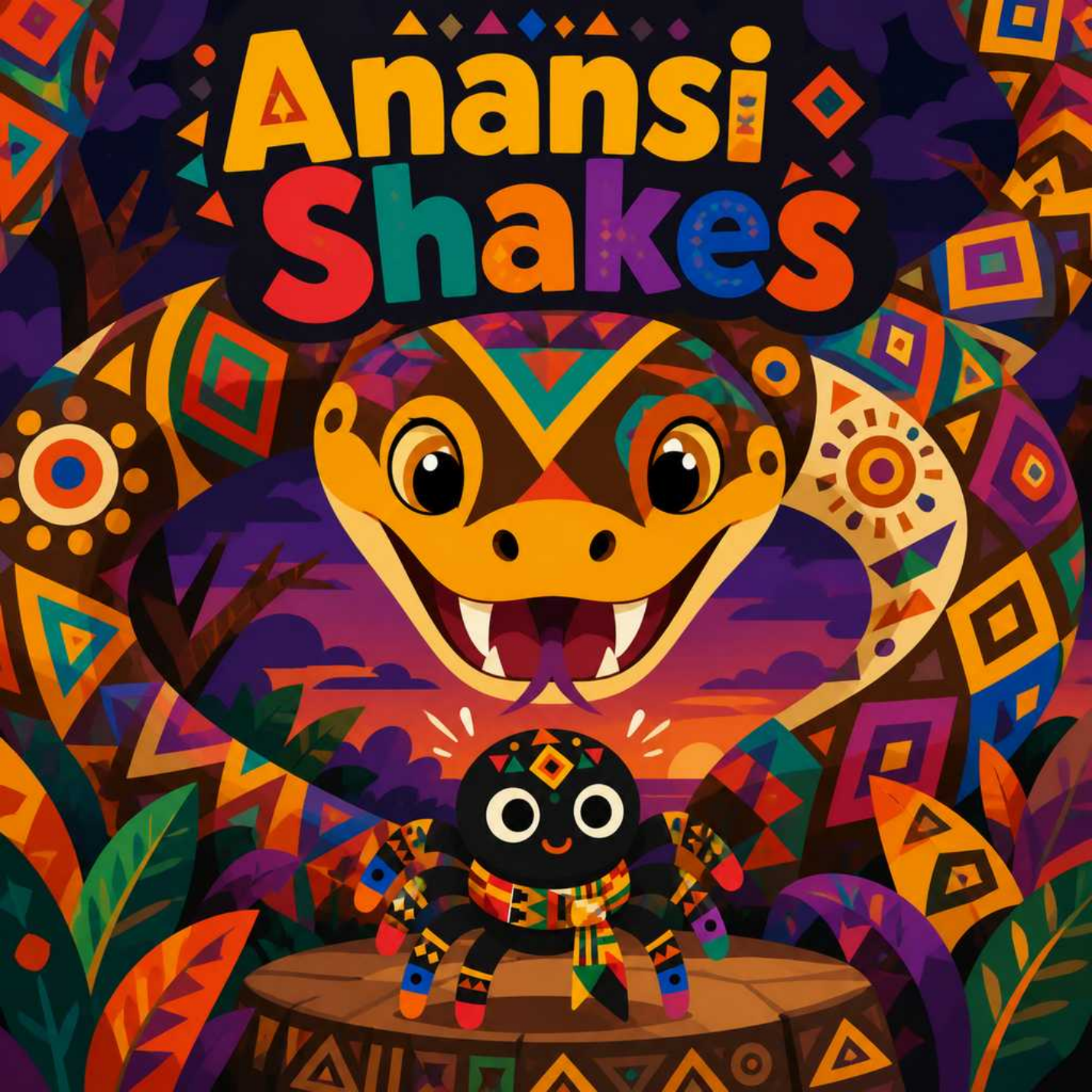


Anansi Shakes



Python is
huge. He sits
at the step of
Anansi's
home, and
Anansi quakes.





Python is in a
rage. 'I will have
a big bite!' he
says. Anansi
shakes. He must
make a plan,
fast.

'Stop!' says Anansi. 'A huge king
must not grab me as all snakes
do. A king must be grand!'



Anansi lifts
up a red
rope. Python
looks at the
rope, and his
face changes.





'A king can make
the best knot,'
says Anansi, like
a sage.

Python puffs up.
He wants to be
that king.

Anansi makes a ring with the rope on the branch. 'This **strange** knot is for a king,' he says. 'Just a king can make it.'



Python bends in
one ring, then
two, then three.
He bulges and
twists, but he
grins and grins.





Python lunges to
make the last ring.
'A king makes the
best knot!' he says.
But then Python is
stuck. He can not
move at all.

Python rages and thrashes, but the rope has a snug grip on him. Anansi dashes off down the path with a big grin.



Python is in a huge rage. 'A trick! A bad trick!' he yells. Anansi stops on the path. He looks back with a gulp.





Anansi has a twinge.
He walks back and
tugs the rope till it is
slack. 'What a knot!'
says Anansi. 'No
snake can make a
knot like this. Just a
grand king can.' And
Python is glad.

Python glides off, and Anansi skips
home with the rope. It is all so
strange, but it ends fine. And Anansi
is wise. He can use a fine rope.





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Python is huge, and he is in a rage at Anansi's door. He wants a big bite, but Anansi has a bold plan: convince the mighty snake that only a true king can tie the perfect knot. Python's face changes at the sight of a bright red rope. Will his pride lead him into a trap he cannot escape? Created to align with the UFLI Foundations scope and sequence (Lesson 61: _ge /j/), this book practices words like 'huge', 'rage', 'strange', 'lunges', 'sage'.

Phonics Focus: _ge /j/

bulges, changes, huge, lunges, rage, rages, sage, strange, twinge

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