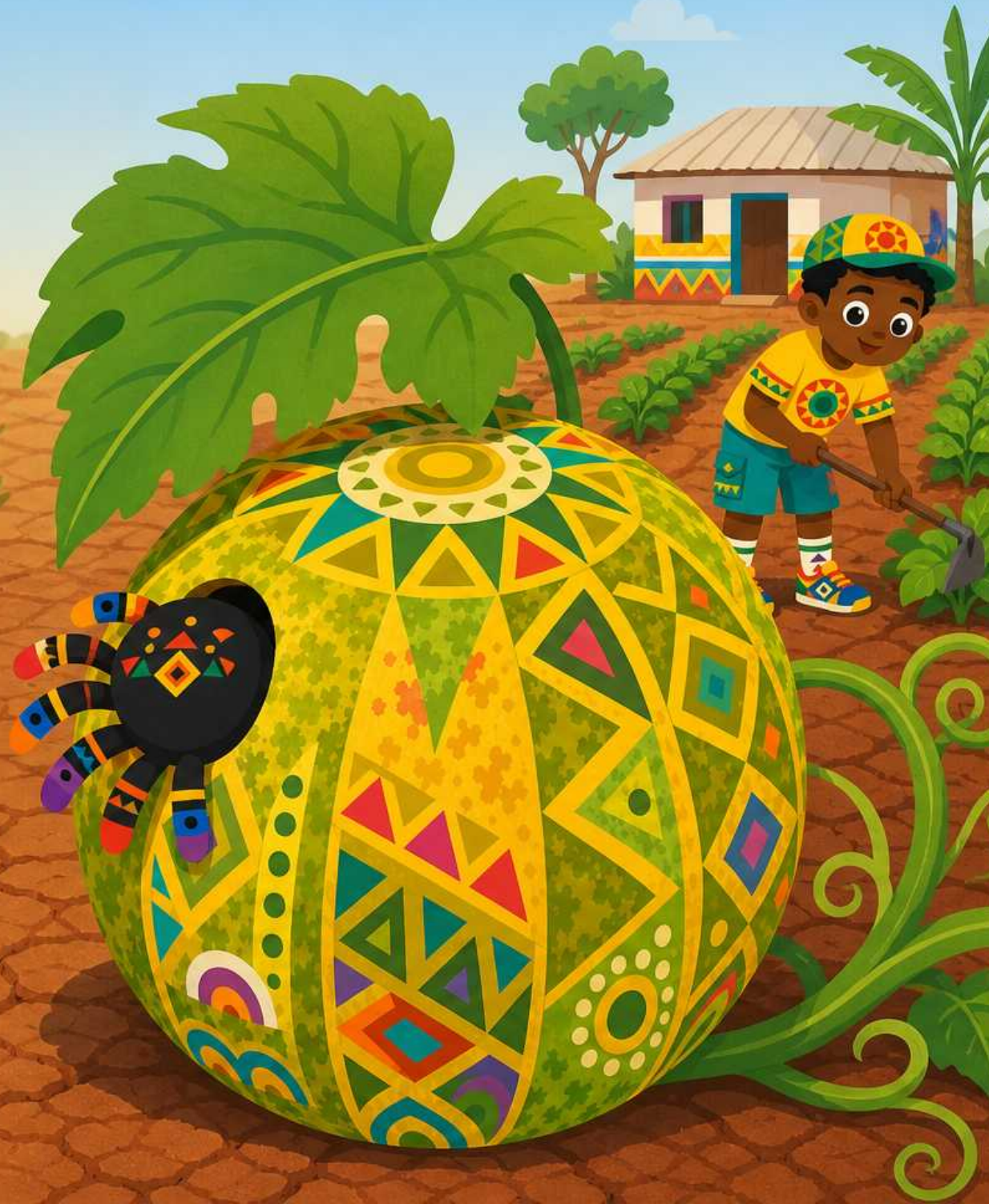
Anansi and the Thin Hole



The sun is hot.

A man has a
nice big melon.

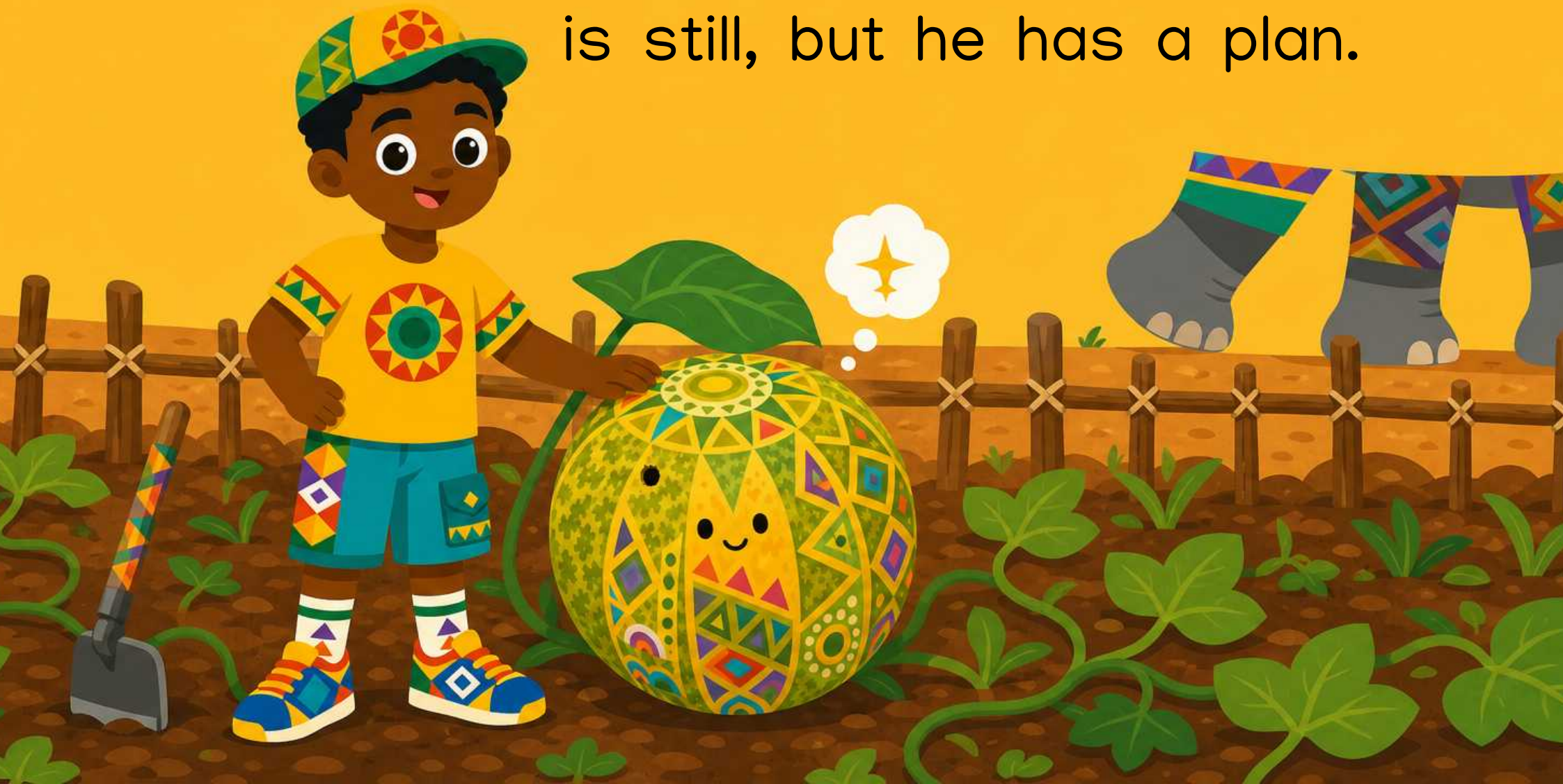
Anansi has a
plan, and he
gets in it.





He has a
snack. He gets
big and fat. He
is stuck in this
place, and he
can't get back.

The man taps his melon at
the fence. Anansi hides. He
is still, but he has a plan.



'What a big, big
leg!' calls the
melon.

Elephant gets a
shock, and off
she runs at a
fast pace.





A big mob is
at the fence.

'The melon can
talk!' yells a
lad.

Anansi grins
and grins.

Men lift the melon on a cloth. It must go to the King, and the man winces.



The men set
the melon on a
stand. 'Talk!'
says the King.
Anansi grins,
and he takes
his chance.





'Add spice to the pot!' calls the melon, and it is ace. The King grins, but the man is not glad.

Then Abena casts a glance at the melon. 'What do I think?' she asks, and all is still.



The King has
a mad face.
'Off with it!' he
yells, and he
tosses it fast.





Smash! The
melon cracks,
and off rolls
fat Anansi! He
rolls twice, and
the mob grins
at him.

He walks back on the path and picks
pips off his legs. Since then, the
man checks his fence and his land.





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Anansi the spider smells a farmer's prize melon and can't resist squeezing inside for a snack. Soon he's grown too big to escape through the hole he made, so he hatches a bold, talking-melon trick to sneak past the farmer and the whole watching village. But when the King himself demands the melon speak, can Anansi's quick thinking talk his way out of the mess he's made? Created to align with the UFLI Foundations scope and sequence (Lesson 60: _ce /s/), this book practices words like 'chance', 'face', 'twice', 'place'.

Phonics Focus: _ce /s/

ace, chance, face, fence, glance, nice, pace, place, since, spice, twice, wince

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