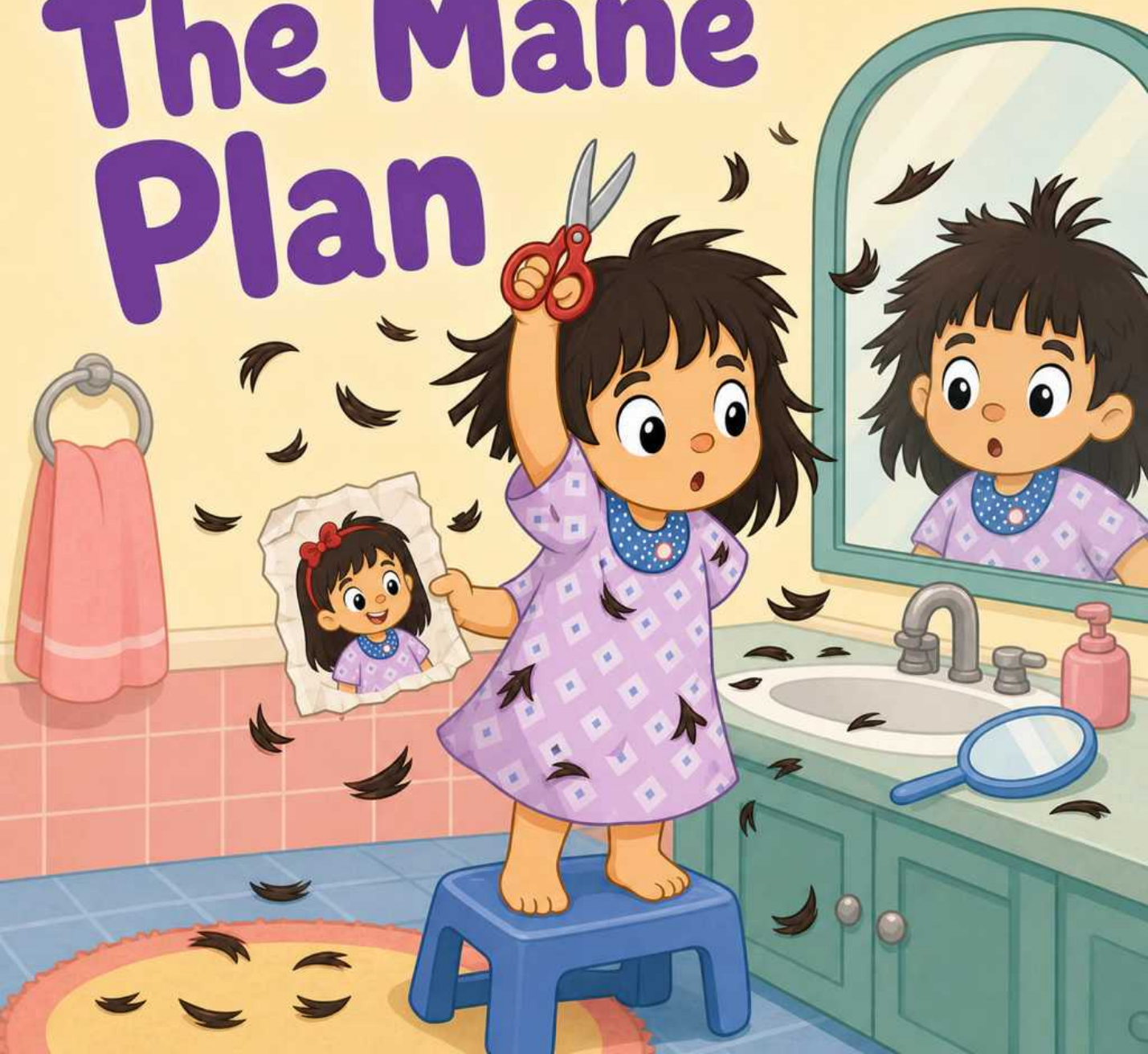


The Mane Plan



Meg has a photo of Mum. Mum's hair is not long, and it is so cute. 'I want hair just like that,' says Meg. Meg has a **secret** plan.





Meg gets the
red snips. Snip,
snip, snip! Bits
of hair drop and
drop. 'This is
basic!' says Meg
with a grin.

Meg picks up the
glass. 'A big
moment!' says
Meg.

She looks into the
glass. She blinks.





Oh no! The hair
is a big mess.
Big clumps and
small clumps
stick up. 'I regret
this,' Meg sobs.
'But I can fix it.'

Meg tips a dish of grub on top. 'Grub can pretend to be hair,' she says.

She checks the glass. The result is bad. Drip, drip, drip!





Next, Meg drapes pods on top. Just then Mum, Dad and Sis walk in. They begin to crack up. 'Stop!' Meg yells. 'It is not a joke!'

Meg piles plant bits
on top and checks
the glass. Dad
cracks up. Sis
cracks up. **Even**
Mum cracks up. 'It
is not fun!' Meg
yells.





Meg runs and
hides. She is
silent and sad.
'Meg?' Mum
calls. 'Do not
hide.' 'No,' says
Meg. 'This is
my den.'

Mum sits with
Meg. Mum has a
red band. She
has **chosen** it for
Meg. She slips it
on Meg's hair.
Meg checks the
glass. 'Oh! It is
so cute!'





Meg smiles a big smile. The hair is not long, but it is cute.

The final result? Meg is just Meg, and that is the best.

But the next trim?

Mum will do it!



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Allie finds an old photo of Mum with short, pretty hair and decides she wants the same look. She grabs her craft scissors for a secret plan, sure it will be easy. But will Allie's haircut turn out the way she imagined? Created to align with the UFLI Foundations scope and sequence (Lesson 68: Open/Closed), this book practises words like 'basic', 'secret', 'regret', 'moment', 'pretend'.

Phonics Focus: Open/Closed

basic, begin, chosen, even, final, into, moment, photo, pretend, regret, result, secret, silent

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