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MINECRAFT ECOLOGY



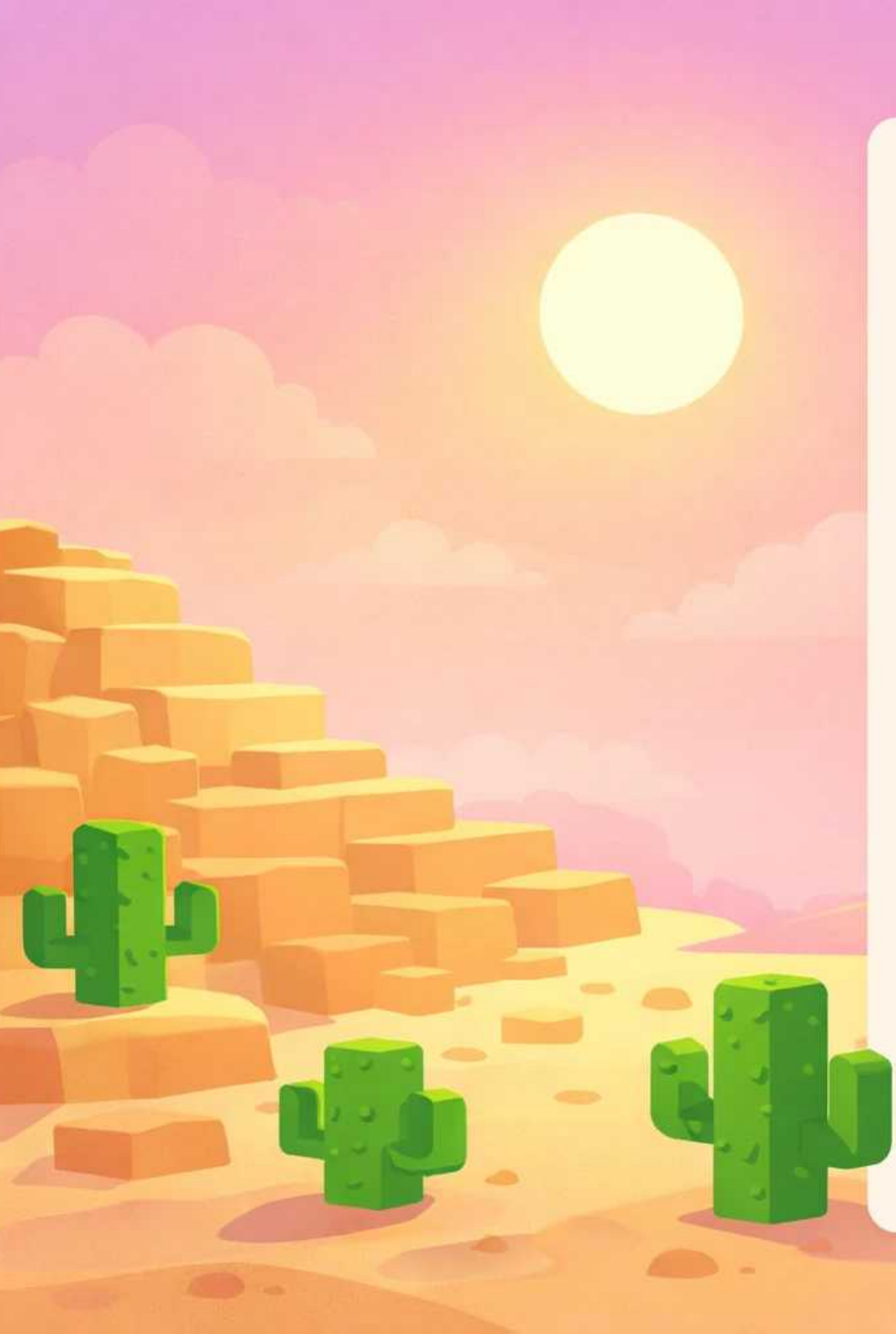
Husks at Night



Sand and sandstone stretch on as far as you can see. The sun blazes in a clear blue sky, and the **huge** open **space** goes on and on. There are no trees, no rivers, and no real shade. Just a **giant**, sandy desert with a cactus or two, and a few dry shrubs at the **edges**. It looks empty. But this **place** has big things waiting under the sand.

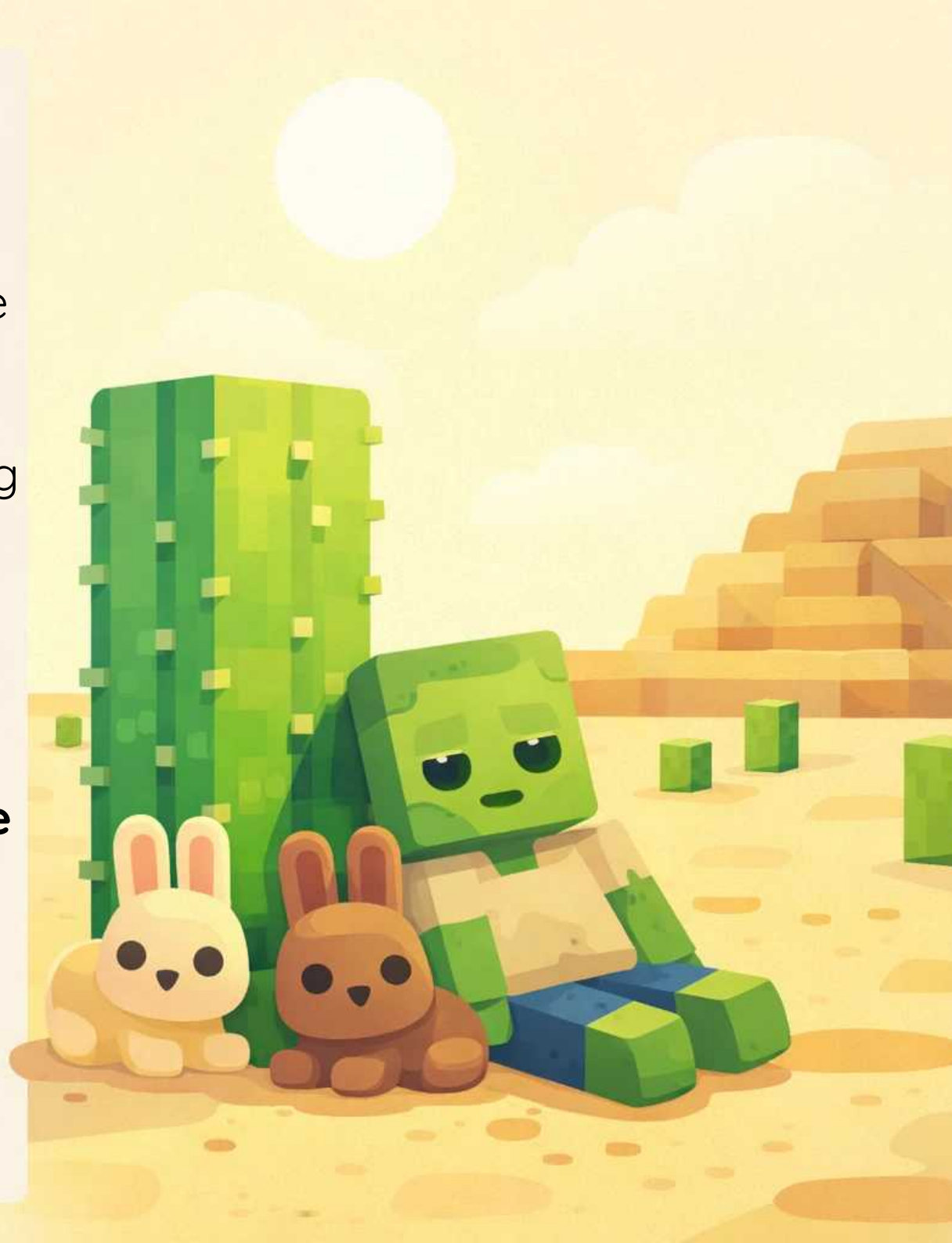
At midday, the desert is full of **danger**. Most desert animals must make a **choice**: find shade, or stay out in the heat. There is no safe middle ground. The Minecraft figure stands still in the blazing sun. Even the small white rabbit far off sits still in the open, with no shade at all. Without shade, there is no **chance** to **dodge** the heat. It is best to wait.





Water is very hard to find in a desert. There are no rivers or ponds, and the ground is too dry for most plants to grow. Without water, things get **urgent** fast. It is hard to farm, and hard to survive for long. You must **decide** what to bring before you take one step into the desert. A good plan can save your life.

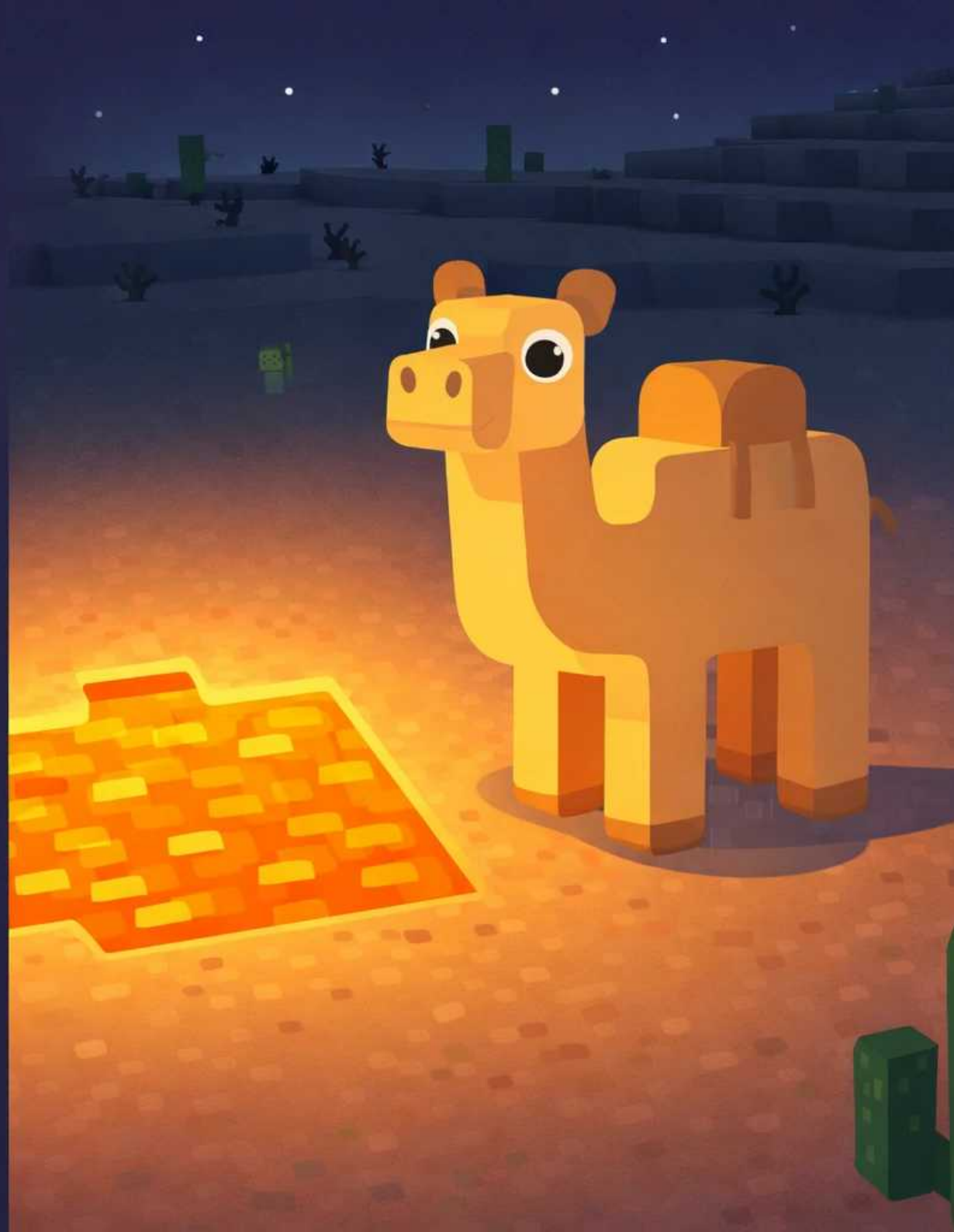
Desert animals have good ways to save **energy** in the heat. Rabbits rest in the shade of a tall cactus and do not move much all day. By staying still, they use less water and stay cooler. It is a good way to **dodge** the blazing sun. Even the husk does not **budge** much in the hottest part of the day. In the desert, the best plan is to stay still.





It is easy to get lost in this **huge** desert. Every dune and rock can look exactly the same. With no trees, rivers, or **fences** to help you, there is no clear path to take. The open **space** stretches on with no landmarks to show the way. Before you set out, bring a map. Without one, you could roam this **strange place** and never find your way back.

Once the sun sets, the desert turns cold very fast. Without trees or clouds to hold the heat in, the air gets an **icy** chill. A **huge** camel stands close to a glowing orange pool, soaking up the heat. The night air is **strangely** cold after the blazing hot day. Far back in the dark, a green mob creeps by. Real desert nights can be just as cold.





As day returns, the desert holds many things to find. Desert towns built from sandstone are full of useful loot. Desert temples hide deep chambers with chests full of **gems**. A fossil made from bone blocks can lie under the sand. See this pit? Stone blocks stand at its **edges**. There is always more to find.

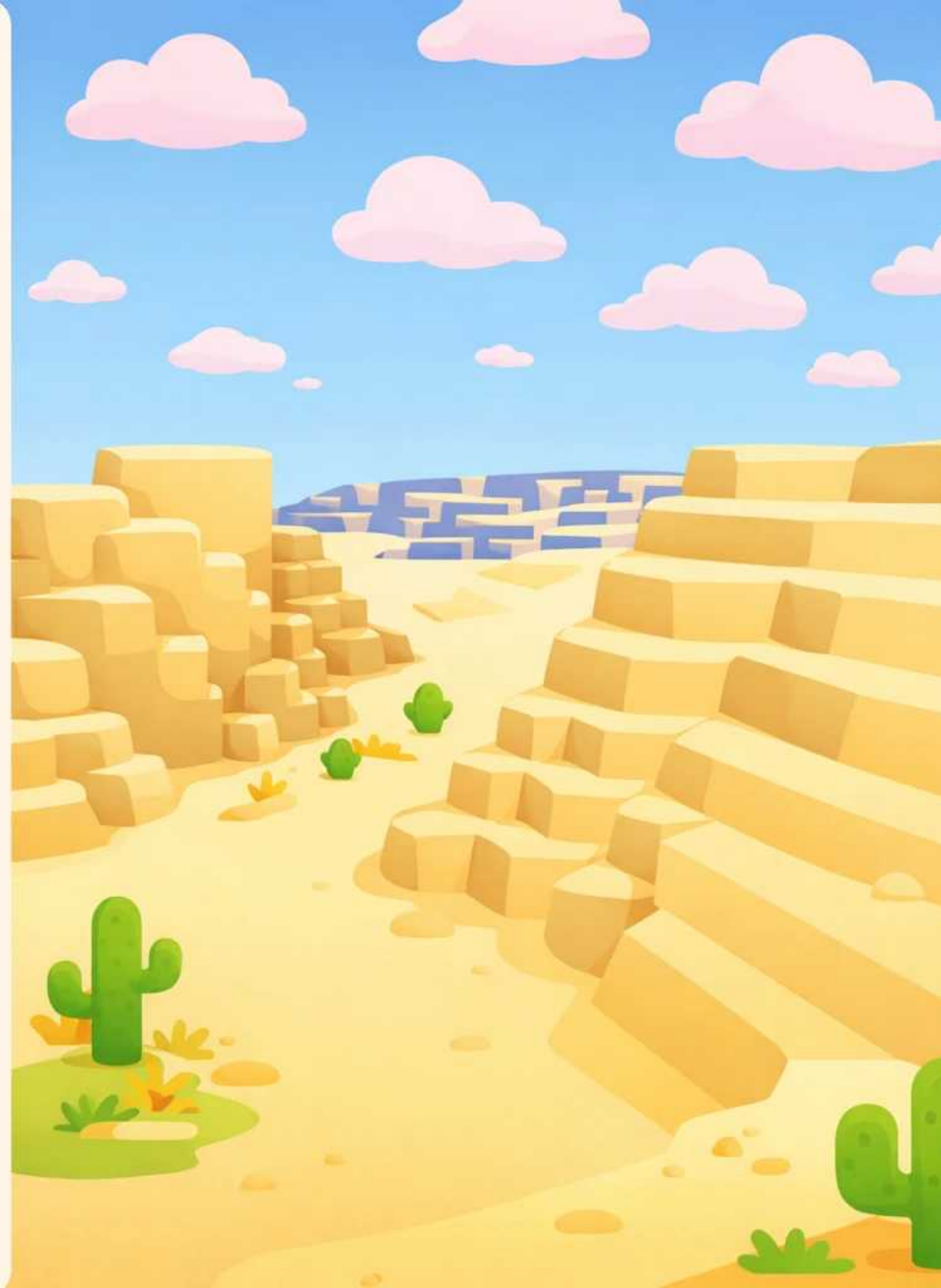
The desert is one of the driest **places** on Earth. Rain may not fall for months or even years in the harshest real-world deserts. Every living thing there has its own **source** of water stored inside. A cactus stores water in its thick stem, and desert animals take just a few sips a day. Life in the desert runs on a **cycle**: find water, store it, and use it well. Do not be wasteful, or you will not last long.





In both Minecraft and the real world, people make their homes in the desert. Desert towns are built from what is nearby: sand, sandstone, and wood. Real desert towns build homes with thick walls to stay cool inside. They dig deep wells to reach water far under the ground. The desert is a hard **place** to call home, but people have found good ways to live there. Every desert town shows this is true.

Deserts are growing in the real world. When woodland is cut down and farmland is worn out, the soil dries out and turns to dust. The desert keeps **changing** and spreading, creeping to the **edges** of the green land. That is a **change** the world must **notice**. Planting trees and keeping the soil safe can help stop the desert spread. The green land can grow back.





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A giant desert stretches on with no trees, no water, and no shade in sight. When the sun blazes overhead, every creature must make a choice: dodge the heat, or stay still and wait it out. Night brings its own dangers too. What will it take to survive until morning? Created to align with the UFLI Foundations scope and sequence (Lesson 117: Signal Vowels (c /s/, g /j/)), this book practices words like 'huge', 'giant', 'danger', 'chance', and 'edges'.

Phonics Focus: Signal Vowels (c /s/, g /j/)

budge, chance, change, changing, choice, cycle, danger, decide, dodge, edges, energy, fences, gems, giant, huge, icy, notice, place, places, source, space, strange, strangely, urgent

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