

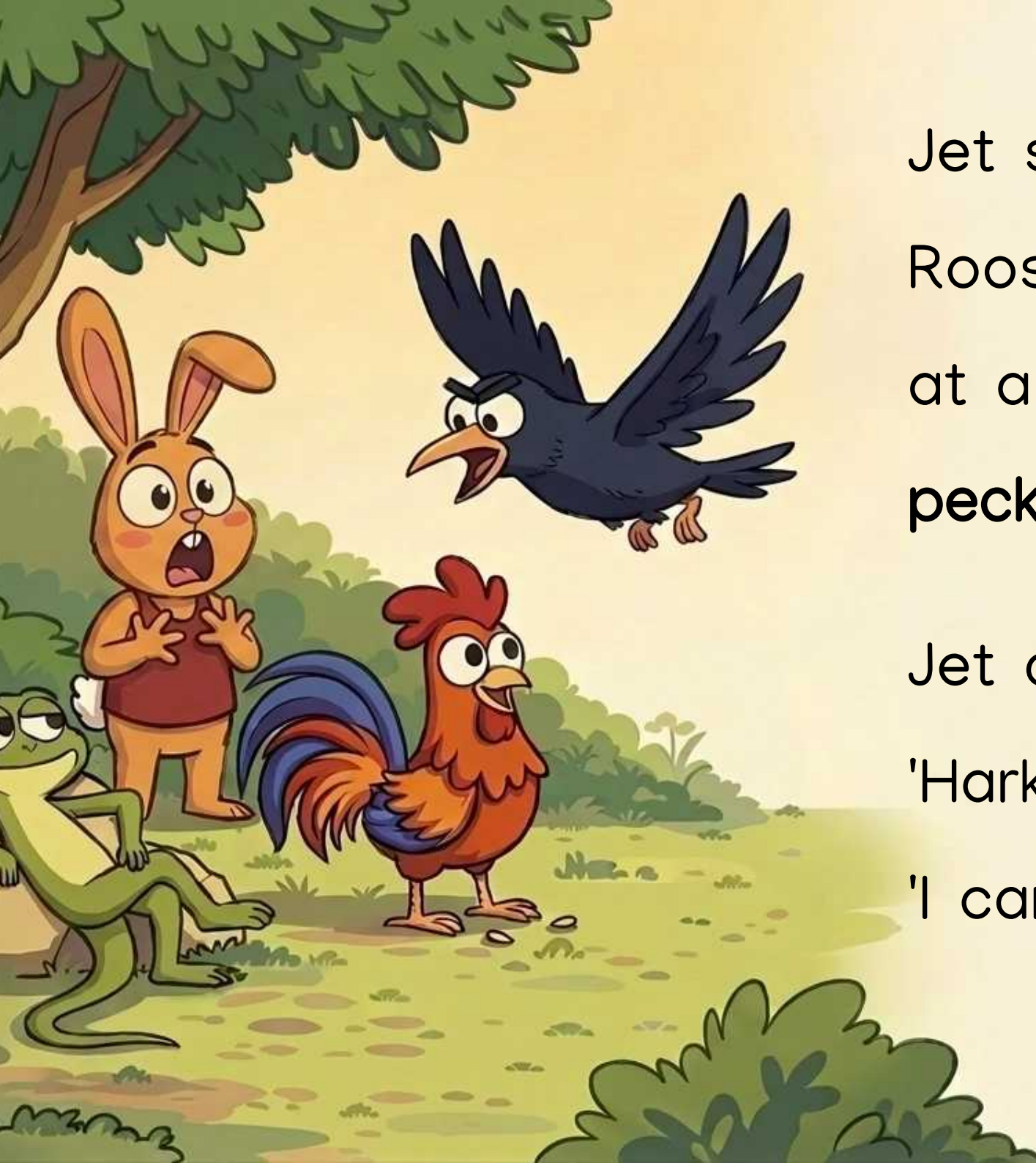
Can Crow Get Pals?



Jet flaps and flaps
in the sun. His
wings droop and he
lacks pep.



But Jet has a plan.
'I can sing for some
pals!' said Jet.



Jet spots Rabbit,
Rooster and Lizard
at a big oak. Rooster
pecks at the ground.

Jet dips and lands.

'Hark, pals!' said Jet.

'I can sing a song!'

Jet sings. It is
a shock! It
sounds bad,
bad, bad. Not
a pal grins.
Not a bit.



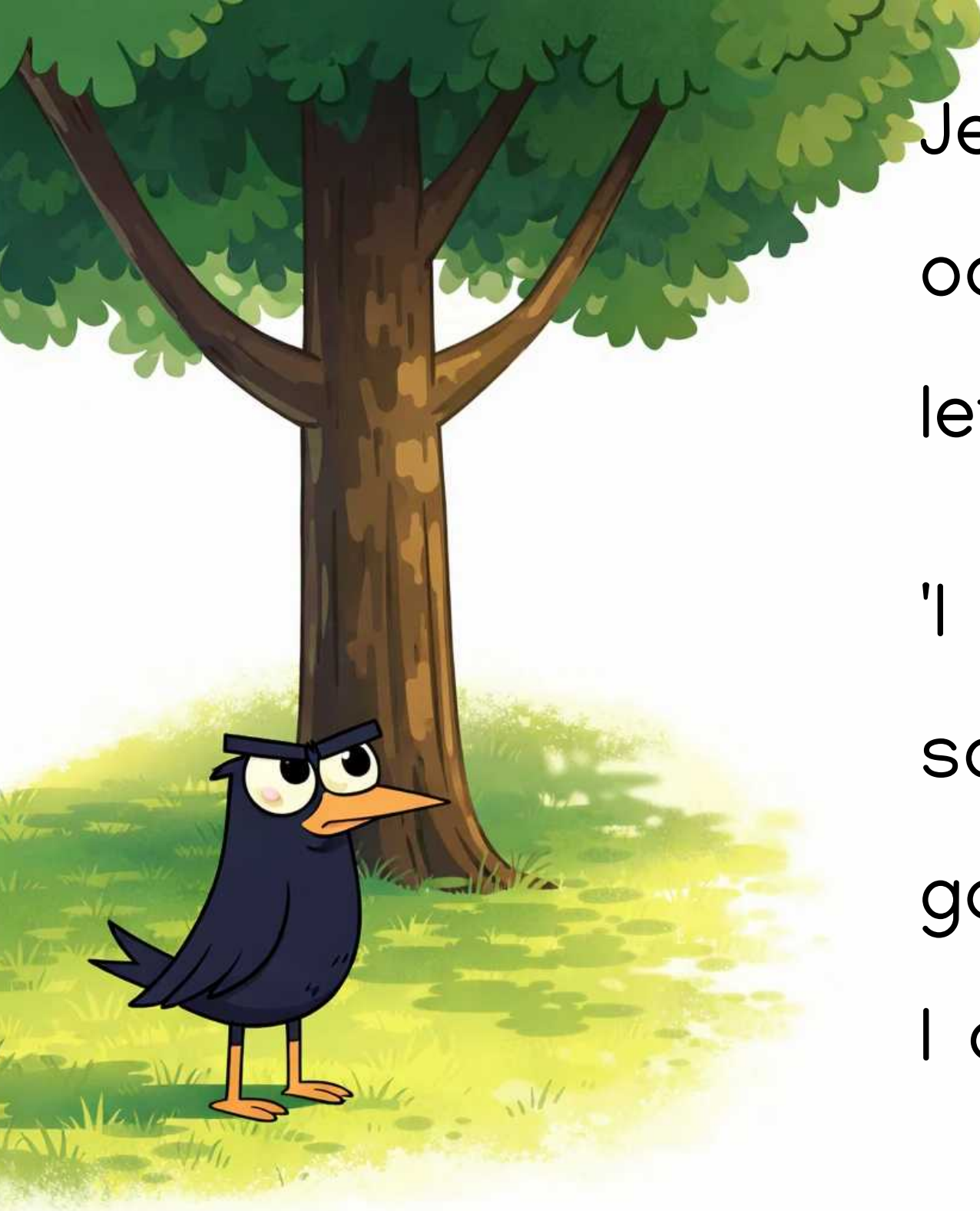


Jet hops up on a big branch. He belts out his song, loud, loud, loud.

'This song can crack a rock!' thinks Jet. 'It is grand!'

His pals run in
shock! Rooster
dashes up the road.
Lizard zips out fast.
Jet ends his song
and looks. His pals
are not there!
'Hmm,' said Jet.





Jet stands at the
oak. Not a pal is
left. He is sad.

'I must not **slack**,'
said Jet. 'I can get
good at this song.
I can!'

Jet checks a
branch. It is wobbly.
He checks the next
branch. Not it. Jet
hops and hunts,
branch after branch.
He seeks the best
spot to sing.





Jet lands up on
top and peeks
at the ground.
There in the sun
is a wood block.
'Hmm,' said Jet.
'A block?'

'That is not a
block!' said Jet.
'That is a platform!
A spot to sing!'

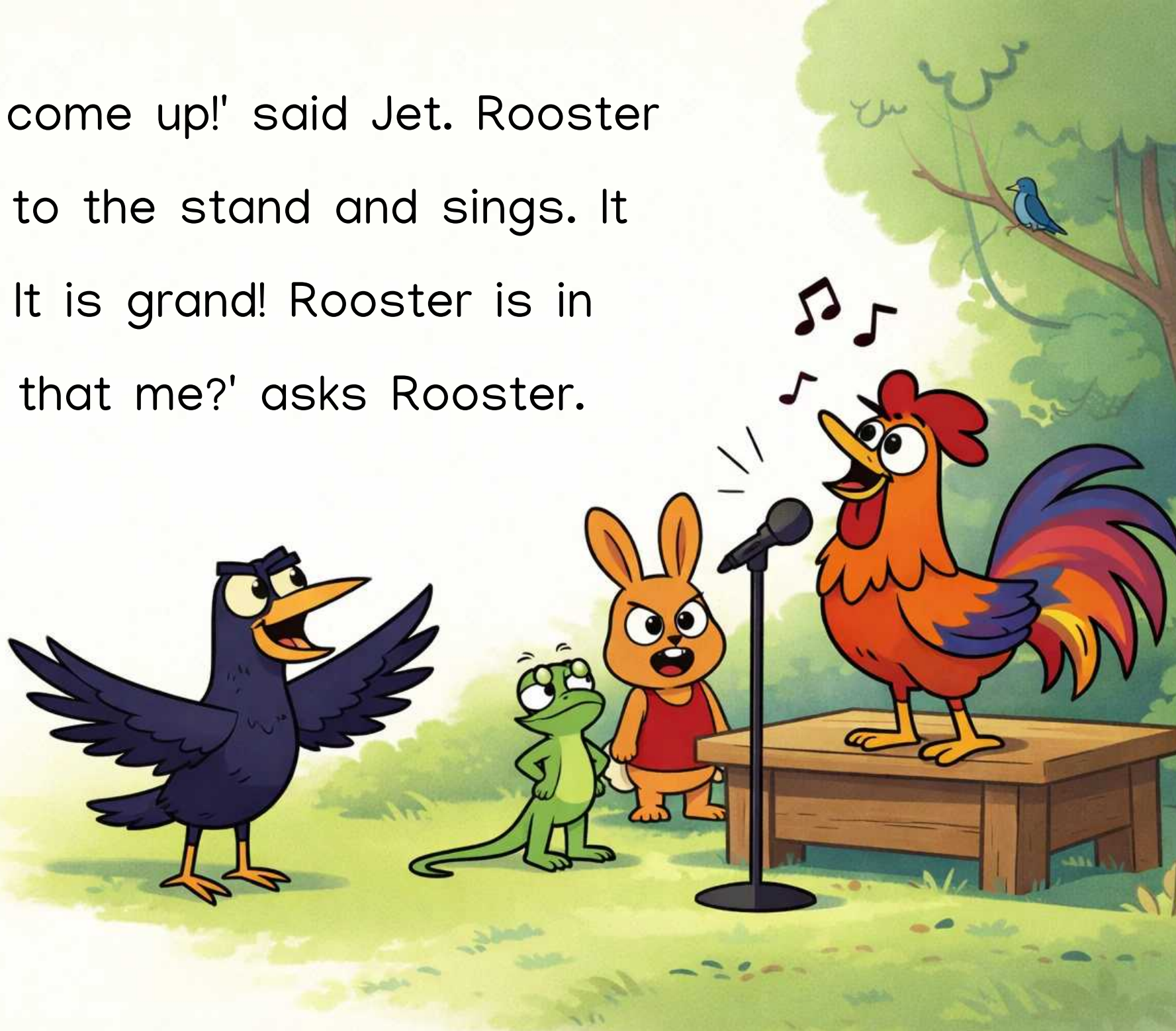
Then Jet is **struck**
with a plan. All his
pals can sing on it!



Jet picks a spot on the platform and sets up a stand. All his pals come and peek. 'It looks fun!' said Lizard. 'Come up!' said Jet.



'Rooster, come up!' said Jet. Rooster steps up to the stand and sings. It is sweet! It is grand! Rooster is in shock. 'Is that me?' asks Rooster.



Lizard hops up next. She starts soft,
then she belts it out. Lizard rocks!

Rabbit's feet tap and stomp. 'I can not
stop!' said Rabbit.



Then Rabbit spots
the drums. She
grabs the
drumsticks. Boom,
tap, boom! She
smacks the drums
and sings. 'That is
fab!' said Rooster.



Then all look at Jet. 'Sing, Jet, sing!' all chant. 'Good luck!' said Rabbit.

Jet steps up in the lit spot and sings his loud, loud song. Not a pal runs. All clap and grin!



And there it is: a band!
Rooster sings at the
stand. Lizard plucks the
strings. Rabbit smacks
the drums. And Jet? Jet
flaps and spins and
taps his feet. His song
is bad, but his pals are
glad. 'This is the best!'
said Jet.





Can Crow Get Pals?

Crow is exhausted but sure he has a genius plan: wow a rabbit, a rooster, and a lizard with his singing and make some pals. His new friends stay quiet through his first big note, so Crow takes that as a yes and belts out his loudest, proudest song yet. Will they stick around to hear more, or bolt the moment he opens his beak? Written for Jolly Phonics classrooms (Step 2, Unit 3: ck as in duck), this book practices words like 'crack', 'shock', 'luck', 'pecks', 'rock'.

Phonics Focus: <ck>

block, checks, crack, drumstick, drumsticks, lacks, luck, pecks, picks, plucks, rock, rocks, shock, slack, smacks, struck

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