Ada Sees a Trace

This **place** is red sand.

The bad hag Dhegdheer

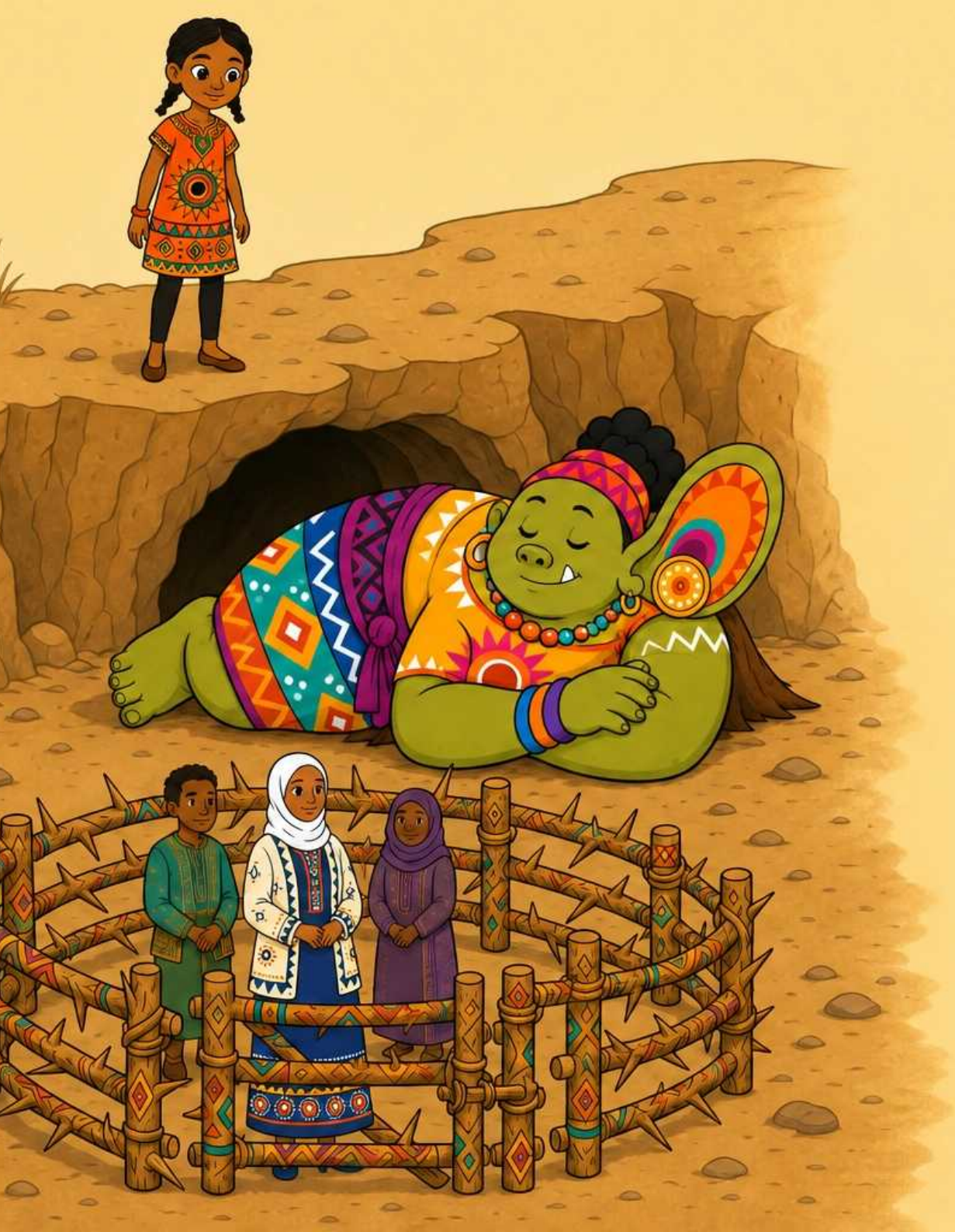
stands on the hill, and

she has one big flap.

Mom is not at home. Ada glances at the sand, and she can **trace** a big step.

Ada runs to Nuur. 'Take this pod,' he says. 'It is a **chance** to save Mom.'

She walks at a fast **pace** on the flat white salt. All steps ring in this wide **place.**



She glances at the den. Mom is shut in a stick pen, and the bad hag naps.

The kid tugs at a stick. Crack!

She winces. The big flap flips

up, and the bad hag wakes.

She runs fast,

but the bad

hag chases. It

is a bad **race,**

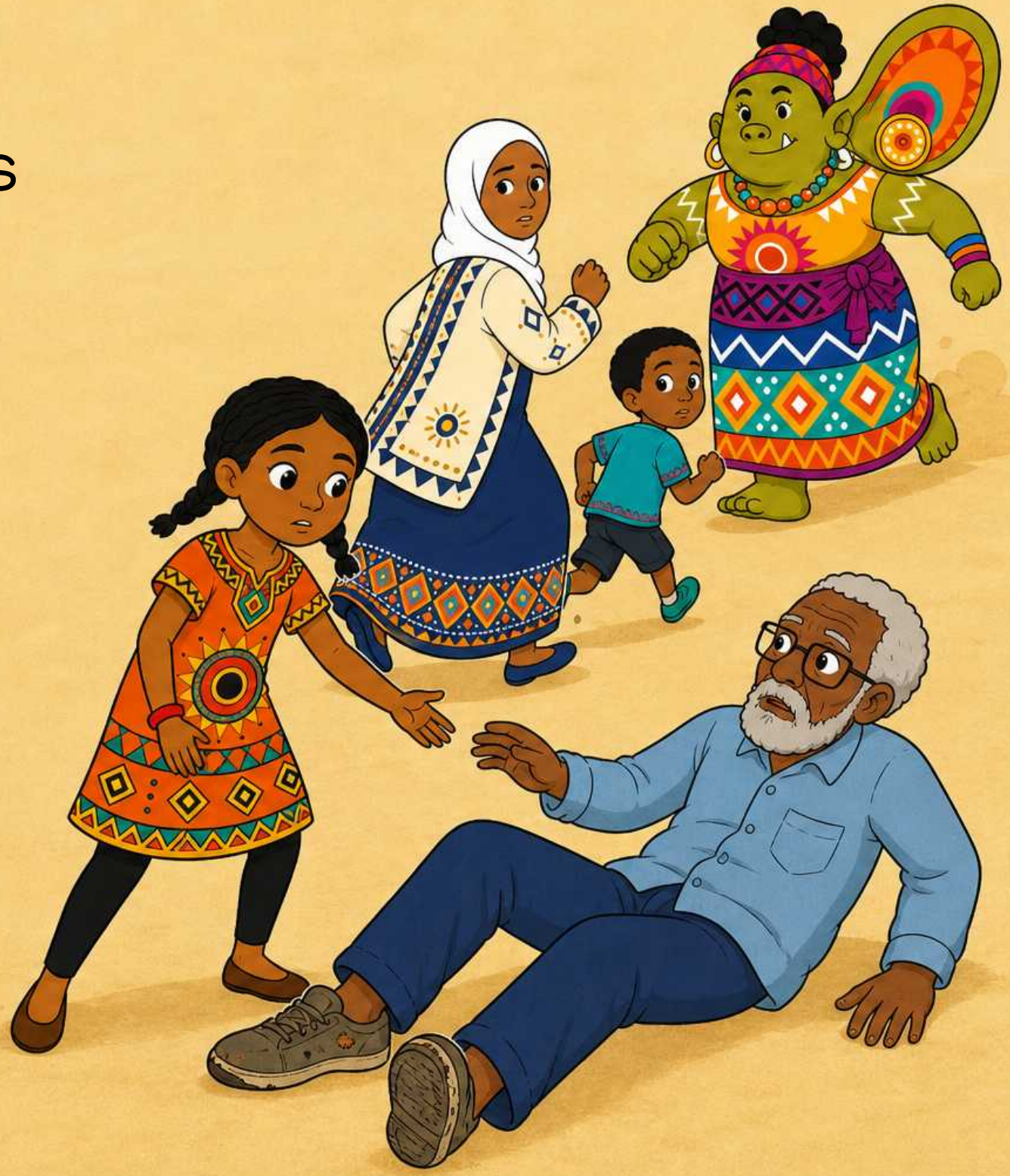
and the kid

has no **chance.**

Ada chucks the pod on the salt. Click, clack, click! The bad hag chases the click clack, but the kid is safe in this **place.**

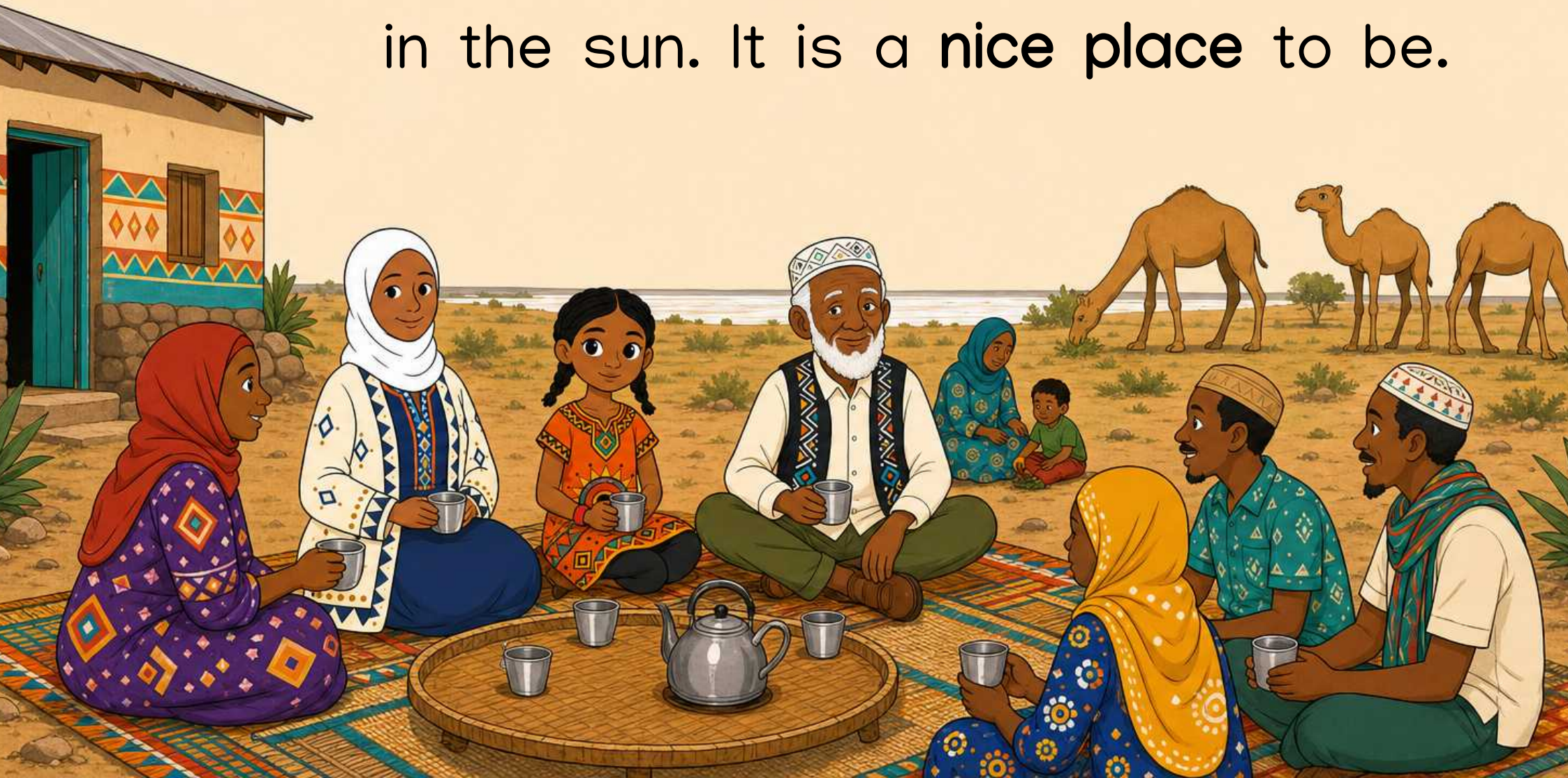
The kid rips a big gap in the pen. She grabs Mom's hand, and all the moms, dads and kids **race** off.

The bad hag yells and runs back at a fast **pace.** A man slips and falls, but the kid dashes back to him.



Ada stamps and stamps on the salt. It is a big mad **dance**! Tap, tap, bang! The bad hag winces and grabs the big flap, and then she runs off to the hills.

Mom is back home, and all is well. The kid, Mom and Nuur sit and sip in the sun. It is a **nice place** to be.



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Ada's mother has vanished, and all that's left is an empty water jug in the sand. When Ada glances down, she spots a giant footprint leading away across the plains, a chance to find out what happened. Can she trace the ogress's path before it's too late? Created to align with the UFLI Foundations scope and sequence (Lesson 60: _ce /s/), this book practices words like 'trace', 'place', 'glance', 'chance', 'race'.

Phonics Focus: _ce /s/

chance, dance, glance, nice, pace, place, race, trace, wince

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