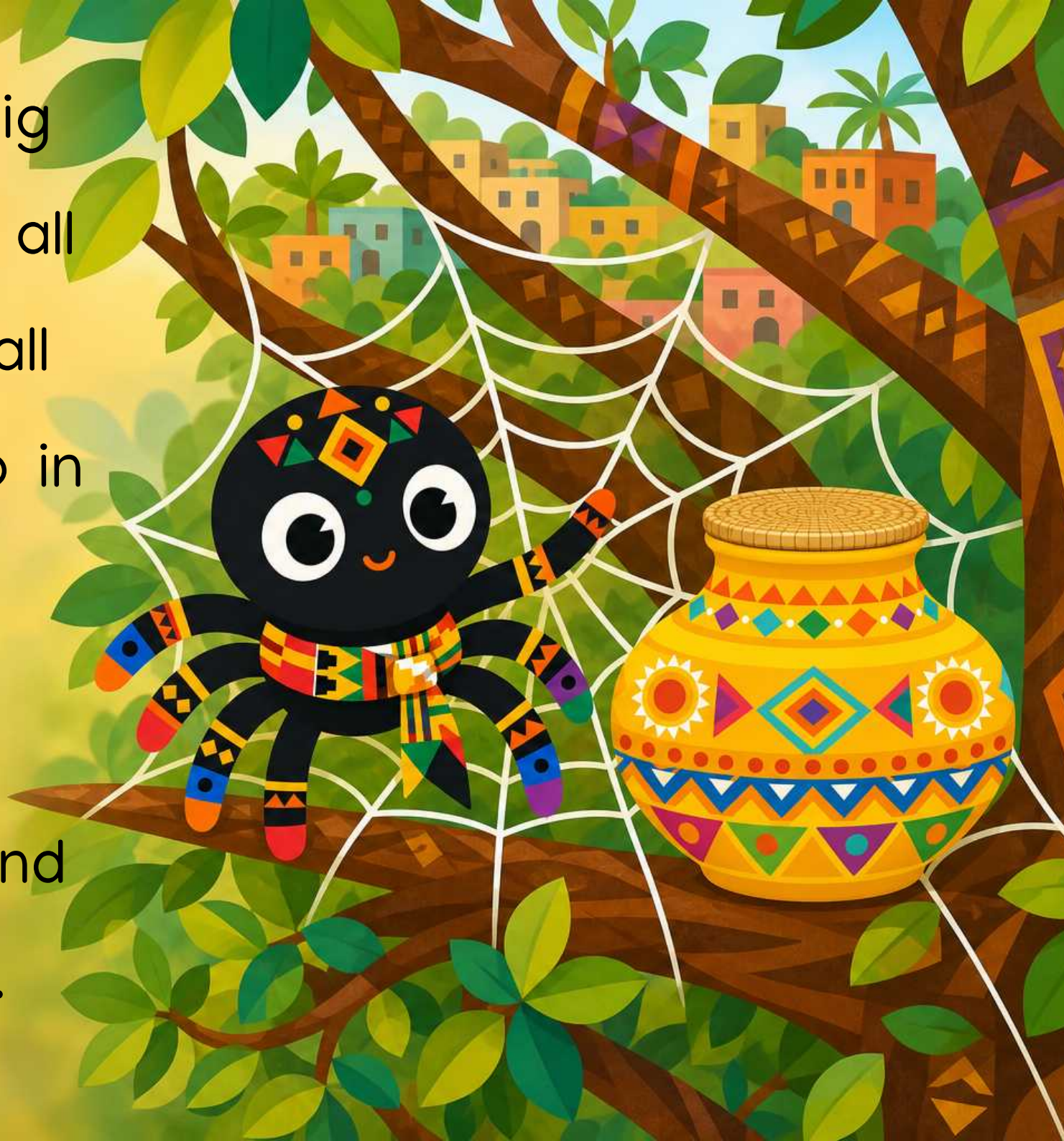


Anansi and the Wisdom Pot



Anansi has a big
plan. He wants all
the wisdom in all
the lands to go in
his pot.

He packs it in,
shuts the lid, and
latches it snug.





Anansi walks on
the path and
stops. He asks
aged Tortoise for
his best wisdom.
Anansi fetches lots
and lots of wisdom,
and he packs it all
in the pot.

Anansi clutches the pot to his chest
and steps up the tall silk-cotton. But
the pot bangs and tilts, and he slips
back down. What a mess!



Ntikuma sits on a
rock and looks up.
'Dad,' he calls, 'do
not hug the pot.
Attach it to the
back with the rope,
and then the legs
can grip!'

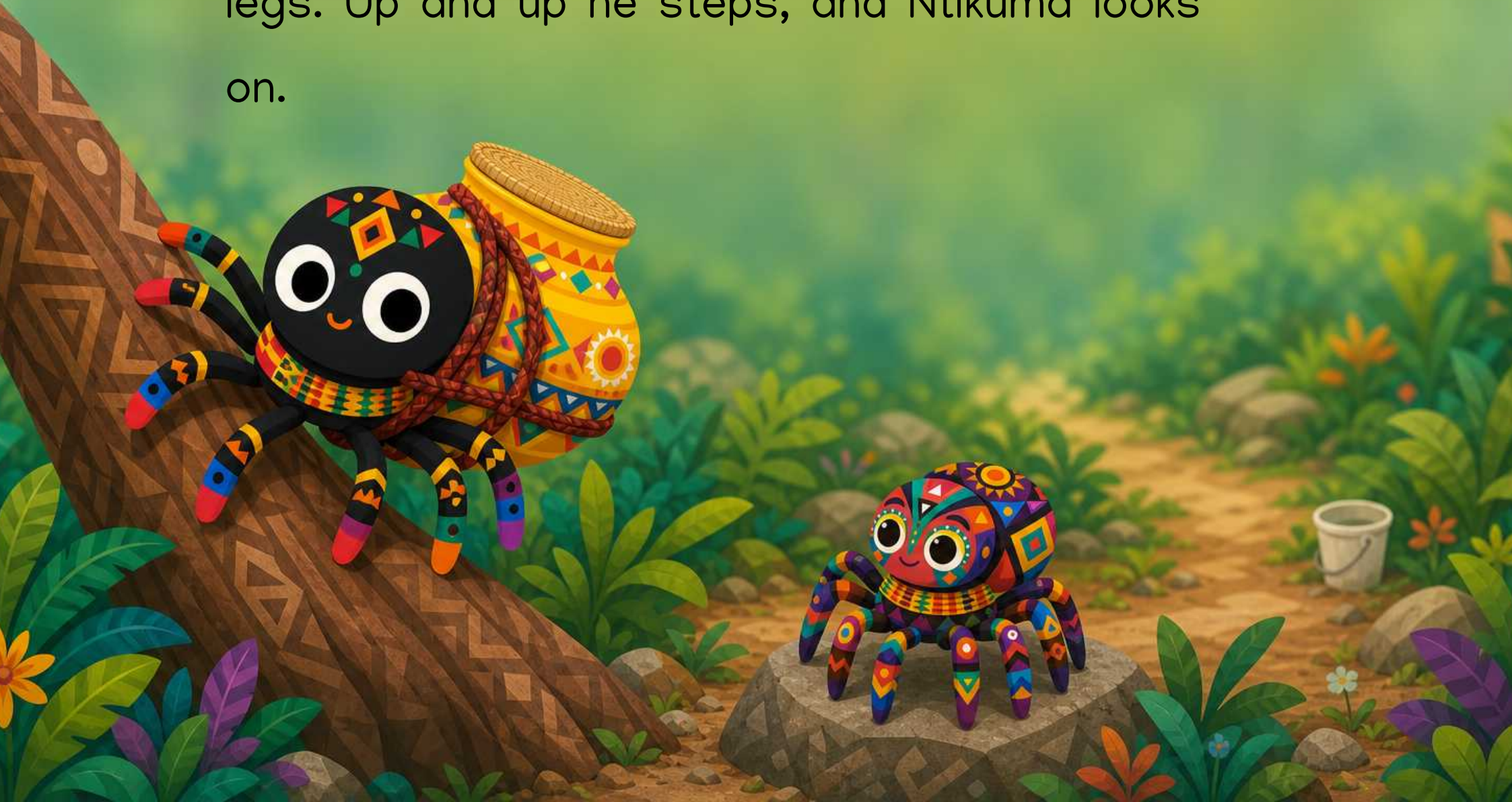




Anansi stops still on
the silk-cotton, and
his face gets hot.

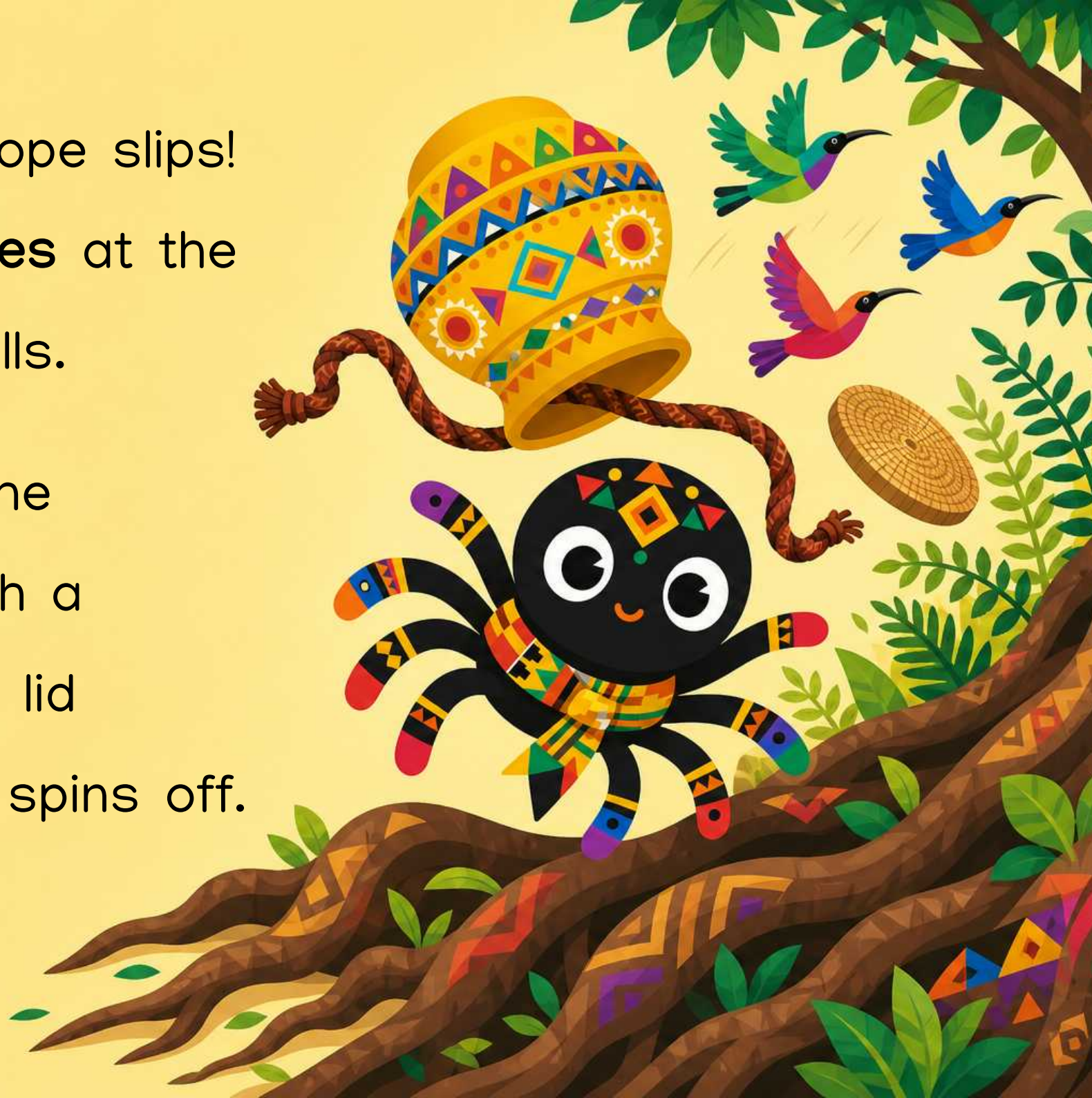
His small kid has
wisdom that is not
in the pot. What a
glitch in his big plan!

Anansi **attaches** the pot to his back with the rope. Then he grips the silk-cotton with all his legs. Up and up he steps, and Ntikuma looks on.



But then the rope slips!
Anansi **snatches** at the
pot, and he falls.

The pot hits the
silk-cotton with a
crack, and the lid
detaches and spins off.





The pot splits in two. The wisdom spills from it and drifts off on the wind. Anansi sits in the plants. He can not catch the wisdom. It is gone to all the lands.

Anansi and Ntikuma sit still by the split pot. Weaver-bird lands on it and sings a topnotch song. Anansi looks at his legs, and he is not so sad.



'I got lots of wisdom,'
says Anansi, 'but I did
not use it. My plan
and my acts were a
mismatch.'

'Dad,' says Ntikuma,
'the wisdom is not in
a pot. It is in the use
of it.'





Anansi is back home. A big batch of kids sits with him, and he tells them what he did. Anansi grins at his mess, and all the clan grins with him.

At home, Ntikuma fixes a big hitch in a rope, and the adults clap. Nyame looks down and smiles. No one has all the wisdom, and that is best of all.





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Anansi the spider has a huge plan: collect all the wisdom in the world and seal it in one pot. But when he tries to carry the heavy pot up a tall tree, it keeps slipping. Will his clever son find a way to help him climb? Created to align with the UFLI Foundations scope and sequence (Lesson 69: tch /ch/), this book practices words like 'catch', 'fetches', 'attach', 'snatches'.

Phonics Focus: tch /ch/

attach, attaches, batch, catch, clutches, detaches, fetches, glitch, hitch, latches, mismatch, snatches, topnotch

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