

# Lock the Gate, Nib!



Nib sits and  
spins. She has  
made a big ball  
of red wool. A  
lad calls in at  
the wall gap,  
'Lock up, Nib!'





The lads take  
the path up the  
hill.

A big thing sits  
in the shade and  
looks at the hut.

A big shape  
creeps up to the  
hut.

The Troll looks in  
at the wall gap.  
He can see Nib!

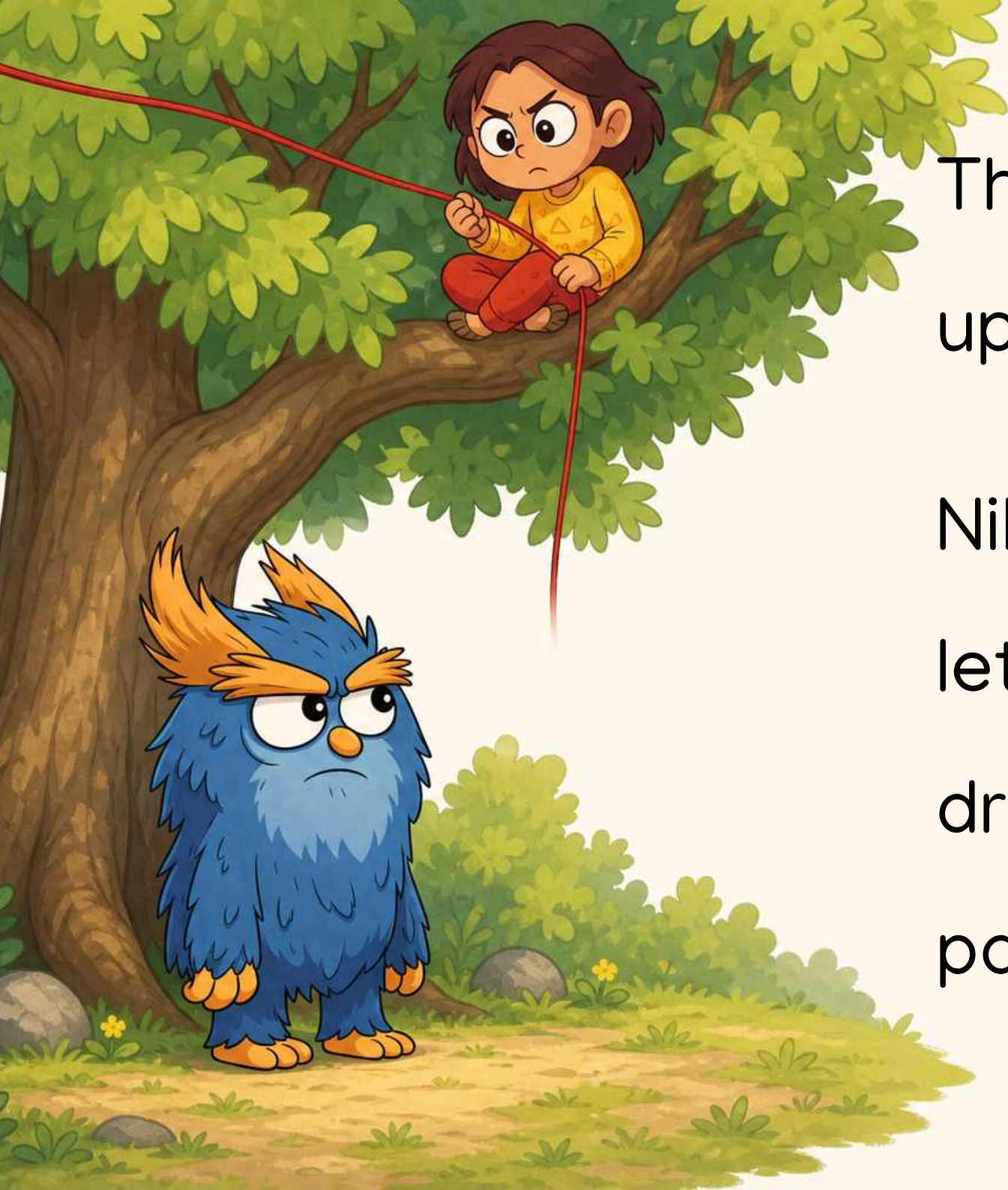


The Troll jams  
his face in the  
wall gap.  
Smash! What a  
big mistake! Nib  
yells and yells.



A big hand  
grabs Nib. Up,  
up, up! The Troll  
takes Nib from  
the hut, but the  
red wool is **safe**  
in Nib's grip.





The Troll sets Nib  
up in a tall tree.

Nib is **brave**. She  
lets the red wool  
drop down to the  
path.

The lads stop  
on the path.  
'Look! Red wool!'  
yells a lad.  
'It can take us  
to Nib!'





The lads track  
the red wool  
up the rocks.  
It runs up to a  
big, dim cave.

The Troll naps  
in the cave. A  
lad grins and  
takes the key  
from the  
Troll's belt.  
Hush, hush!





The lad sets the  
key in the lock of  
the **gate**. Click!

The kids press  
up to see. They  
can get free!

The Troll  
wakes up and  
yells, 'Stop!'  
The kids run  
past the gate.  
They run and  
run.





The Troll runs,  
but the red  
wool grips his  
legs. Trip! Bam!  
The Troll can't  
chase them.

Nib grins a big grin. 'We are all safe!' says a lad. 'What a brave trick, Nib! But lock up!'





## Lock the Gate, Nib!

Nib always leaves the door unlocked, and one day a hungry Troll finally sneaks in and snatches her away. Locked in his cave with other missing children, will anyone find her in time? Created to align with the UFLI Foundations scope and sequence (Lesson 54: a\_e /ā/), this book practices words like 'brave', 'cave', 'safe', 'gate', 'mistake'.

**Phonics Focus:** a\_e /ā/

brave, cave, chase, face, gate, made, mistake, nape, safe, shade, shape, take, takes, wakes

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