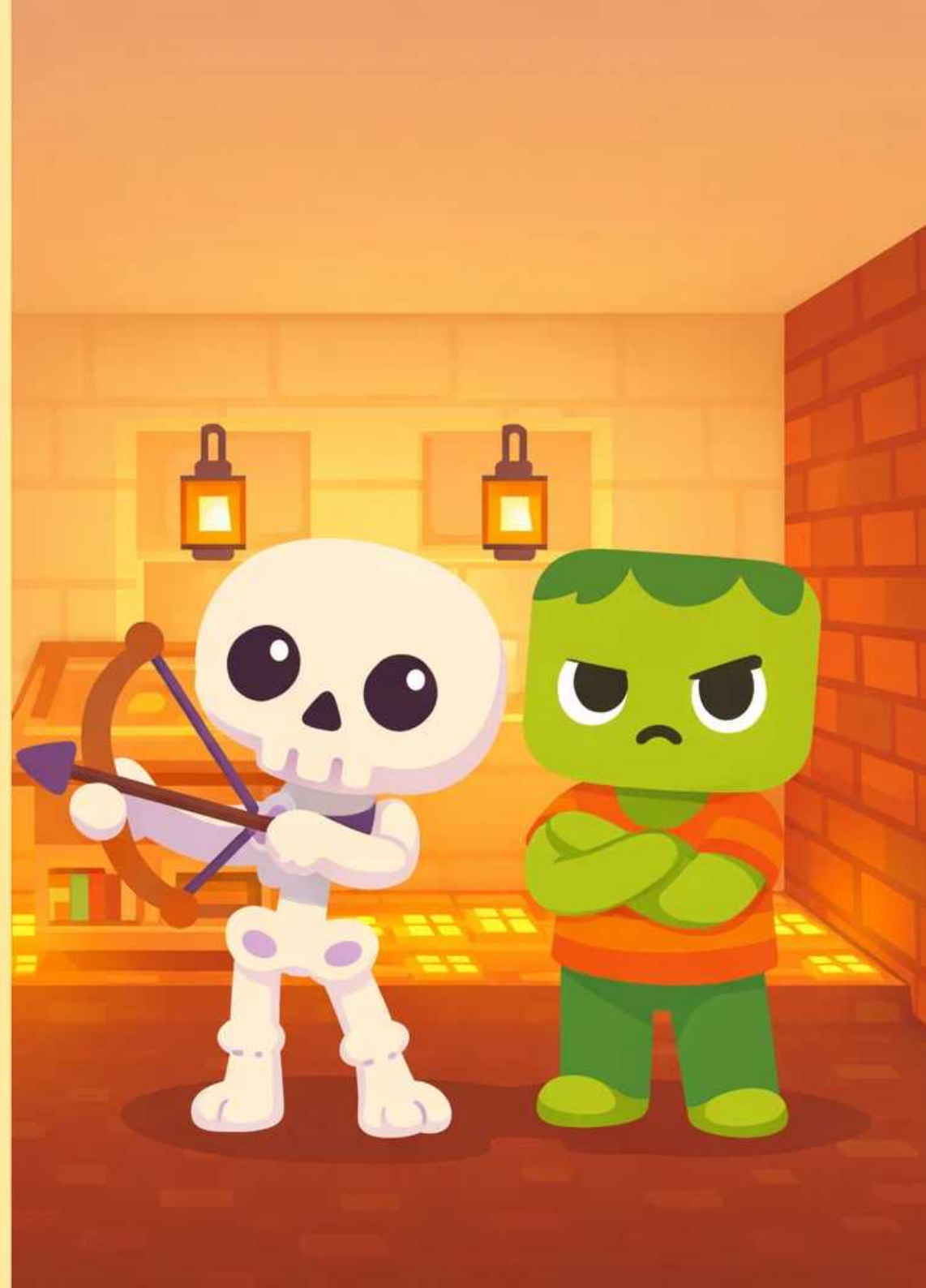


Muck Is All Good?



Skel has a brick house. He mops it and dusts it at sun-up. 'A brick house must not get muck in it,' said Skel. Zom sulks. 'Muck is all good,' said Zom.





Skel hands Jack a mop.

Jack lets it drop. Clack!

Skel hands Jack a cloth.

Jack lets that drop as
well.

Jack shrugs and grins.

'Mops are not for me,'
said Jack.

Skel looks at the
muck on the planks.
He grips his broom.
He is mad.

'I quit!' said Skel.
'Zom and Jack can
keep the muck. Good
luck!'





Zom and Jack flop in
the yard. Not a mop.
Not a broom. Not a
job to do.

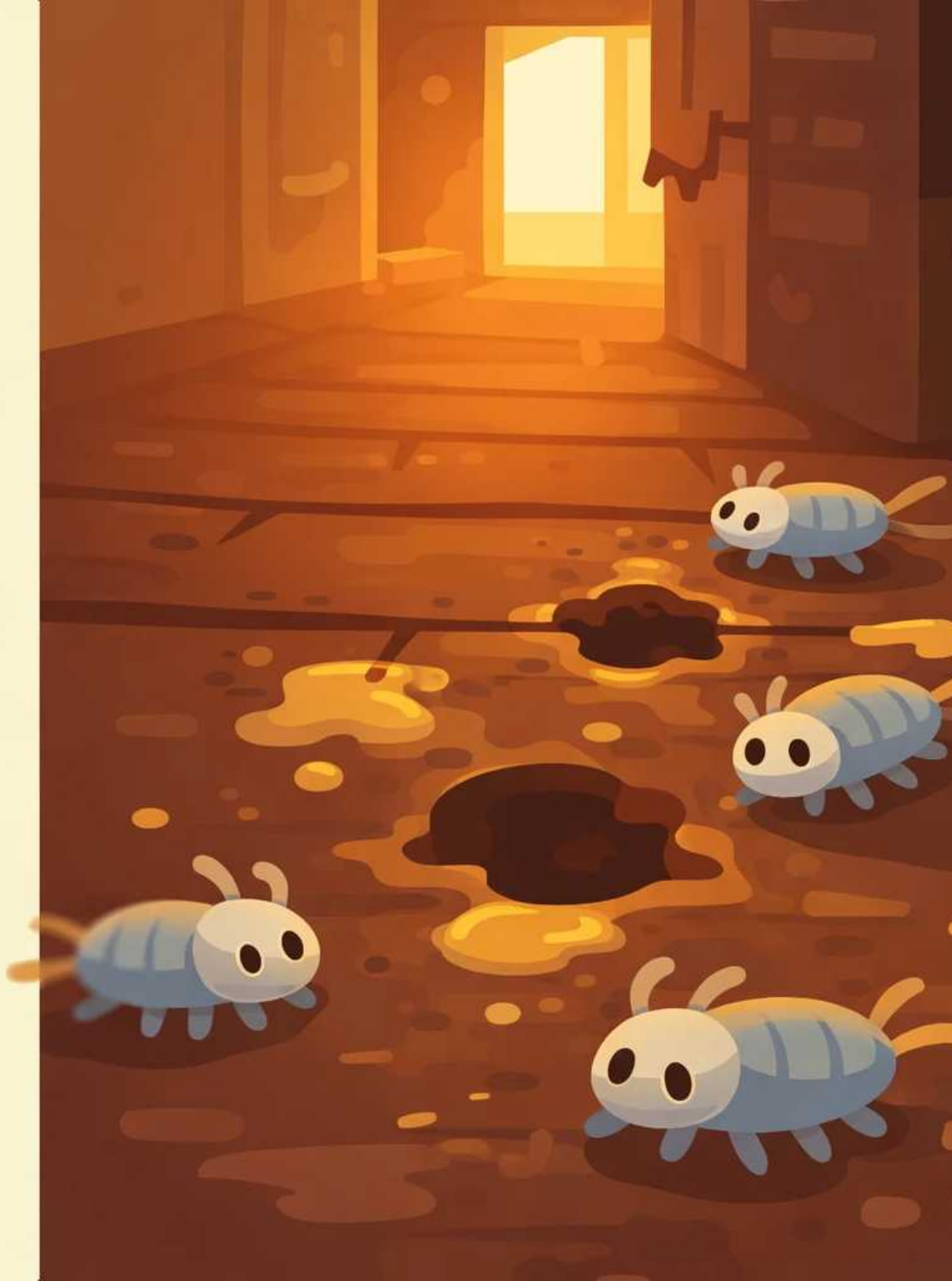
Both kick back in the
sun and grin.

'This is the best,'
said Zom.

Soon thick muck sticks to Zom's feet. The house has a bad stink. Zom looks at the muck and grins. 'It is all good!' said Zom.



It is not all good.
Wee pests run
out from a crack.
Lots and lots!
Tap, tap, tap on
the planks in the
dark.



Zom needs a snack.
He grabs at his pie
on the counter. But
pests hum and zip
on it. 'Get back!' said Zom. 'That pie is for me!'





Jack picks up his
cloths at last. Pests
rush out from a crack
in the planks!

Jack gets a big shock.
He steps back and
back.

'Not me! Not me!' said
Jack.

The pets hunt the
pests. But the pests
flock on the planks. A
big pink pest sits
there as if it is king.
Zom looks at Jack.
'We need Skel,' said
Zom.





Skel is back, with a
big grin. 'Muck is all
good, is it?' said
Skel. 'Come on. We
all help. Not a
slacker in this house!'
Zom grabs a mop.
Jack grips a cloth.
Not a thing drops.



Muck Is All Good?

Skel keeps his brick house spotless, but Zom and Jack think dirt is just fine. When Skel finally quits cleaning and walks out the door, the two of them flop in the sun with no chores at all. What could possibly go wrong with a house nobody mops? Written for Jolly Phonics classrooms (Step 2, Unit 3: ck as in duck), this book practices words like 'muck', 'brick', 'crack', 'kick', 'snack'.

Phonics Focus: <ck>

and, as, at, back, bad, best, big, brick, can, clack, cloth, cloths, crack, drop, dusts, flock, flop, get, grabs, grin, grins, grips, hands, has, help, his, hum, hunt, if, in, it, job, kick, king, lets, lots, luck, mad, mop, mops, muck, must, not, on, pest, pests, pets, picks, pink, planks, quit, run, rush, shock, shrugs, sits, slacker, snack, steps, sticks, stink, sulks, sun, tap, that, thick, thing, up, well, with, zip

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