

Gad Is Not Odd





This is Gad.

Gad is a ghost
in a dark,
mossy, spooky
wood. Gad is
sad. He has no
pal at all.

The monsters
jump out and
yell, 'Boo!' A man
gets a big shock
and runs off.

'Stop that fuss!'
Gad tells them.
'That is bad!'





Gad floats up to a treetop and peeks out.

He spots kids in the park, on the grass.

'Kids!' Gad grins. 'I wish to join in!'

Gad zooms to the grass. 'Kids! Kids! I'm Gad!' he yells.

But the kids get a big shock. They dash off at top speed.





'Come back!' Gad
calls. 'I'm not
bad!'



But the kids and
a small dog run
and run. Gad is
sad and still.

Gad has a plan. He
sits **still** in a nut
stack at a **stall**. But
that is no good.

So Gad **puffs** up
big and bobs at
the next **stall**.





Gad drifts up to the kids. 'I'm not a ghost!' he tells them.

But then a fluffy cat springs up at Gad!



The cat misses
Gad! It flops flat



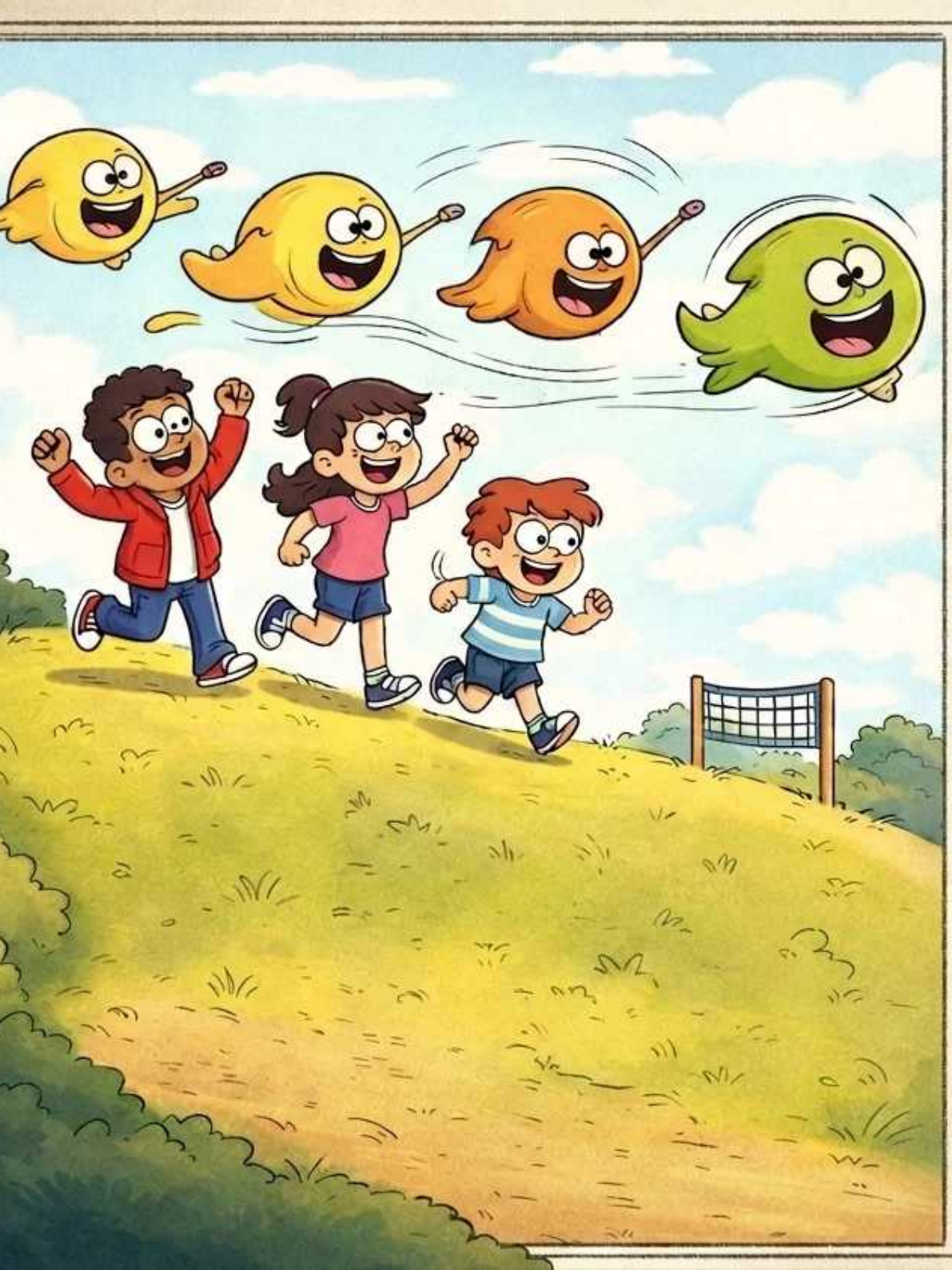
on the grass. Gad
grins a silly grin.



'Gad is so funny!'
the kids yell.



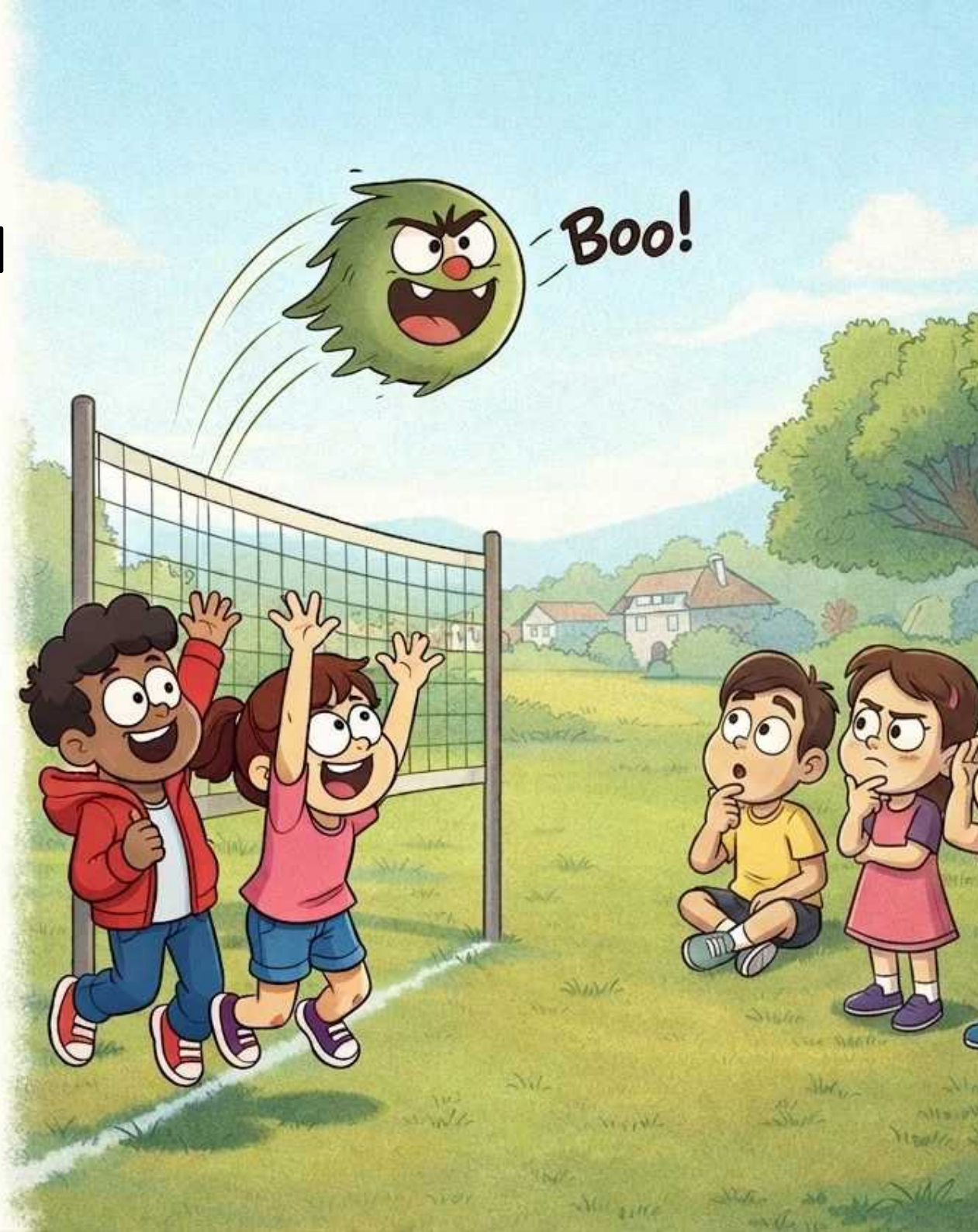
'Come and join in!'



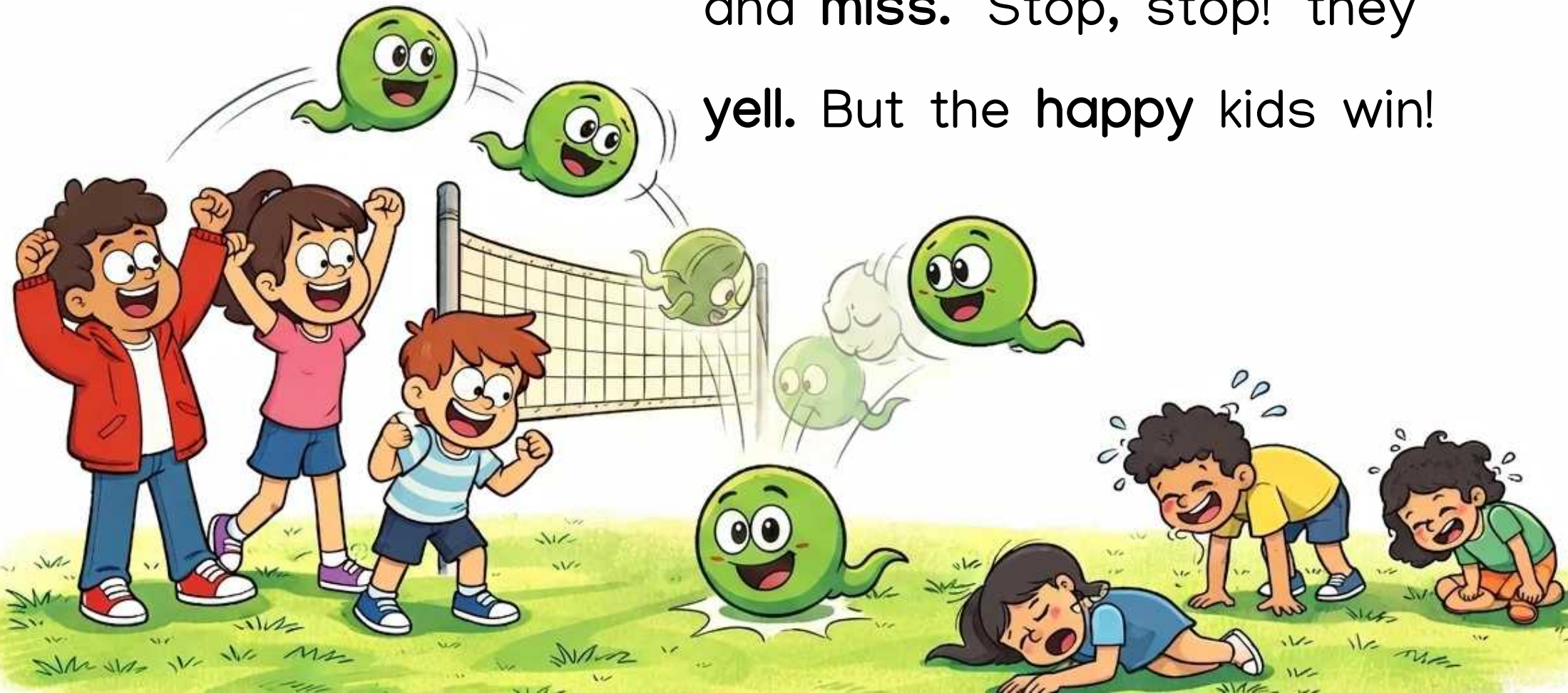
Gad spins and
zips, and the
happy kids run up
the grassy hill
with Gad. Then
Gad spots a net.
The kids grin at
Gad.

'Gad, be the ball!'
the kids yell. So Gad
puffs up round.

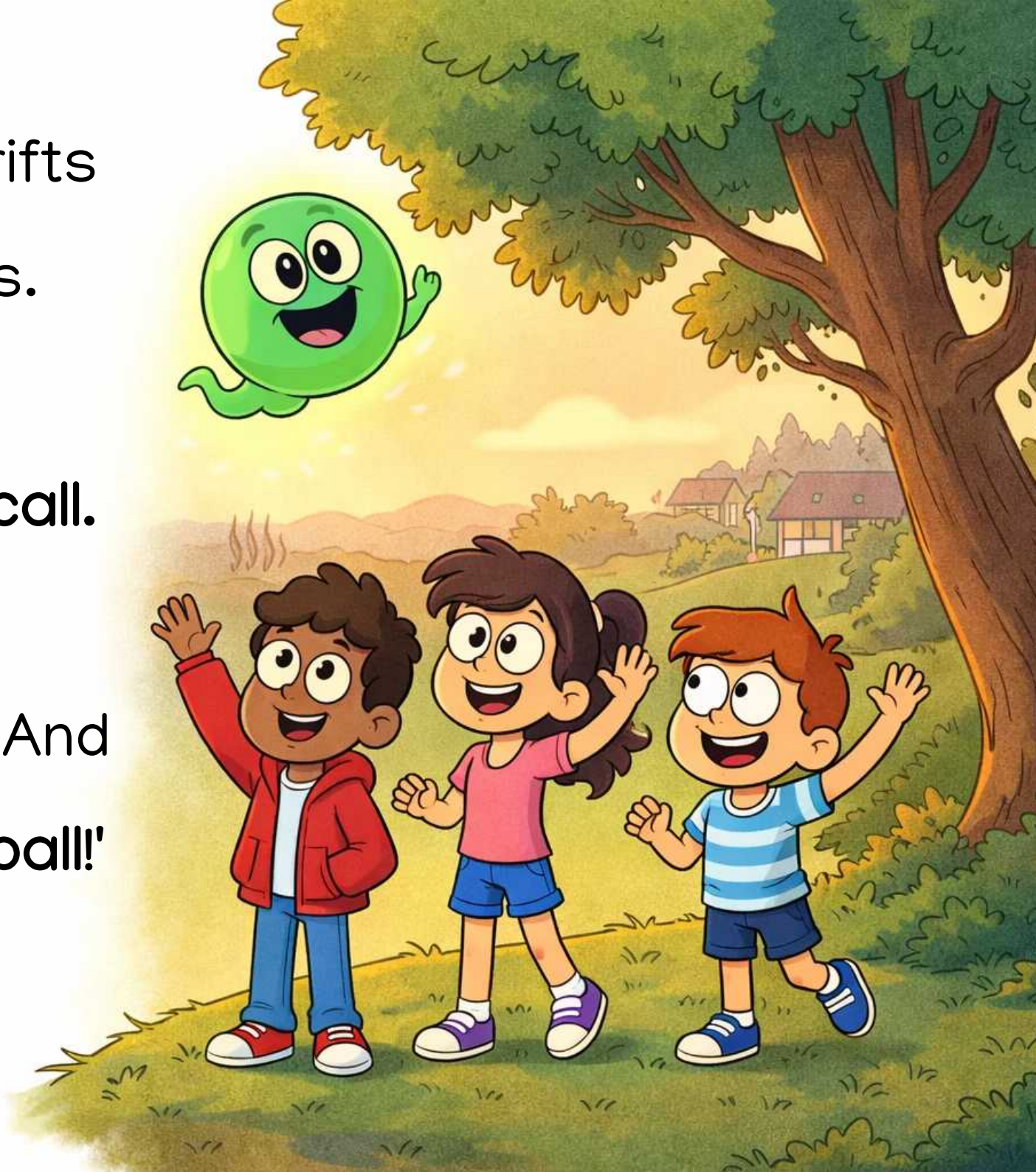
The kids toss Gad
up, and Gad yells,
'Boo! I'm the ball!'
The rest of the kids
get a big shock.

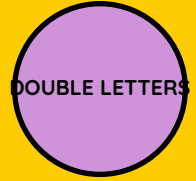


Gad is the best ball ever. He spins and slips and zips off. The rest of the kids miss and miss. 'Stop, stop!' they yell. But the happy kids win!



At sunset, Gad drifts
up to the treetops.
'Meet us here at
sun-up!' the kids call.
Gad is happy. He
has pals at last. 'And
next, I'm the football!'
Gad calls back.





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Gad is the friendliest ghost around, but every kid he meets runs away screaming. Coconuts don't work. Balloons don't work either. Can a lonely ghost find a way to make new friends without scaring them half to death? Written for Jolly Phonics classrooms (Step 2, Unit 4: double letters), this book practices words like 'yell', 'grass', 'happy', 'still', and 'funny'.

Phonics Focus: <double> <letters>

all, ball, call, calls, fluffy, football, funny, fuss, grass, grassy, happy, hill, miss, misses, mossy, off, puffs, silly, small, stall, still, tells, toss, yell, yells

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