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Fig Pig
and the
Dark Cave

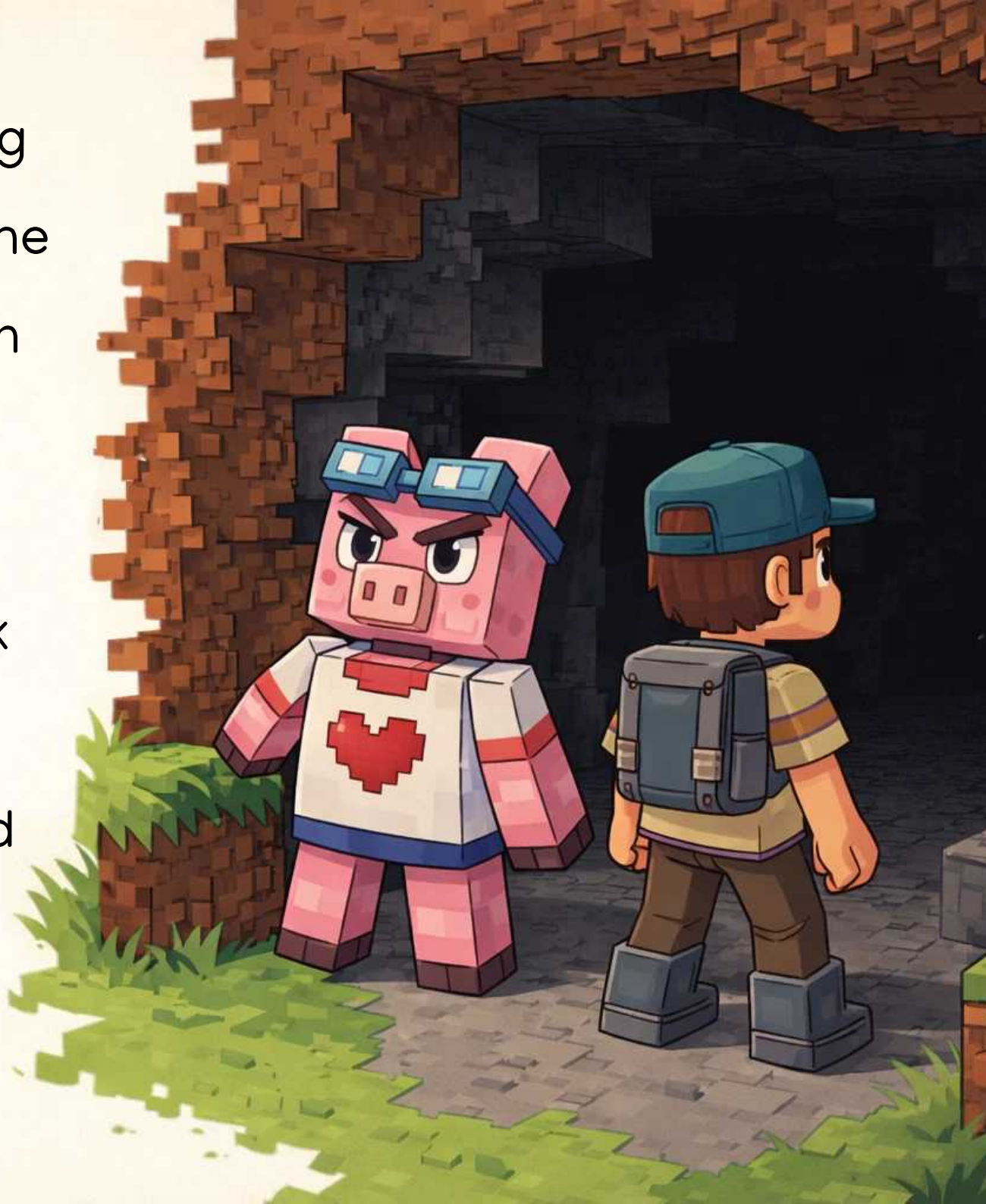
'I am so sick of that tall dark thing,' Fig Pig said one day. 'Me too,' said Player. 'All I did was look at it, and it made a **sudden attack** on me.' Fig Pig shook his head. 'Why does it **happen** to be so mad all the time?' 'I **wonder. Perhaps** if we found out, we could make it happy again,' Player said.

That night, Fig Pig heard something **outdoors.** He went outside, and there it was. The tall dark thing stood behind the house, still and **hidden** in the dark.

A **sudden** blue light shot up into the sky, and its purple eyes burned bright.

'Why is it so mad?' Fig Pig **whispered.** He wanted to look away, but he **never** really could.

The next morning, Fig Pig and Player returned to the cave. Fig Pig felt small in just his t-shirt, but **perhaps** he was brave. He would **follow** the dark thing inside. If they stayed well back and did not **pester** it, the thing might not **attack** them.



The tall black thing was fairly quiet so far. Player gave a **sudden shudder.** He had heard its screams before, and an **attack** could **happen** very fast. 'What is it doing?' he **whispered** softly to his friend.

Just then, the tall dark thing **flickered** and **vanished.** Fig Pig could see where it had gone, deeper into the **hollow** darkness of the cave. They would need to be very careful if they **followed** it any further.

Fig Pig and his friend **followed** the dark thing and found it again. It held a block with such care, not like a robber, but like a kid with something **common** but loved. 'Oh,' Fig Pig **whispered.** 'They do not want to steal. They want to make things with blocks, the same as us. **Perhaps** no one ever lets them join in.'

Fig Pig wondered about the times he had been in End Town.

'Someone must have made those houses in The End,' he told his friend. 'I **wonder** if they went mad when the **dragon** came and they could not **escape**?'

Back home that day, Fig Pig pressed his snout against the **window** and watched the Enderman on the path. Purple sparks **flickered** around its stiff **shoulders.**

Fig Pig gave a sad little oink.

'He's scared,' Fig Pig **whispered.** 'Scared, just like me when I heard him outside my **window.** He's not screaming because he's angry. He's screaming because he wants someone to let him in.'

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# Fig Pig and the Dark Cave

When a tall, purple-eyed Enderman appears at Fig Pig's window in the dead of night, he can't stop wondering: why is it so angry? Why do Endermen steal blocks, and where do they take them? With his friend Player at his side, Fig Pig tiptoes into a shadowy cave to uncover the truth behind the screams - but what will he find lurking in the dark? This decodable reader practices VC/CV syllables in words like 'common,' 'hidden,' 'follow,' and 'sudden.'

**Reading Skills:** VC/CV division

attack, common, dragon, escape, flickered, follow, followed, happen, hidden, hollow, never, outdoors, perhaps, pester, shoulders, shudder, sudden, vanished, whispered, whispers, window, wonder

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