

Look! Big Sis Cries!



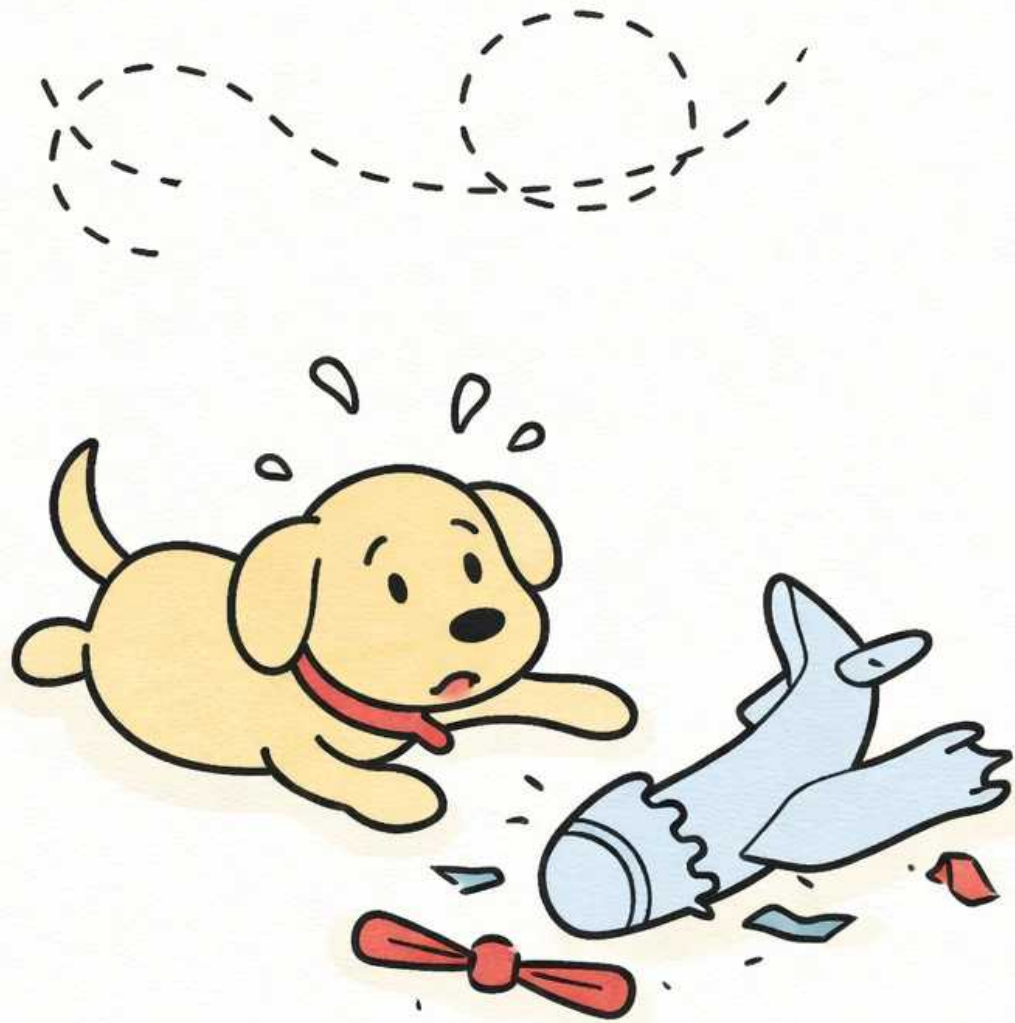


Big Sis is up on a
branch. She grins
and hums a song.
I hold on under
her and squirm.
My legs swing
back and forth.

Big Sis holds her plane up. 'Look at this,' she calls. 'It will twirl up in the sky!'

I stand and look up at her. I want to be just like Big Sis.





The plane twirls up
and up. Then it whirls,
and it drops. Crash! It
smacks the dirt by
Dog. Bits of the plane
are all over. Dog
blinks at the mess.

Dog jumps up. He
barks and barks, and
his fur is up. I
squirm up on my
branch.

But Big Sis just
stands there. 'Shush,
Dog,' she says. 'It
did not hurt.'



Big Sis digs in the dirt with her spade.
'First we get sticks,' she says. 'Then we can fix the plane.'

I sit by her in the grass. Dog tugs a rope and whirls it.



Big Sis pats Dog on
his soft fur. Dog
wags fast. I hold her
arm and squirm back.
'Dog is a pal,' says
Big Sis with a grin.



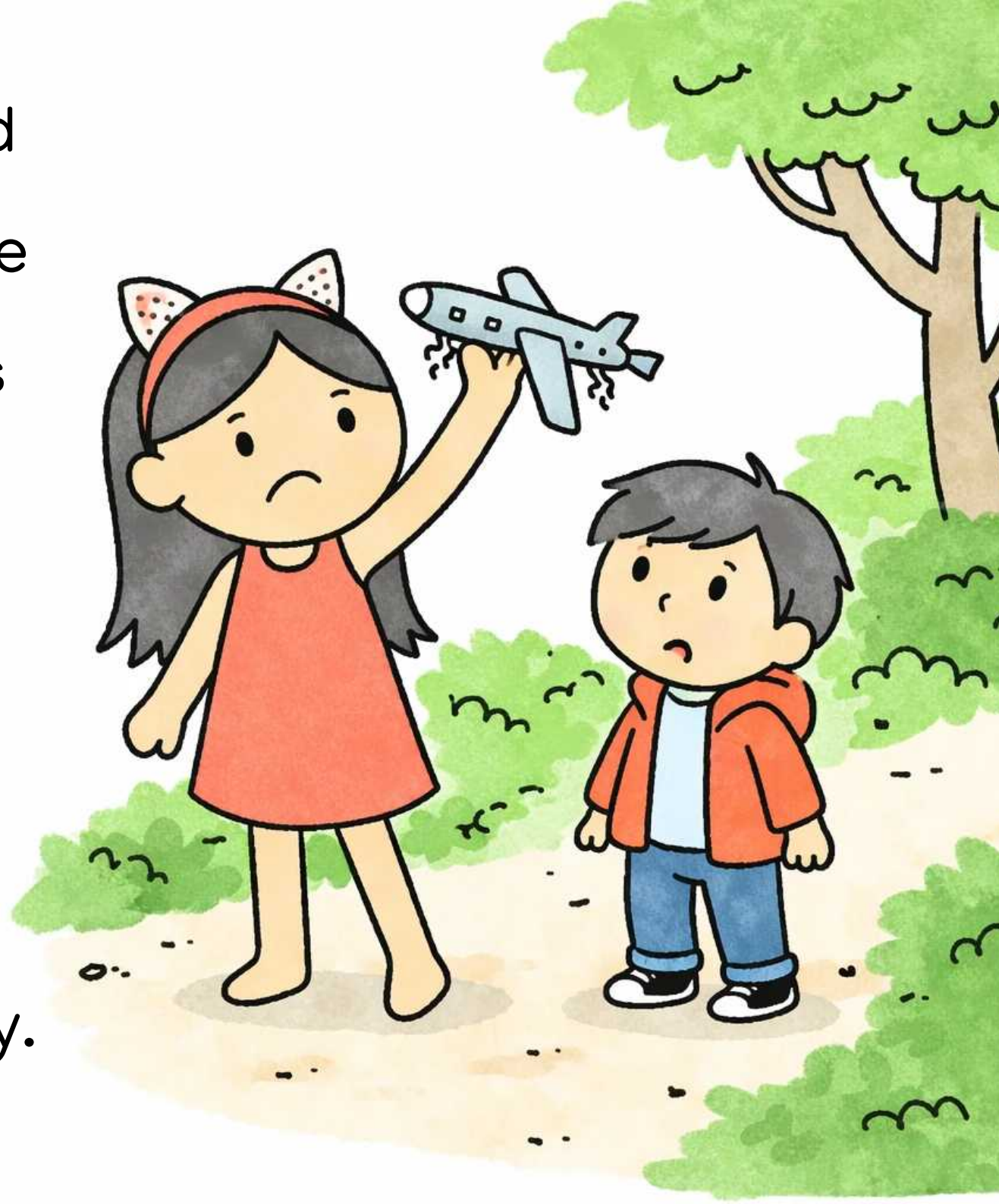
Then Big Sis slips! I am holding
her arm, so I slip too. We
tumble and whirl in the dirt.

But Big Sis never cries. Not
Big Sis!



Big Sis gets up and holds the plane. She turns it and squints at it. 'We can fix this,' she says.

I want to cry a bit. But Big Sis never cries, so I never cry.





Mom is not home yet. 'I can make supper,' says Big Sis. She gets a big book and a dish, and she **stirs** and **stirs**.

I sit and look at her.
Big Sis can do it all!

I step up and look
over the bench.
Chop, chop! Big Sis
cuts a bulb on the
slab, and it **squirts**.
But her face is wet
with drips. Is Big
Sis crying?





I think hard. **First**, up on the branch: no crying. Then Dog and his big barks: no crying. **Third**, the fall in the **dirt**: no crying at all! So what can make Big Sis cry?

Big Sis holds up
the cut bulb with a
smirk. 'It is this
bulb,' she says. 'It
makes wet drips!' I
giggle and grin. Big
Sis never cries.
Never ever!





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A girl watches her fearless big sis climb trees, launch toy planes, and shrug off crashes and barking dogs without a single tear. But when the two of them tumble in the dirt and Big Sis still doesn't cry, her little sister starts to wonder: is there anything in the whole wide world that could make her big sis cry? Created to align with the UFLI Foundations scope and sequence (Lesson 81: ir, ur /er/), this book practices words like 'squirm', 'whirls', 'dirt', 'smirk', 'squirts'.

Phonics Focus: ir, ur /er/

dirt, first, fur, hurt, smirk, squirm, squirts, stirs, third, turns, twirl, twirls, whirl, whirls

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