

Ada's Mother Not Back



A monster stands on
the red sand.

Her long ear can catch
all sound on the plain.





Ada is sad.
Her mom is
not back. She
spots a big
footprint in
the sand.

Elder Nuur hands a pod to Ada.
It can help her trick the monster.



Ada steps
north on the
flat salt pan.
Her footsteps
crack and clack,
loud and quick.





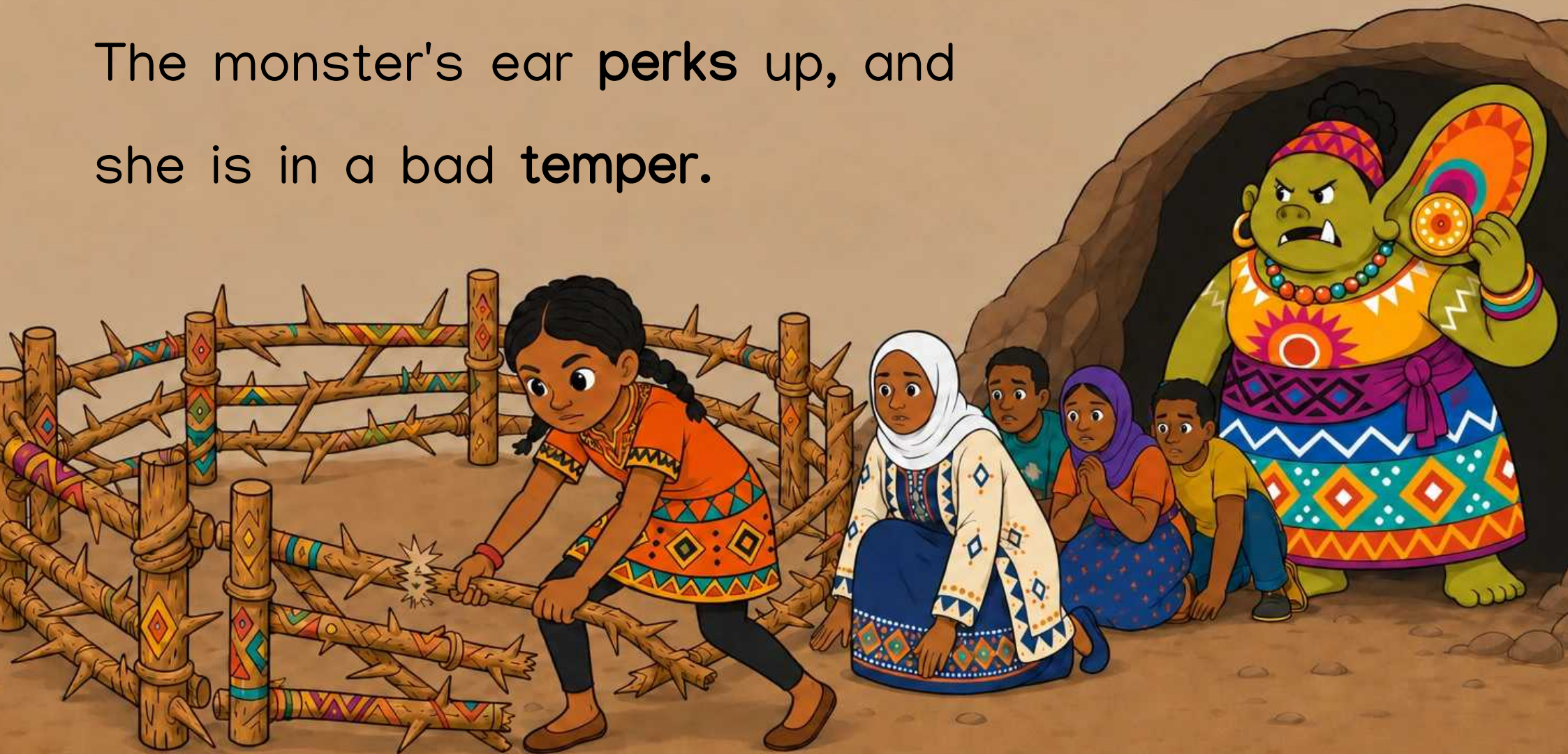
Ada peeks in the
glen and spots a
thorn pen.

The monster
sleeps at her den,
and Ada's mom
sits in the pen.

Ada tugs at a branch, but snap!

It cracks.

The monster's ear perks up, and
she is in a bad temper.



Ada sprints, but
the monster is
faster. Her big
ear can catch
all Ada's
footsteps.





Ada flings the
pod on the salt
pan, and it
clacks.

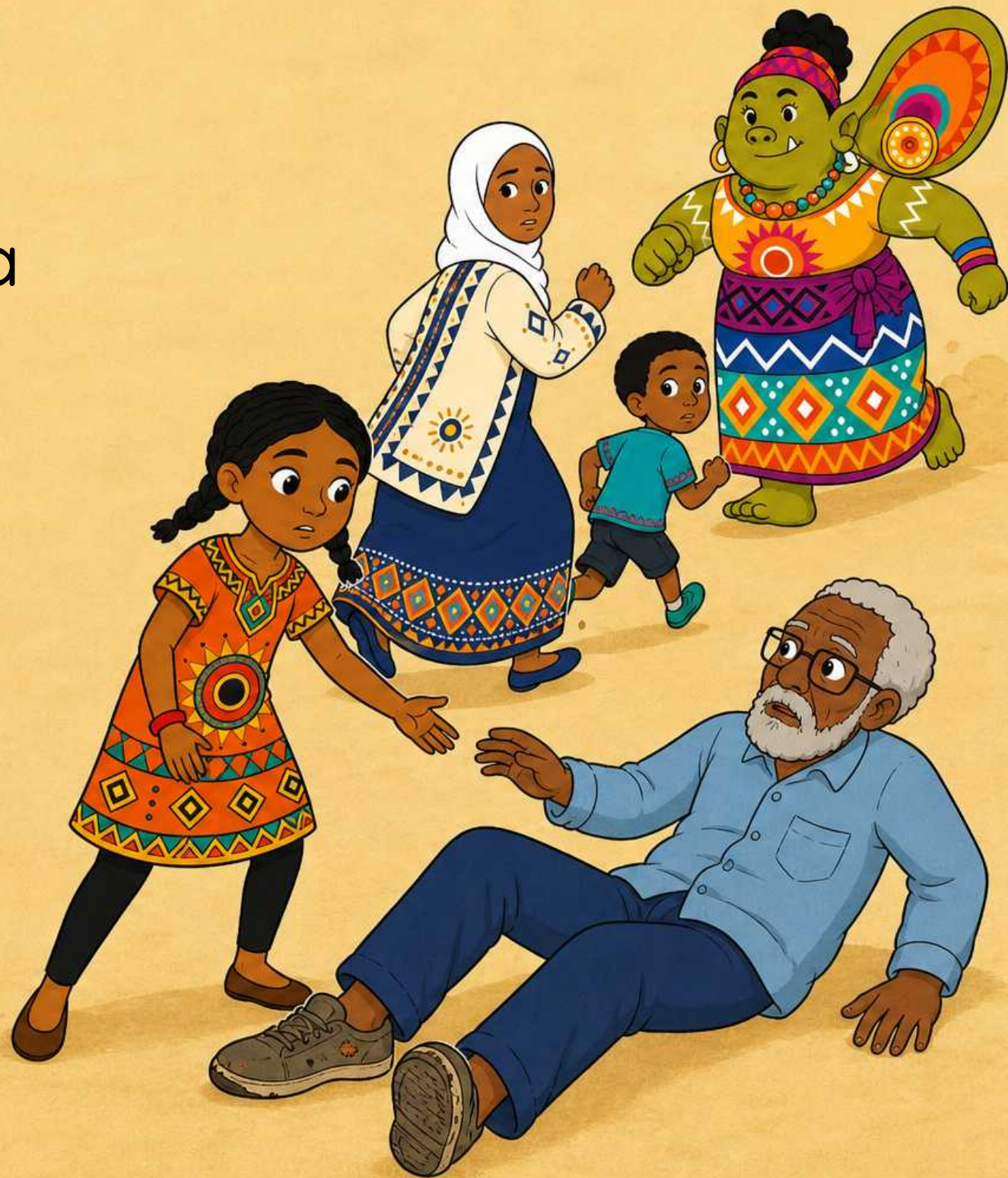
The monster jerks
left and runs
after the sound.

Ada rips up the thorn pen and grabs
her mom's hand. All creep out and
rush south.



The monster
storms back in a
temper.

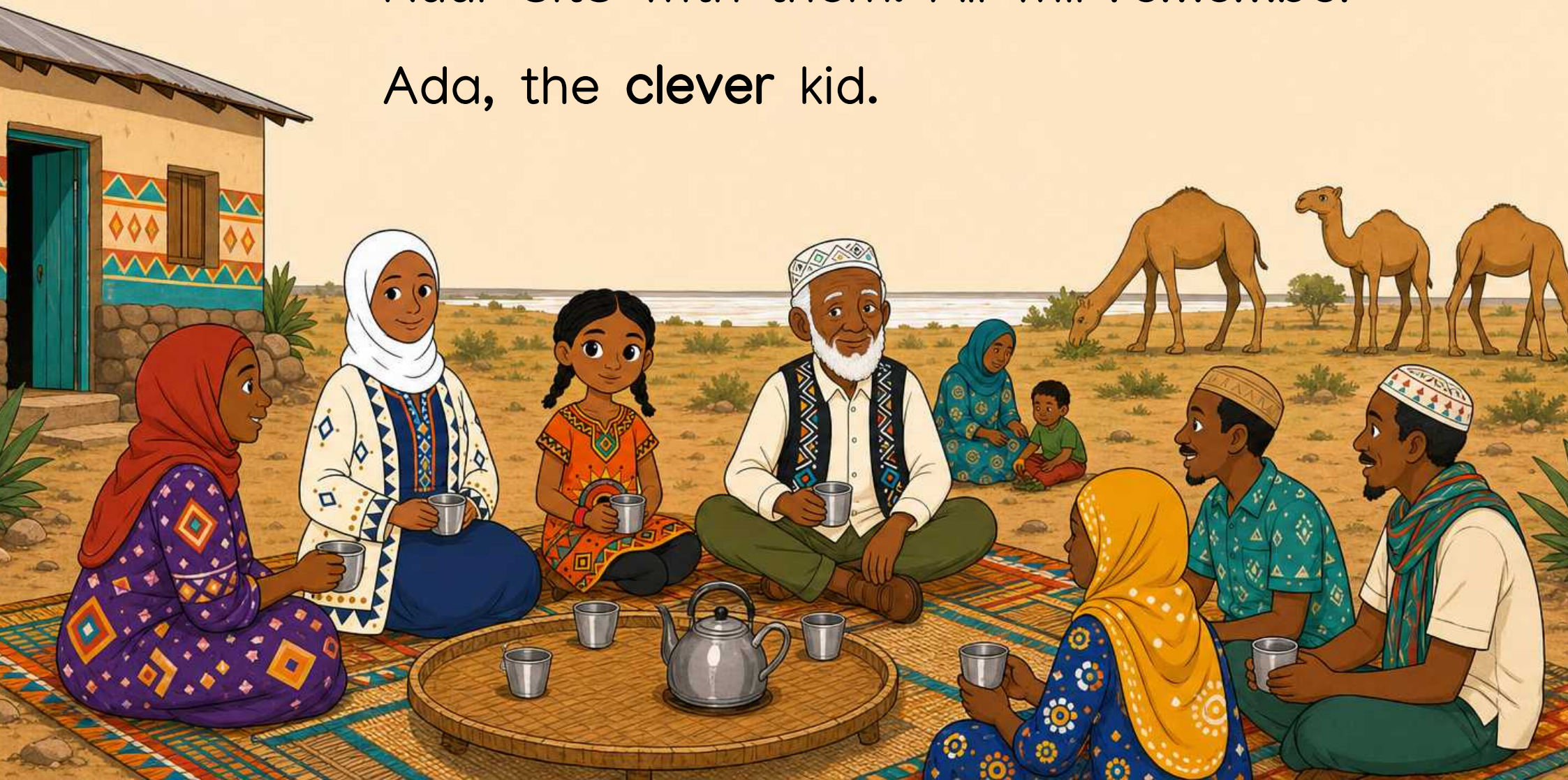
An elder man
trips, but Ada
runs back to
help him.

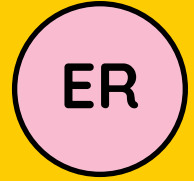




Ada stamps and stomps on the salt pan. The din pounds from all corners, loud as thunder. The monster grabs her ear and flees north.

In the morning all get back home. Ada's mom hands out hot drinks, and Elder Nuur sits with them. All will remember Ada, the clever kid.





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Ada's mother didn't come back from the well, and all she left behind is an empty jug and one enormous footprint. An elder presses a strange rattling pod into Ada's hand and tells her sound can be a door or a wall. Can a clever girl outwit a monster whose one ear hears everything? Written for Jolly Phonics classrooms (Group 7: er /er/), this book practices words like 'her', 'monster', 'elder', 'clever', 'thunder'.

Phonics Focus: <er>

after, clever, corners, elder, faster, her, jerks, monster, perks, remember, temper, thunder

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