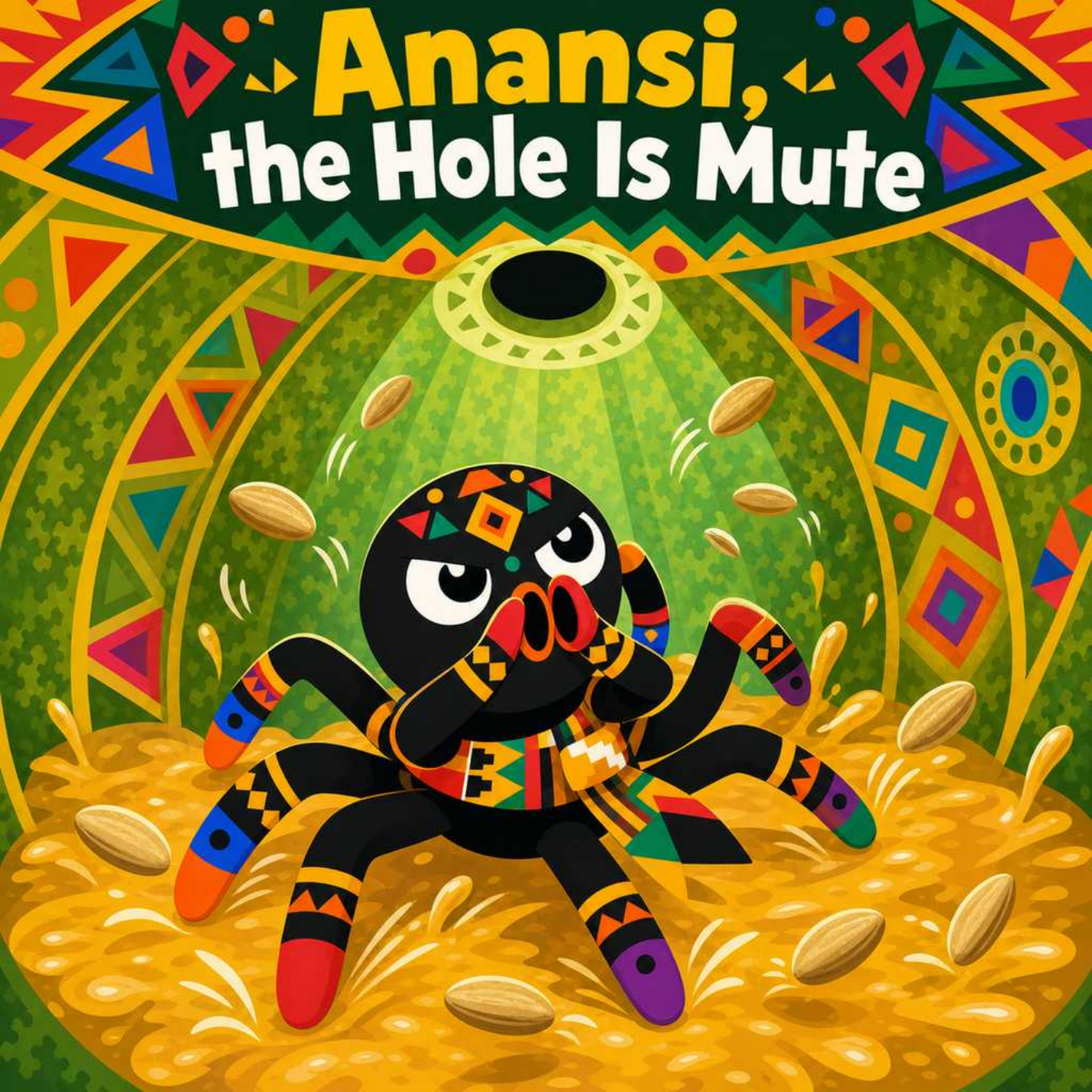
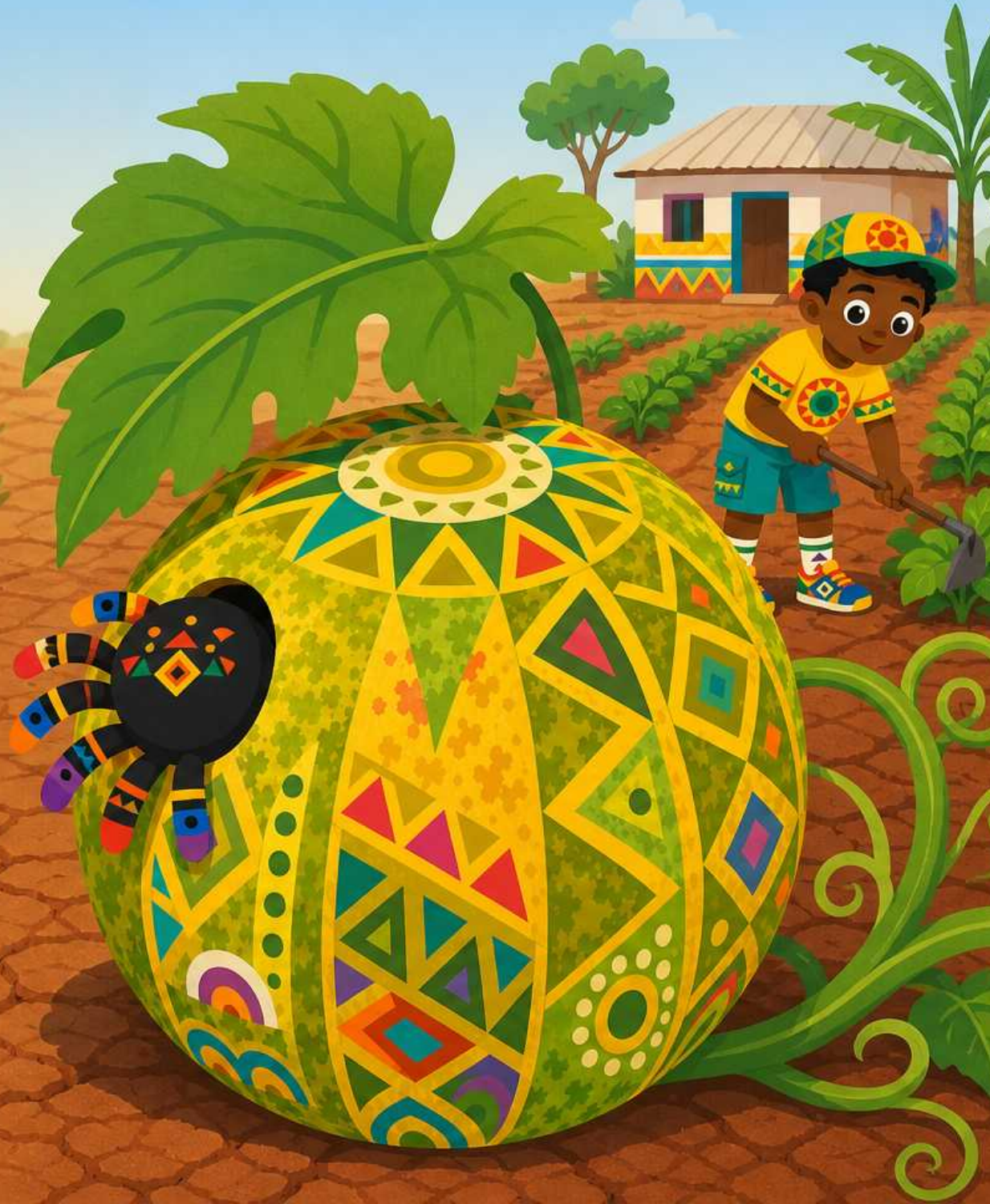


Anansi, the Hole Is Mute



This is Kofi's farm,
and the sun is hot.
Kofi has a big prize
melon in the shade.
Anansi cuts a hole
and slips in to
consume the sweet
melon. Munch, munch,
munch!

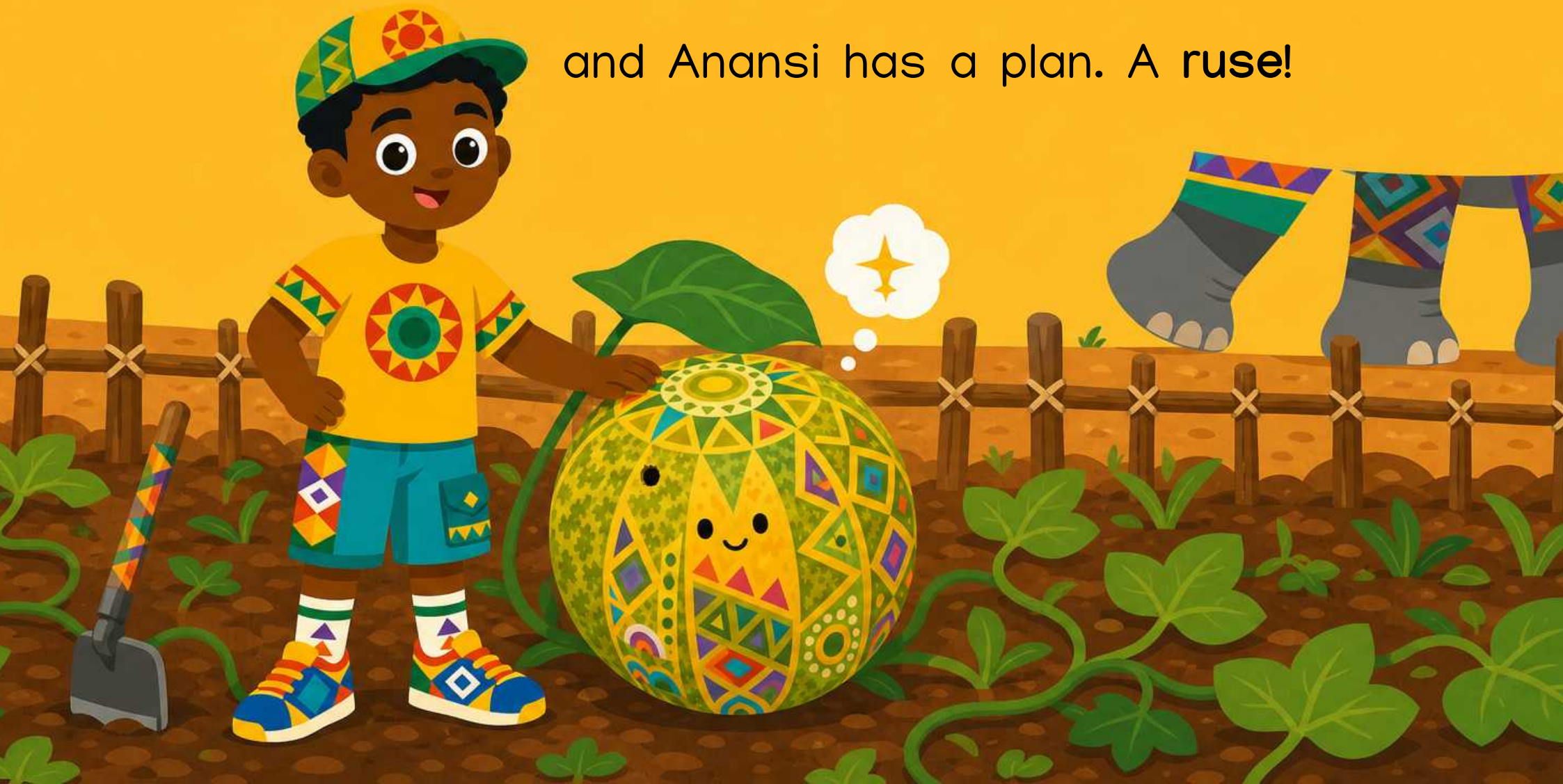




Anansi munches and munches inside the melon. Anansi's belly swells to an **extreme** size.

Now Anansi is stuck. The hole is not big, and Anansi can not slip back out.

Kofi pats the prize melon and smiles.
Kofi does not see the trick. Then
Elephant stomps past on the road,
and Anansi has a plan. A ruse!



'Elephant! Stop and
chat with me!' calls
the melon.

This confuses
Elephant. A melon that
can chat? Elephant
flees. Boom, boom!
One Elephant, one big
stampede.





Soon all get the
tale, and all come
to gaze at the
melon. 'The rain
will come soon!'
calls the melon.
All gasp. The
ruse dupes all.

The King gets the tale next. The King's staff lift the melon and take it to the big room. Anansi did not **include** this in the plan!



All pack into the big
room. The King
bends to the melon.

'Melon, chat with
me,' the King asks.

Will Anansi stay
mute? No, never
Anansi!





'The lost drumstick
is by the jar!' calls
the melon. It is
true, and these
lucky picks dupe
the King.

The staff gasp, but
Kofi is not glad.

Then Abena steps up to the stand. 'Melon, tell me my plan,' Abena asks. Anansi can not compute this, and the big room is mute.



'This melon
duplicates me!' the
King fumes, and
up he jumps. He
flings the melon.
All gasp as it
spins up.





Smash! The melon
splits into a
complete mess.
Out rolls Anansi,
fat and stained. 'It
was Anansi all this
time!' Kofi yells. All
clap and grin.

The King lets Anansi go home. On the road, Anansi picks melon pulp from one leg. Anansi **concludes:** it is rude to intrude, and a snug melon can be a trap. Kofi will keep Anansi off the crop next time.





LONG VOWELS

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Anansi has slipped inside Farmer Kofi's prize melon for a sweet, cool snack, but his belly swells to an extreme size and now he cannot slip back out through the tiny hole. Stuck and hidden in the shade, he dreams up a ruse: what if the melon could talk? Written for Jolly Phonics classrooms (Step 2, Unit 6: long vowels), this book practices words like 'mute', 'dupes', 'stampede', 'complete', 'confuses'.

Phonics Focus: <long> <vowels>

complete, compute, concludes, confuses, consume, cute, dupe, dupes, extreme, fumes, include, intrude, mute, rude, ruse, stampede, these

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