Heck, A Man
In The Clouds!

Ben points up there. 'Look! A big cloud man!' he shouts.

The cloud man grins and flaps a hand at us.

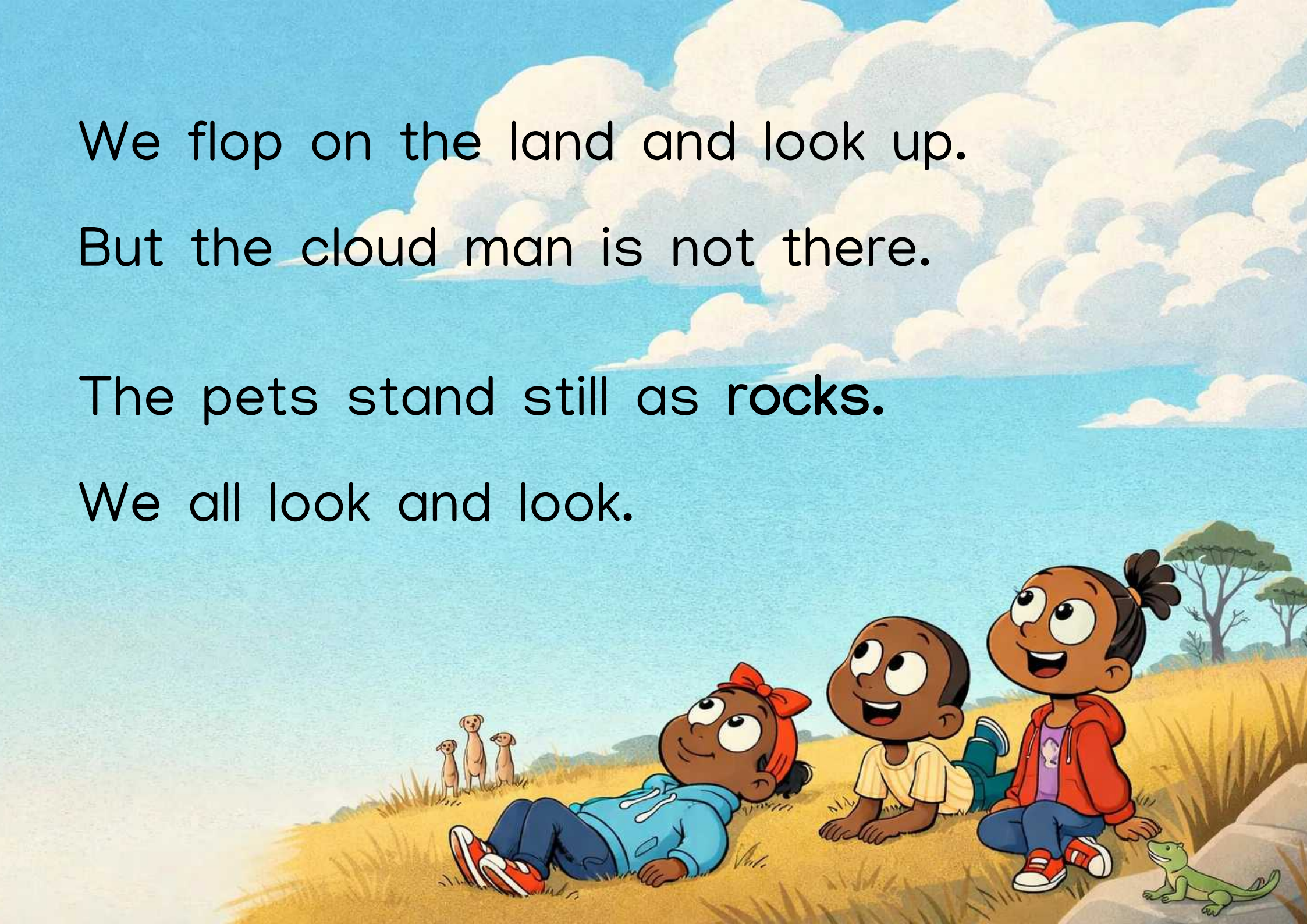
'What **luck!**' said Meg.

We flop on the land and look up.

But the cloud man is not there.

The pets stand still as **rocks.**

We all look and look.



He is **back,** and a cloud gal is up there too! The cloud pals hop and spin. Sister does a jig. She **kicks** and spins. The cat hops too.

The cloud pals sing a big, long song up there. Ben points and grins. A **flock** sits on the land and looks up too.

Boom, boom! A big cloud band drums up there.

Ben jumps. Meg spins. Sister **kicks** her legs up. We all **rock** to the band.

Crack! It gets dark up there. The drum booms and booms.

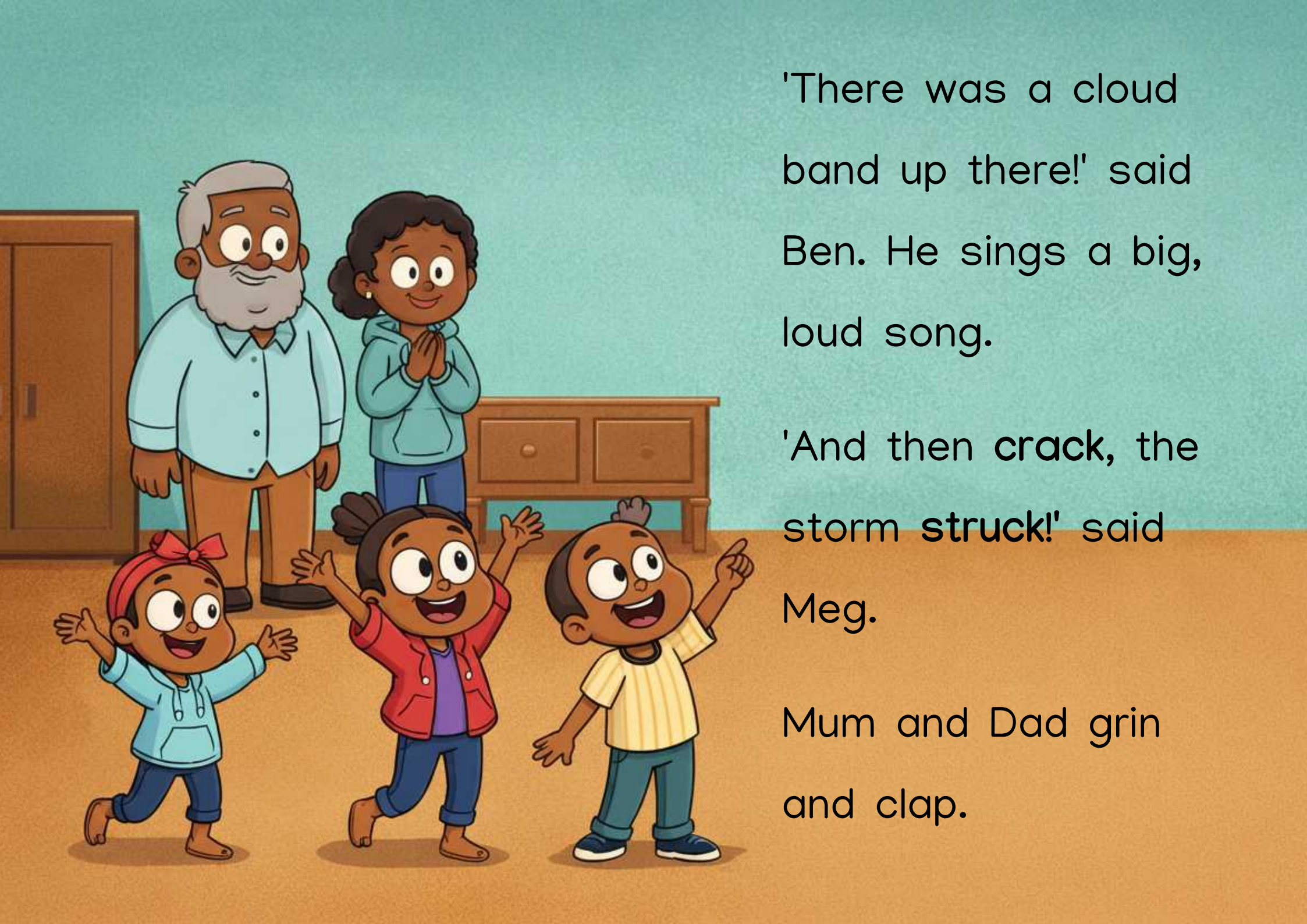
Big raindrops **smack** Meg's hand. 'It is a storm!' said Ben.

'Run!' said Sister. We dash **back** in the rain, **quick, quick!** The dogs run with us. We get in just as a big **crack** booms.

We **kick** off the wet boots and **socks.** Splat, splat!

Ben swings a cloth. 'I am the cloud man!' Meg swings a red cloth. Sister flaps a blue cloth.

We drip and grin and spin.



'There was a cloud band up there!' said Ben. He sings a big, loud song.

'And then **crack**, the storm **struck**!' said Meg.

Mum and Dad grin and clap.

Dad gets his big drum. Boom, boom! Ben bangs a pot. Clang! Meg hits a pan. Bang, bang!

Mum and Sister spin and **rock.** We are the best band!

The **black** storm ends. The moon is up, and the clouds are soft and still. Ben, Meg and Sister sleep in the big bed. Rest, cloud man, rest.

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A boy spots a giant cloud man waving in the sky, and soon a cloud lady joins him for a dancing, singing show that pulls in every kid, pet, and bird nearby. But when the cloud band starts to drum louder and louder, the sky turns dark. Will the fun turn into something stormier before everyone can dash inside? Written for Jolly Phonics classrooms (Step 2, Unit 3: ck as in duck), this book practises words like 'kick', 'rock', 'black', 'quick', 'struck'.

Phonics Focus: <ck>

back, black, crack, flock, kick, kicks, luck, quick, rock, rocks, smack, socks, struck

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