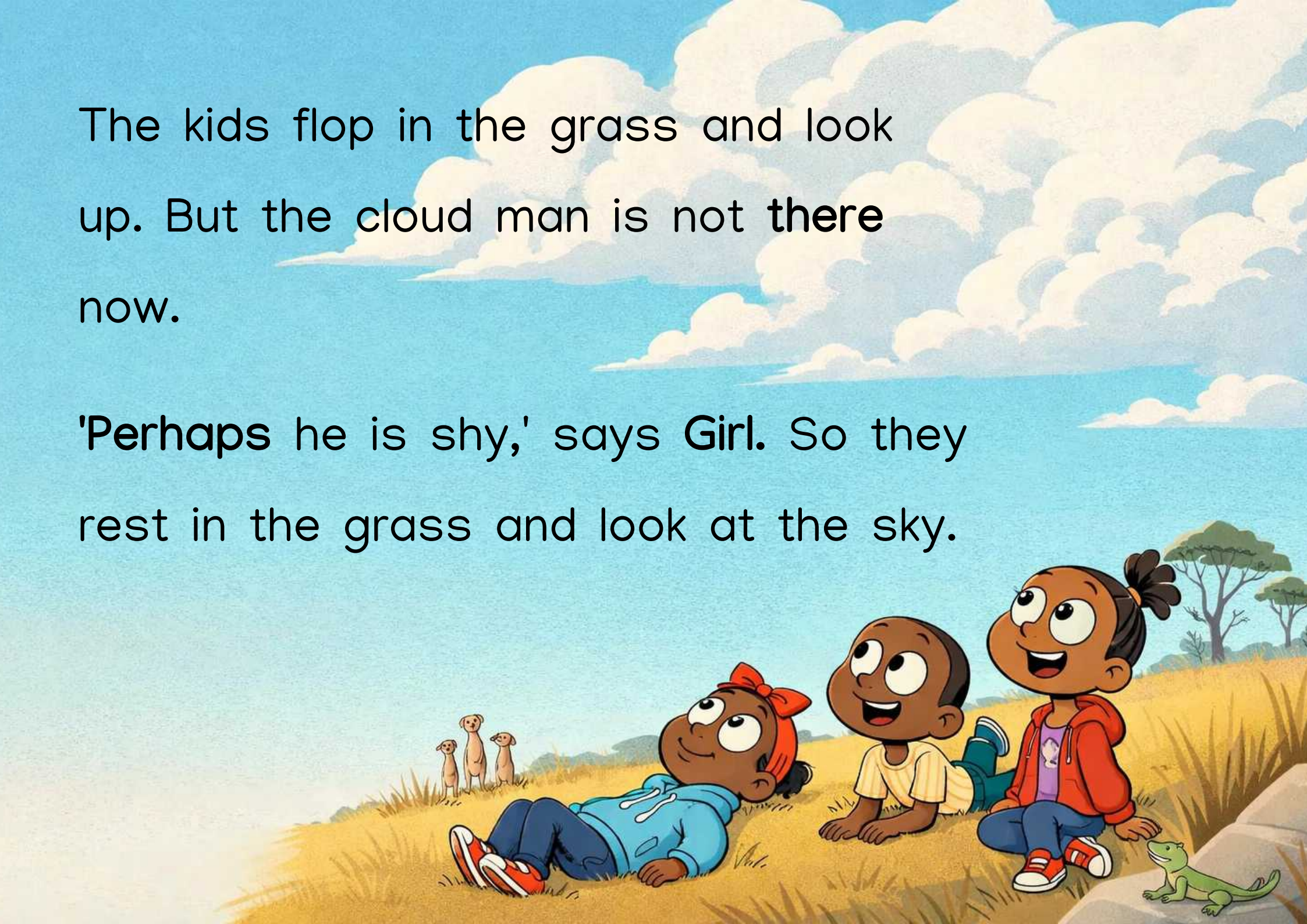
Chip and the Sky Band

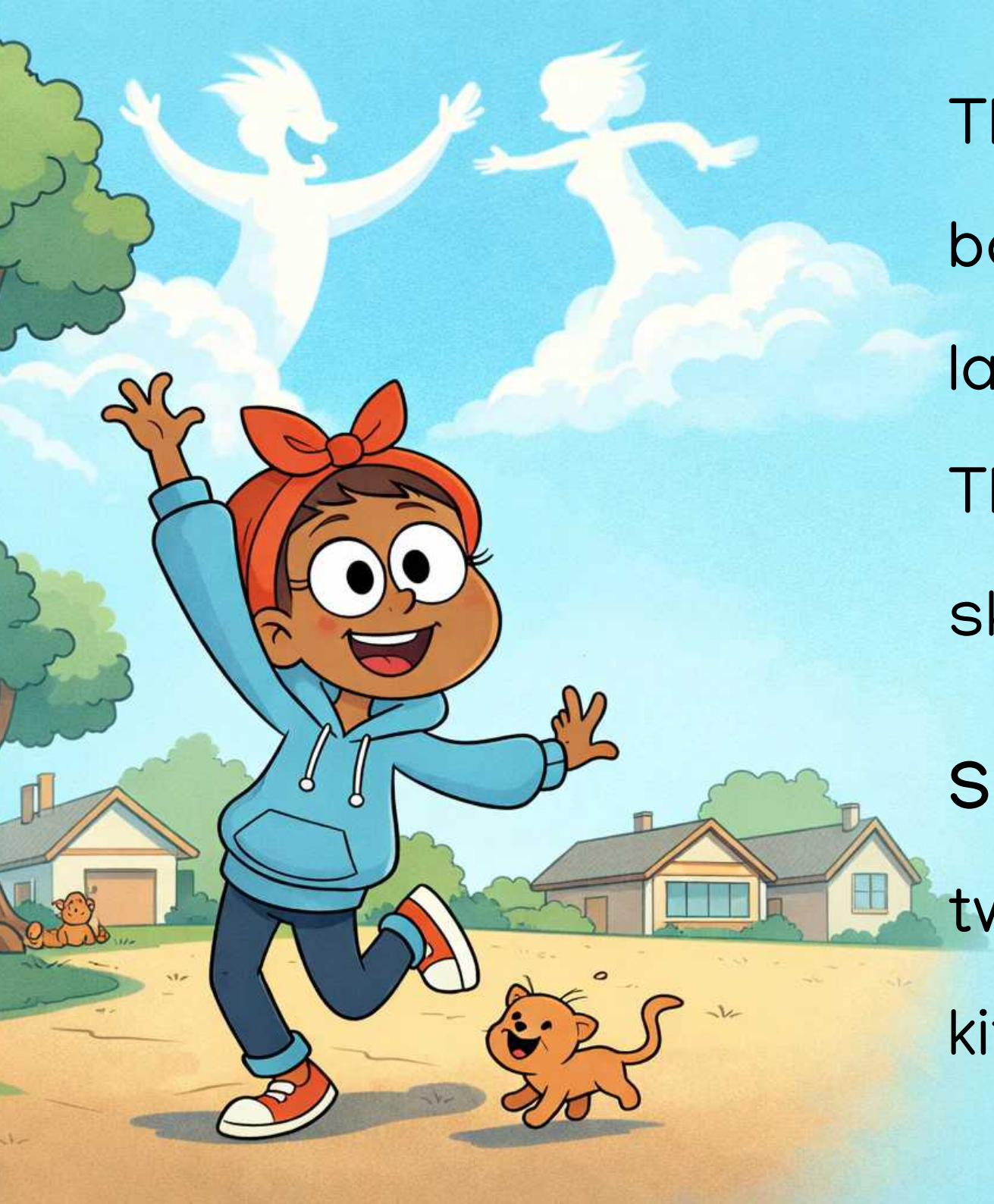
'Look up **there!**' yells Max. **Sister** and **Girl** look up as well.

A big cloud man is **far** up in the sky. He waves at them, and Max waves back.

The kids flop in the grass and look up. But the cloud man is not **there** now.

**'Perhaps** he is shy,' says **Girl.** So they rest in the grass and look at the sky.

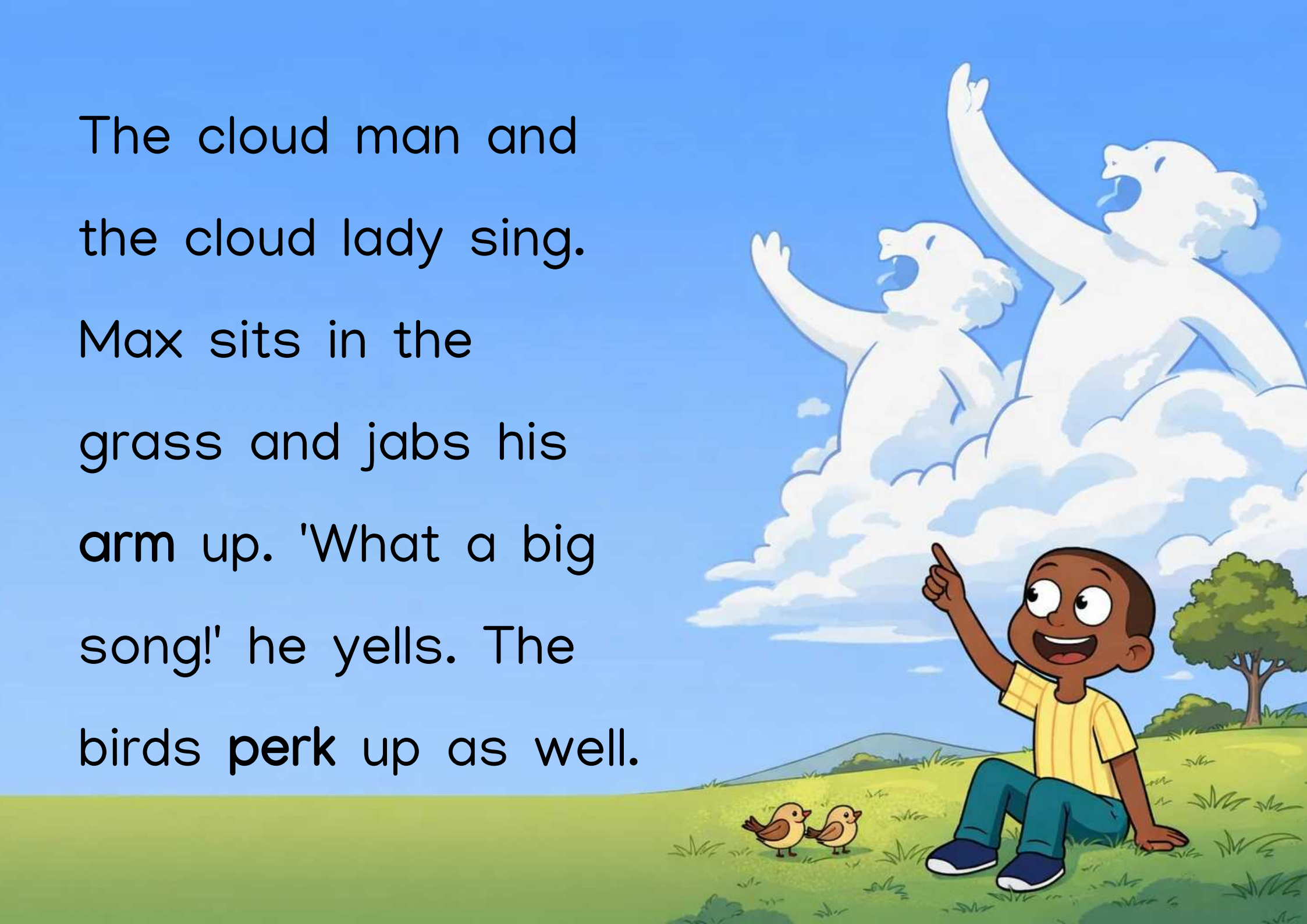




The cloud man is back, and a cloud lady is with him. They do a jig in the sky.

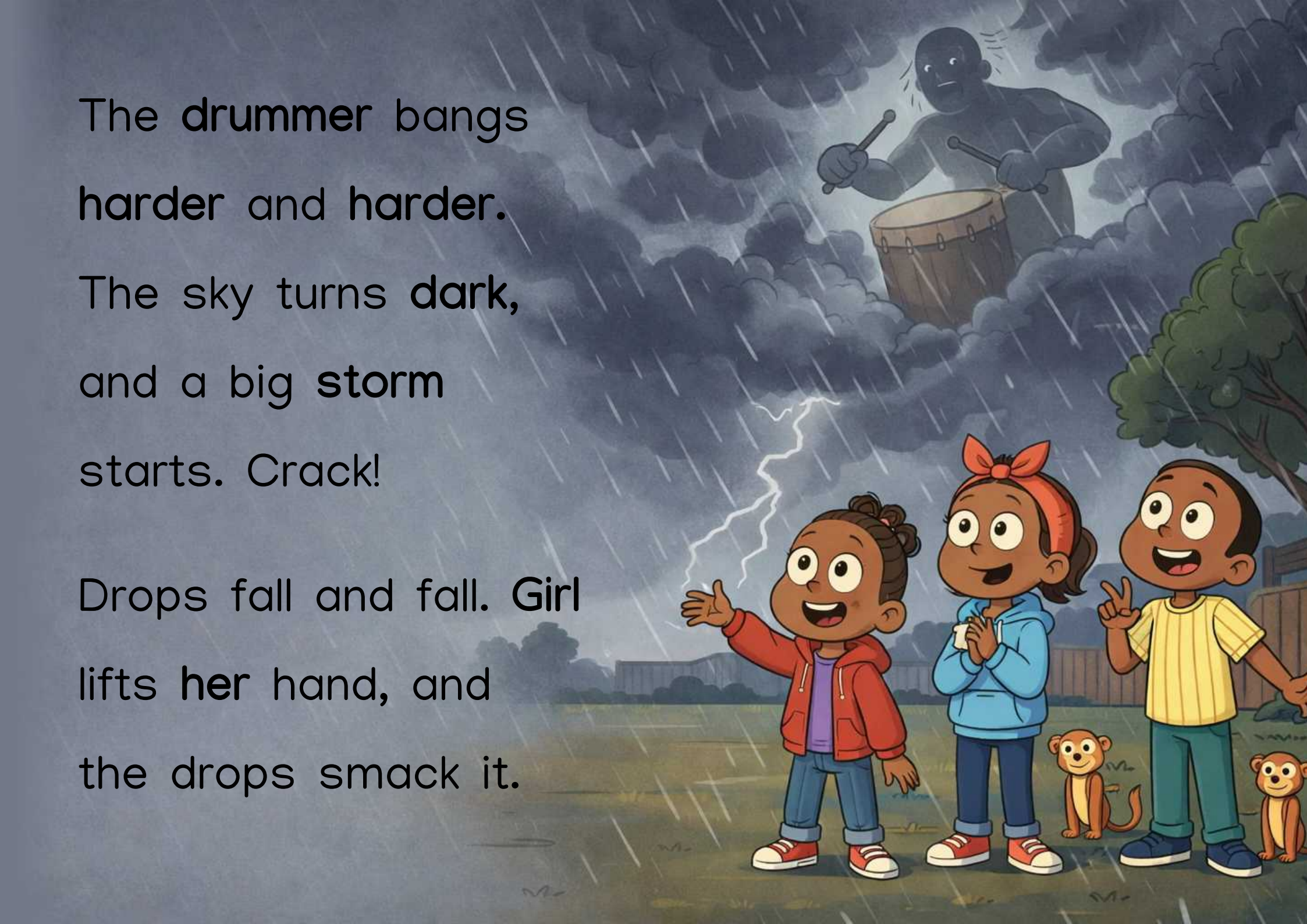
**Sister** hops up and twirls in the **yard.** A kitten twirls with **her.**

The cloud man and the cloud lady sing. Max sits in the grass and jabs his **arm** up. 'What a big song!' he yells. The birds **perk** up as well.



Now a full cloud band is up in the sky. Bang, bang, bang, go the drums! The land hums **under** the kids.

Max, **Girl** and **Sister** jig and **twirl** on the **dirt.**



The **drummer** bangs **harder** and **harder.** The sky turns **dark,** and a big **storm** starts. Crack!

Drops fall and fall. **Girl** lifts **her** hand, and the drops smack it.

'Run!' yells **Sister.** The kids **dart** home. **Girl** is **first,** and Max runs as fast as he can. Dogs run in with them as well.

The kids **are** wet, wet, wet. They get cloths and dry off. 'I am the cloud man!' yells Max. **Girl** twirls **her** red cloth, and **Sister** whirls **her** cloth as well.

Mum and Dad **are there.** 'A cloud band sang up in the sky!' says Max, and he sings his best cloud song.

'And then a big **storm** came,' says **Girl.** 'What a **story!'** says Dad. Mum smiles and claps.

Dad gets his drum.

Bang, bang, bang! Max hits a pot, and **Girl** hits a pan. Clang, clang!

Mum and **Sister** jump and **twirl.** They **are** the best band **ever.**

It is **dark** now, and all is still. Max, **Girl** and **Sister** rest in bed.

**Far** up in the sky, the clouds **are** soft and **silver.** The cloud man rests up **there** as well.

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A girl and her brother spot a cloud man floating in the sky, waving down at them. He vanishes, then returns with a cloud lady, and the two dance and sing together while birds and kids watch from the grass below. Soon the whole sky fills with cloud drummers and horn players, booming so loud the ground hums under their feet. What happens when the cheerful music turns dark and stormy? Created to align with the UFLI Foundations scope and sequence (Lesson 83: R-Controlled Vowels Review), this book practises words like 'twirl', 'storm', 'dart', 'first', 'story'.

**Phonics Focus:** R-Controlled Vowels Review

are, arm, bird, dark, dart, dirt, drummer, ever, far, first, girl, harder, her, perhaps, perk, silver, sister, start, storm, story, there, turn, twirl, under, whirl, yard

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