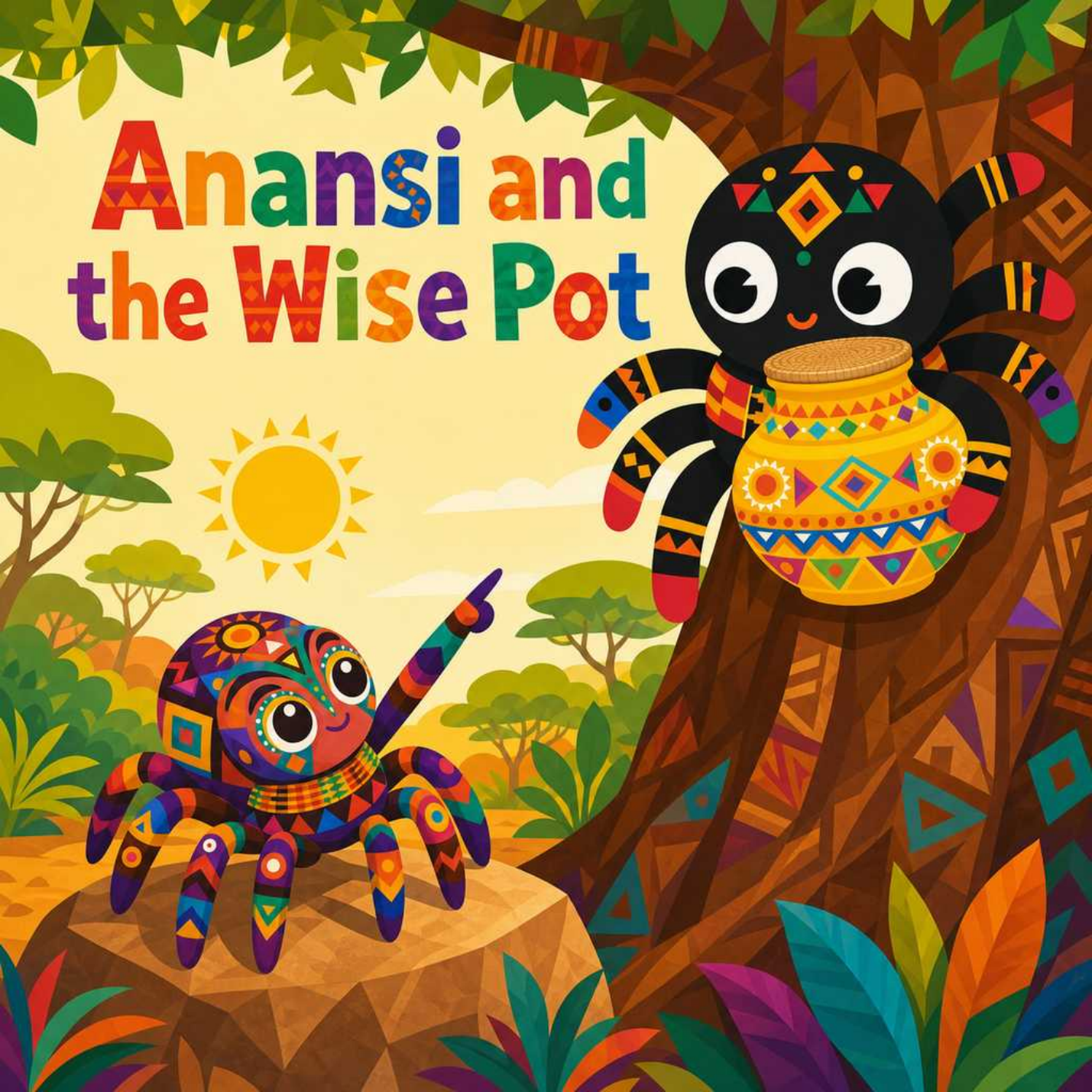


Anansi and the Wise Pot



This is Anansi. He
sits in his web
with a big pot.

'I will take all the
wisdom in the
land,' he grins. 'I
will keep it in this
pot.'





Anansi stops on
the path. Tortoise
tells him a fine
plan.

Anansi tips the
plan in the pot
and shuts the lid.
The pot is full up.

'I will hide the pot up in this tall tree,'
Anansi grins. He hugs the pot to his
chest and grips the trunk, but he **slides**
back. Slide, slide, slide!



Ntikuma sits on a
rock with his
firewood.

'Dad,' he calls, 'tie
the pot on the back,
not the chest! Then
all the legs can grip.'

That is a **wise** plan.





Anansi hides his
face on the bark.
His small kid has
a plan that is not
in the pot. The
pot can not take
it all.

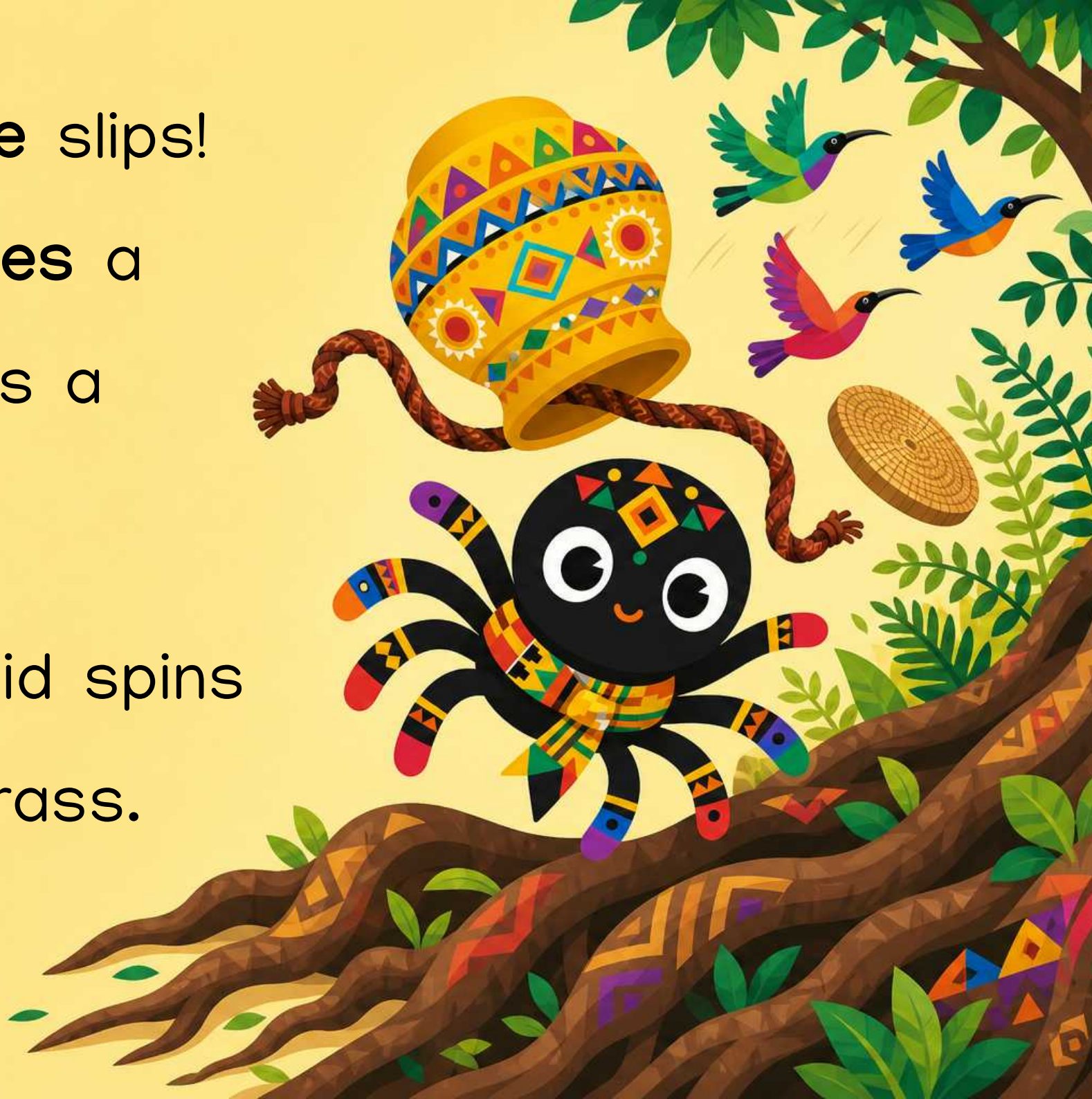
Anansi takes the pot on his back
and ties the rope. His legs grip the
trunk well. Up, up, up he glides!



But the rope slips!

The pot takes a
dive and hits a
root.

Crack! The lid spins
off in the grass.





The pot splits!
The wisdom
drifts out far
and wide, off to
the hills. Anansi
sits in the grass.
His pot is empty.

Anansi and Ntikuma sit still in the ferns.
Weaver-bird lands on the pot and sings a
note. Anansi looks at his legs and smiles
a small smile.



Anansi counts on his legs. 'All the wise plans in the land,' he mutters, 'and I did not act on them.' Ntikuma smiles. 'The wisdom is not in a pot, Dad. It is in us all.'





The wisdom drifts
in the wind, all
across the land.
Anansi tells the
tale in the glade.
'That was a big
mistake!' he jokes,
and they all smile.

Inside the home, Ntikuma fixes a stuck rope, and the elders gaze at him. Up in the clouds, Nyame smiles. No pot can take all the wisdom, and that is fine.





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Anansi the spider has a big plan: gather all the wisdom in the world and hide it inside one pot, so everyone must come to him for answers. He hugs the heavy pot to his chest and tries to climb a tall tree to hide it, but his legs slide right back down every time. Will he ever find a way to get his pot to the top? Written for Jolly Phonics classrooms (Step 2, Unit 5: magic e (a_e i_e o_e)), this book practices words like 'slide', 'wise', 'gripe', 'glides', 'takes'.

Phonics Focus: <magic> <e> <(a_e) <i_e> <o_e)>

dive, face, fine, firewood, gaze, glade, glides, gripe, hide, hides, home, inside, jokes, mistake, note, plane, rope, site, slide, slides, smile, smiles, spine, take, takes, tale, wide, wise

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