

Cracks in the Big Thing





Player is the bravest scout in all the land. He can trek in the dark and not panic. He spots a village under the big moon. Lanterns glint, but all the huts are dark. He shouts. Not a sound comes back.

A big thing stands on the path. It is cracked, and roots cling to its legs. Its look is dim and sad.

Player gasps. But he is the bravest scout in all the land. He is not upset. Not much.





A cat! It trots up to him in the dark. But Player can see the huts past its body. It is Ghost Cat! He shivers and backs up a bit. Ghost Cat just sits and looks grim.

Player checks all the huts. He peeks in the boxes and scans the path. Not a man is in the village. The lanterns glint on, but all the huts are empty. Did all the men flee?





Rain pelts down, and
the land turns dark.

Then a vast serpent
lifts up from the mud!
It has a mad green
glint in its look. Player
backs up fast, but he
does not run. Not yet.

Zombie Villager comes
at him on the path! It
is grim and mad.

But Player is the
bravest scout in all
the land. He grabs his
tool, fits a shaft in it,
and aims.





Bam! A shot! Zombie Villager drops in the mud. But then a spirit lifts up from it. Ghost Villager hangs in the hut, and its look is very mad. Player yelps. It will not rest!

Player spins round and gasps. Ghost Villagers float in the daisies, and all of them look grim. Ghost Cat sits at his feet. Player is the bravest scout in all the land. And the bravest scout runs! He runs very fast.





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A scout prides himself on being the bravest in all the land, unafraid of the dark or danger. But when he spots a village under the big moon and finds every hut empty and dark, he starts to wonder what happened here. Written for Jolly Phonics classrooms (Step 2, Unit 2: short vowels), this book practices words like 'trek', 'panic', 'grim', 'gasps' and 'fast'.

Phonics Focus: <short> <vowels>

and, at, back, bam, big, bit, boxes, but, can, cat, checks, cling, cracked, dim, drops, fast, fits, gasps, glint, grabs, grim, him, huts, land, legs, mad, man, men, much, mud, not, panic, pelts, rest, run, sad, scans, shot, sits, spins, spirit, spots, trek, trots, under, upset, village

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