

Kate and the Rude Broom





The Queen reads
a note. 'The Wind
Princess comes
at sunup!'

Kate grins with
her **cute** pals on
the grass.

All the pals rush
to help. 'Grab
these mops and
rags!' Kate yells.

'It all must
shine!'





But Zoom is in a bad mood.

Kate grabs at him, but he fumes and snarls. Zoom does not come.



Zoom zips up and
off! Kate hangs on
and her feet swing.
'Stop, Zoom, stop!'
she yells. But the
rude brute zips
past the shelf.

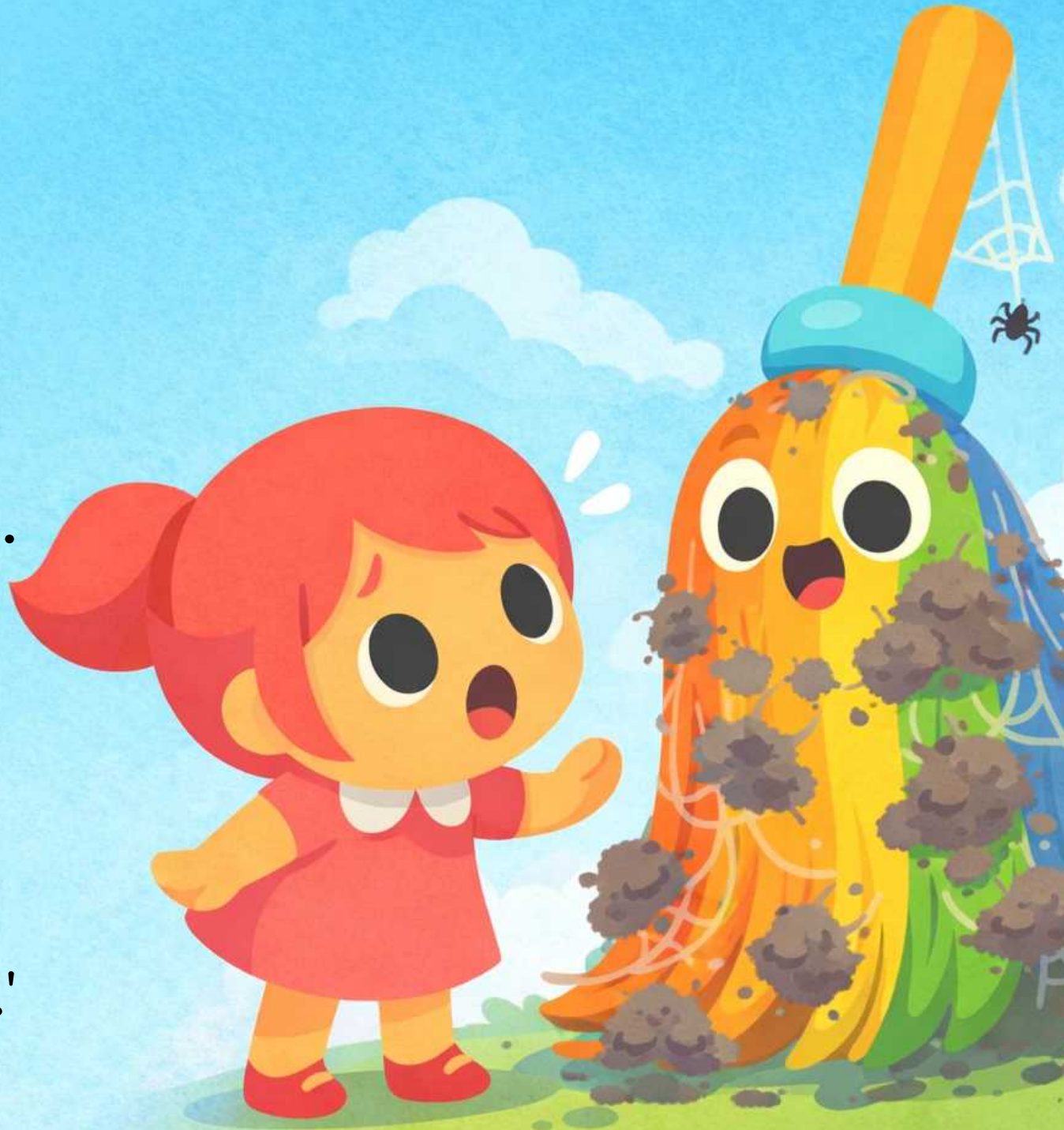




Kate jumps and
grips him. She
tugs and tugs.

Crash! They
land on the hill,
and all the pals
gaze up, mute.

Kate gasps. Zoom
is a mess! Grime
and cobwebs pack
his strands, and a
bug hangs from him.
'Excuse me, Zoom,'
Kate tells him. 'It
was bad to toss a
pal in a dark corner.'



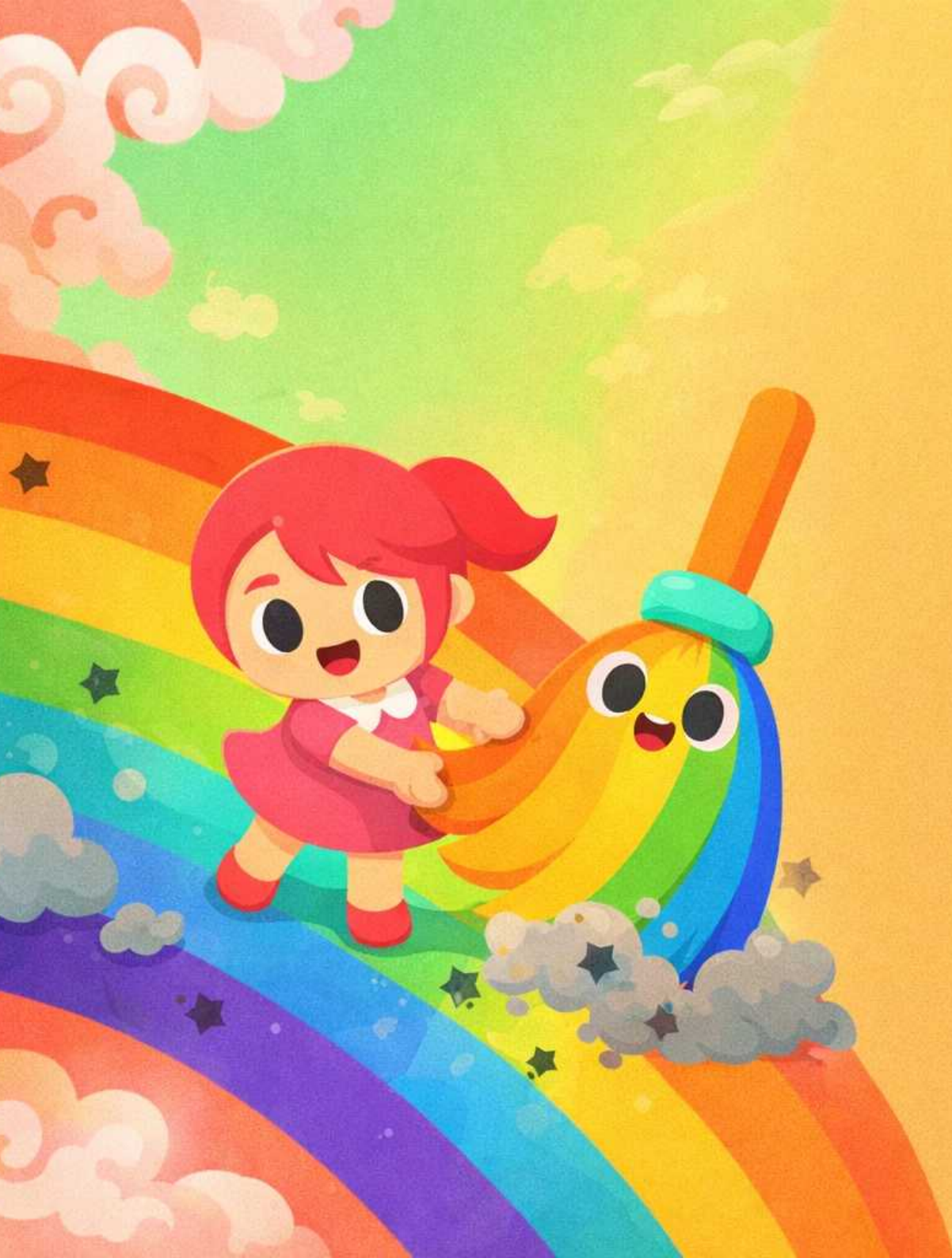


Kate sets Zoom
in the tub and
uses soap. Scrub,
scrub! Pink foam
floats up. Zoom
stops his fuss,
so it is a **truce**.

Next, Kate gets a
tool for his strands.
Scrape, scrape!

The hues come
back, and they
glint. Zoom grins
and hums a tune.





Zoom zips up with
Kate to the hue arc.

They sweep off the
dust in plumes.

Zoom hums glad
tunes as he
sweeps.

Just as the job is
complete, a gust spins
from the clouds. It is
the Wind Princess!

She drifts to land as
her locks wave in the
wind. 'She is here!'
Kate yells.





The Queen greets her
pal from the top of
her home.

The Wind Princess
gazes up at the hue
arc. 'These hues glint
and shine!' she gasps.
Kate grins, so proud.

Kate rubs Zoom with
a soft cloth to
spruce him up.

Strand by strand, he
shines.

'A clean Zoom is a
glad Zoom,' Kate tells
him. Zoom winks.





LONG VOWELS

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Kate is racing to get the Rainbow Tower sparkling before the Wind Princess arrives at sunrise, but the one broom she needs the most, Zoom, won't cooperate. He growls, dodges, and finally zips off down the hallway with Kate holding on for dear life. Why is Zoom so rude, and what happened to make him this angry? Written for Jolly Phonics classrooms (Step 2, Unit 6: long vowels), this book practices words like 'rude', 'brute', 'fumes', 'mute', 'truce'.

Phonics Focus: <long> <vowels>

brute, complete, cute, excuse, fumes, fuse, hues, mute, plumes, rude, spruce, these, truce, tune, tunes, uses

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