

Cute Pet in Cave

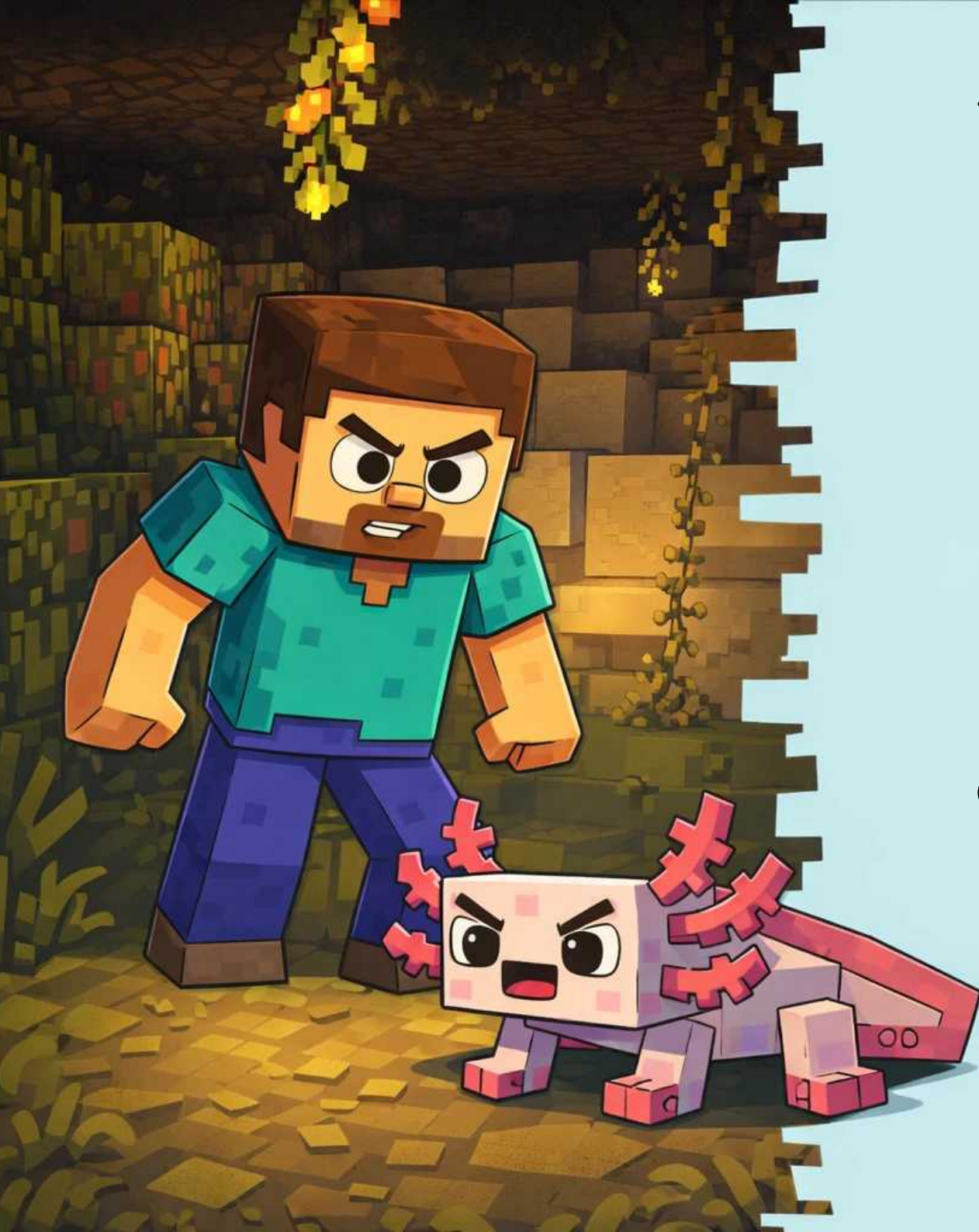


Steve is deep in a dark cave. Lit green moss shines on the rocks.

He creeps up to a small pool. A cute pet swims in it, and one more cute pet swims beside it.

'Cute!' Steve gasps.





The cute pet does not hide. It hops out and sits at Steve's feet. It picks him! 'Well, dude,' Steve grins. 'Come home with me.'

Steve treks home with the **cute** pet. He stops at his pond and holds it up. 'Here is a fine home!' Steve grins. He **assumes** the pet will be glad. But the pond seems too plain.

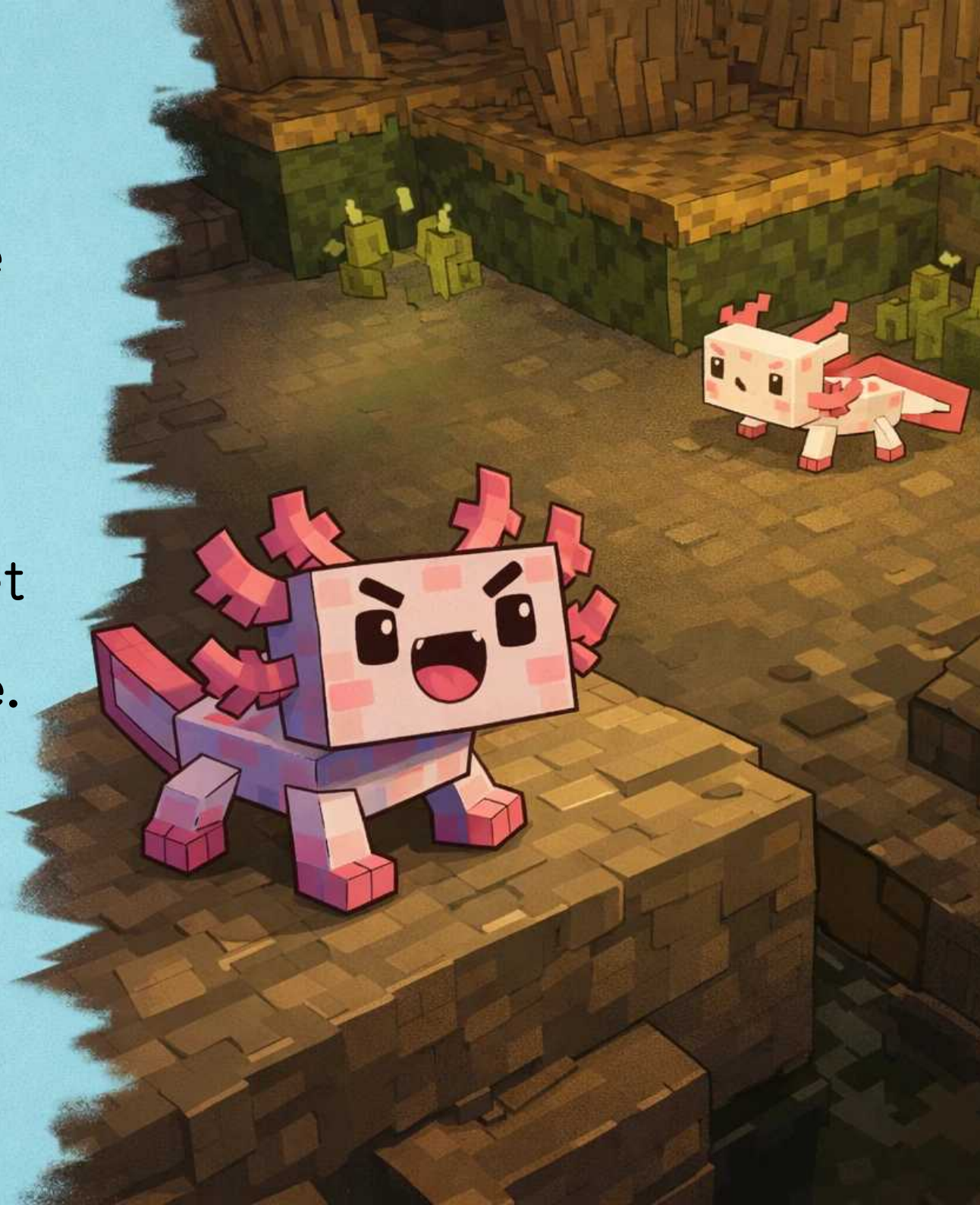




Steve packs fresh moss on the rocks. He tucks moss in the soil. He does not stop till the pond is complete.

The cute pet slides in and grins. 'Yes, dude!' Steve yells.

The **cute** pet needs a pal. It zips back to the darkened cave. It spots a pale pet on the rocks. The pale pet shines in the dim cave. The **cute** pet grins a wide grin. It will bring the pale pet home.





These cute dudes
swim side by side in
the sun. They bump
noses. They glide
and float and grin.
The pool is a happy
home for **these** pals.

Steve scoops a fish into his pail. 'My pals must see this fish!' he yells. The cute pet peeps up from the pool. It grins at him. 'Dude!' Steve grins. 'Stop that!'





The cute dudes
splash and spin in
the pool. They dip
and dive and grin.

This home is
complete now. It is
better than a long
trek or a big hunt.



LONG VOWELS

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Steve thought he'd seen every wonder a cave could hold, until a cute pet grinned up at him from a hidden pool. It follows him home, but its new pond seems too plain, so Steve sets to work. Will he make it complete? Written for Jolly Phonics classrooms (Step 2, Unit 6: long vowels), this book practices words like 'cute', 'dude', 'complete', 'these', 'darkened'.

Phonics Focus: <long> <vowels>

assumes, complete, cute, darkened, dude, dudes, these

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