

I Am Not Bad!





Look at Gus! Gus is
a lime ghost. Gus
is in a dark, dark
grove.

Gus is sad. 'Who
wants to have fun
with me?' says
Gus.

Look! The wild things hide behind the plants. They jump and snarl at a man. The man is upset, and he runs off fast. 'The wild things are so harsh,' says Gus.





Gus drifts up to the top of the plants. He sees kids in the park!

The kids run and have fun on the grass. 'I want to have fun as well,' says Gus.

Gus drops from
the plant. 'Kids!
I'm Gus! Be my
pals!' he yells.

The kids yell. They
dart off as fast
as they can go.





'Stop, kids! Stop!'
calls Gus. The kids
and a pup sprint
far, far off.



Gus is sad. Next,
Gus has a **smart**
plan. Gus plans to
hide!

Gus darts to the market. He hides at a stall. A kid runs past.

Next, Gus drifts into a bunch of gas bags.

Gus is a lime gas bag with a big grin!





Gus bobs up to the kids for a chat. 'I'm just a gas bag!' says Gus. The kids stand close and look up. A cat darts at Gus!



The cat snarls and swipes hard at Gus.

Gus is quick, and



the cat misses! Gus makes a silly face.

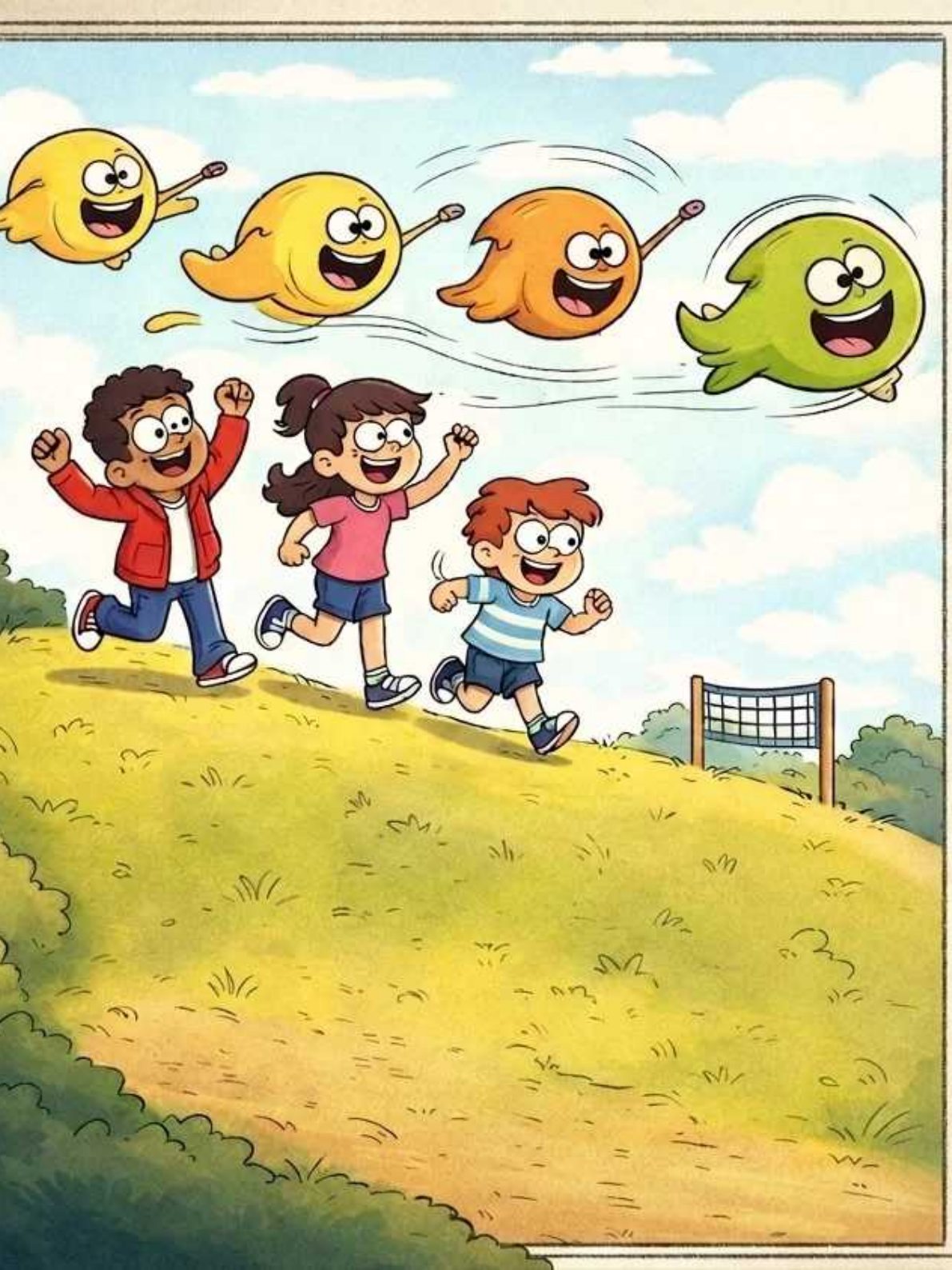
The kids giggle. 'Gus



is funny!' says a kid.

'Gus, have fun with the gang!'



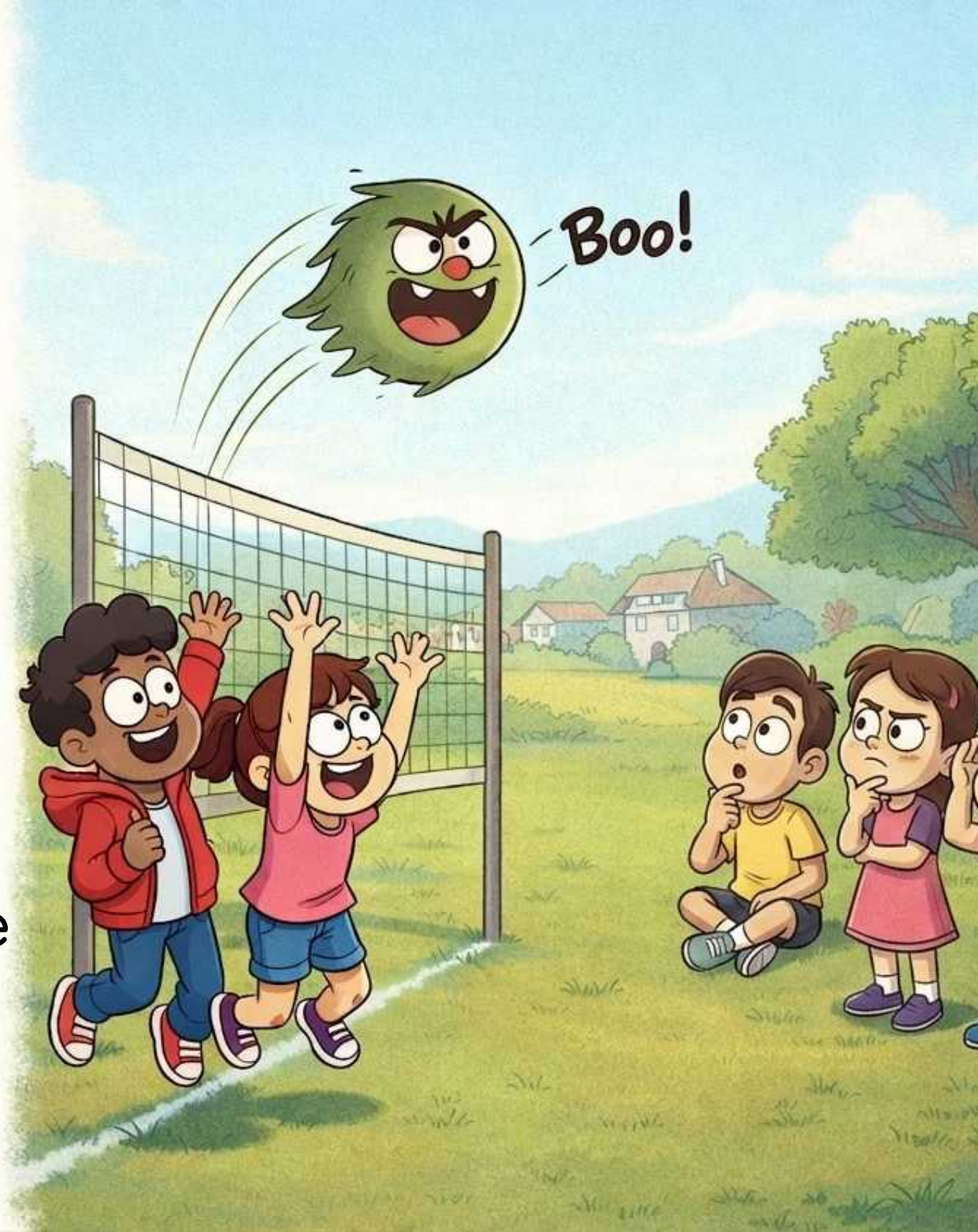


Gus whizzes and spins. The kids chase Gus up the hill.

They dash to a spot for sports. Gus gasps a little gasp.

'Gus, be the ball!'
says a kid. Gus
forms a ball shape.
The kids toss Gus
up.

'Boo!' yells Gus. The
kids on the next side
are pale with shock!

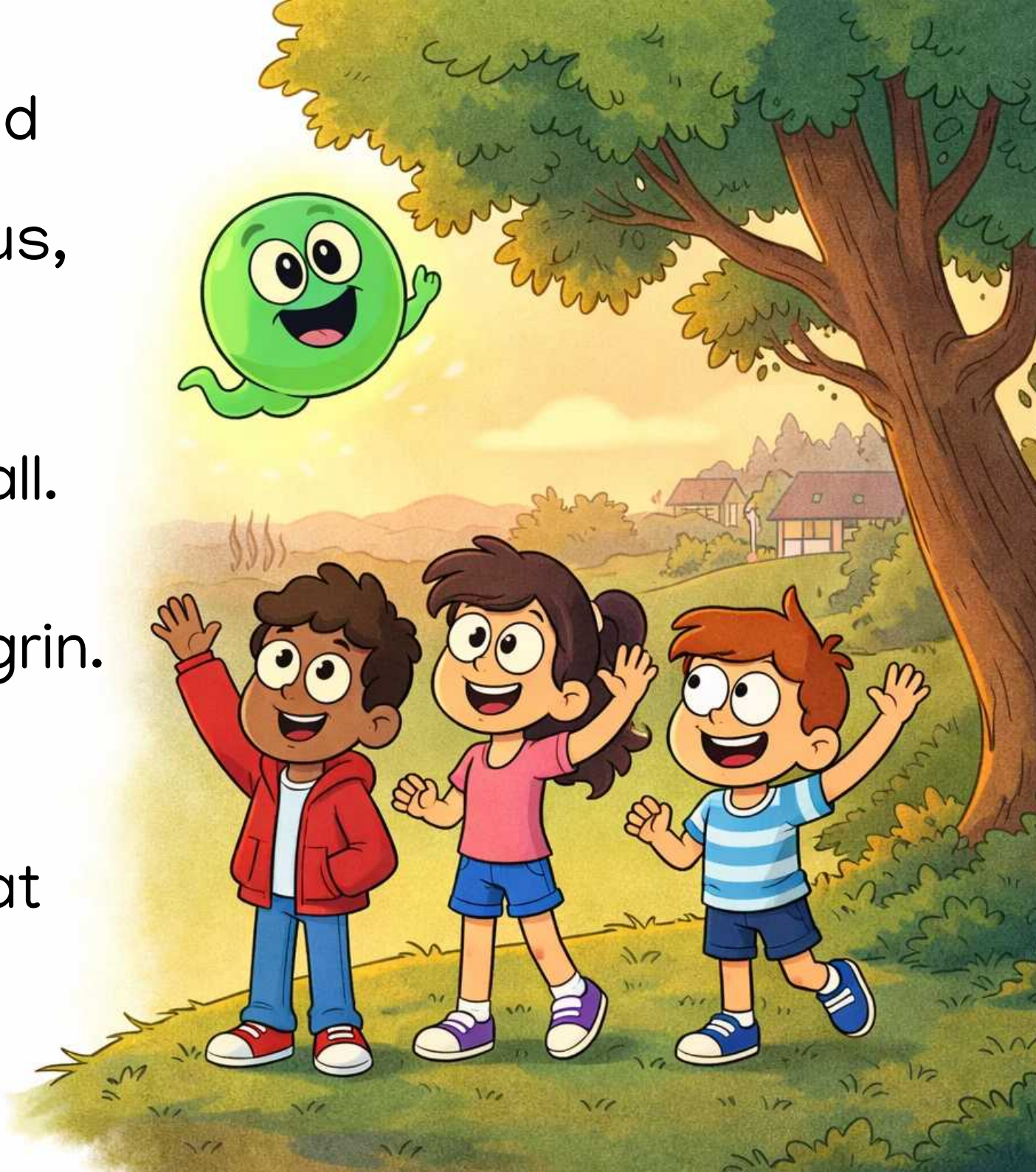


The next side misses and misses. Gus zips and dodges. The pals score more and more. They win! 'Gus is the star!' the kids yell.



The sun sets, and
Gus drifts up. 'Gus,
be the ball next
morn!' the kids call.

Gus grins a big grin.
Gus is a happy
ghost with pals at
last!





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Gad the ghost just wants a friend, but every time he floats out of the dark forest, kids run away screaming. He tries hiding at the market, disguising himself as a balloon, even dodging a snarling cat, but nothing seems to work. Will Gad ever find someone brave enough to play with him? Created to align with the UFLI Foundations scope and sequence (Lesson 79: ar /ar/ & or, ore /or/ Review), this book practices words like 'dark', 'far', 'park', 'market', 'smart'.

Phonics Focus: ar & or, ore Review

dark, dart, far, for, forms, hard, harsh, market, more, morn, park, score, smart, snarl, snarls, sports, star

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