

Bigger and Bigger



Zom has a
pumpkin patch.
He tends it,
and the crop
is perfect.





The pumpkins
get **thicker** and
thicker.

Zom is glad.
He plans to
cook a lot.

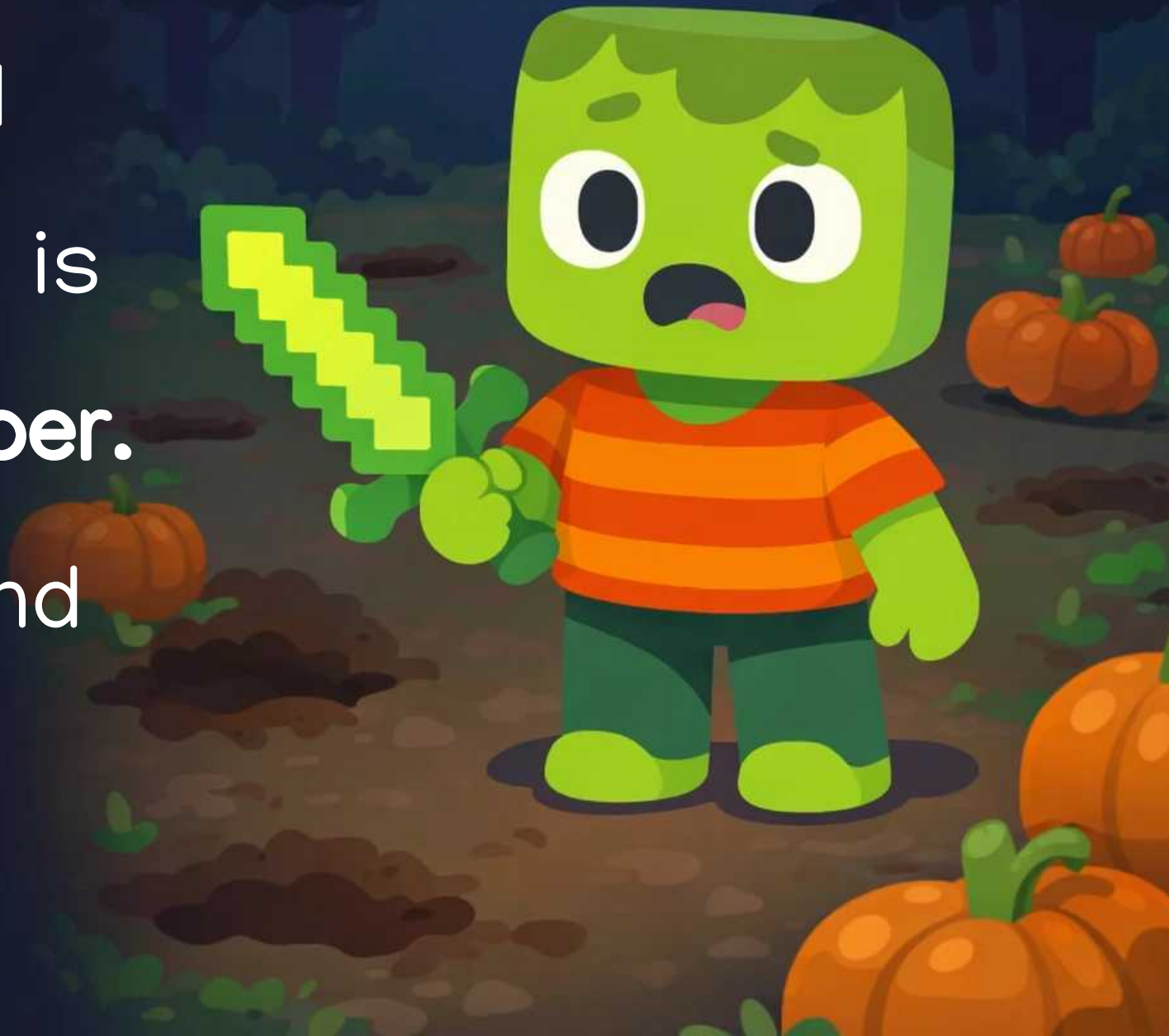
A pumpkin is
not in the
patch! Zom
checks the
soil. Perhaps a
monster has it!





Skel and Bones
are good
helpers. Bones
checks the
ground, but he
can not spot a
footprint.

Another pumpkin
vanishes, and
another! Zom is
in a bad temper.
He stamps and
shouts.





After sunset,
Zom and Skel
chat under the
lantern. Zom has
a plan. He must
wait in the
patch.

Zom sits and
waits in the
patch. He
slumps, and
soon he drifts
into a slumber.

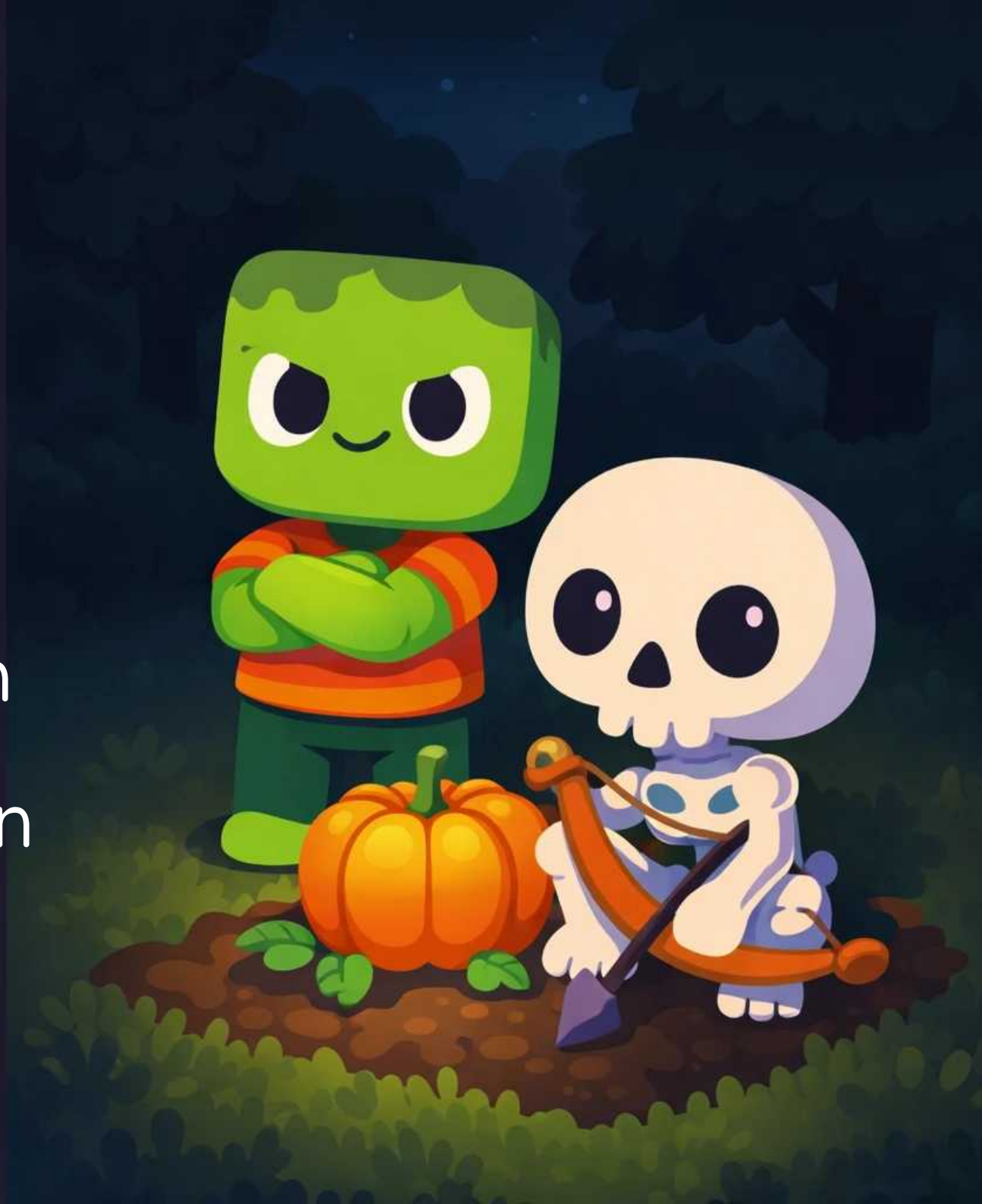




Zom gets up.
Just a pumpkin
is left! He is in
shock. Perhaps
a monster has
them all!

Skel perches
next to the last
pumpkin.

Zom stands with
him. This pumpkin
must not vanish!





The pumpkin
begins to spin,
faster and
faster! Bones
jumps up. A thing
pushes up from
under the soil!

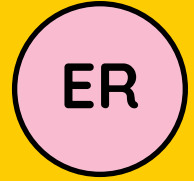
Pop! The pumpkin springs
up.

It has legs and a big grin. It
is not a **monster**, it is Jack!





Jack gets a
room with Zom
and Skel. The
pals grin and
chat. This **winter**
is the best **ever!**



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Zom's pumpkin patch has never looked better, until one morning a pumpkin is missing without a single footprint or clue. More vanish each night, no matter how hard Zom tries to guard them, and soon only one is left. Could a monster really be sneaking into the patch? Written for Jolly Phonics classrooms (Group 7: er /er/), this book practices words like 'thicker', 'perches', 'temper', 'winter'.

Phonics Focus: <er>

another, ever, faster, helpers, lantern, monster, perches, perfect, perhaps, slumber, temper, thicker, under, winter

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