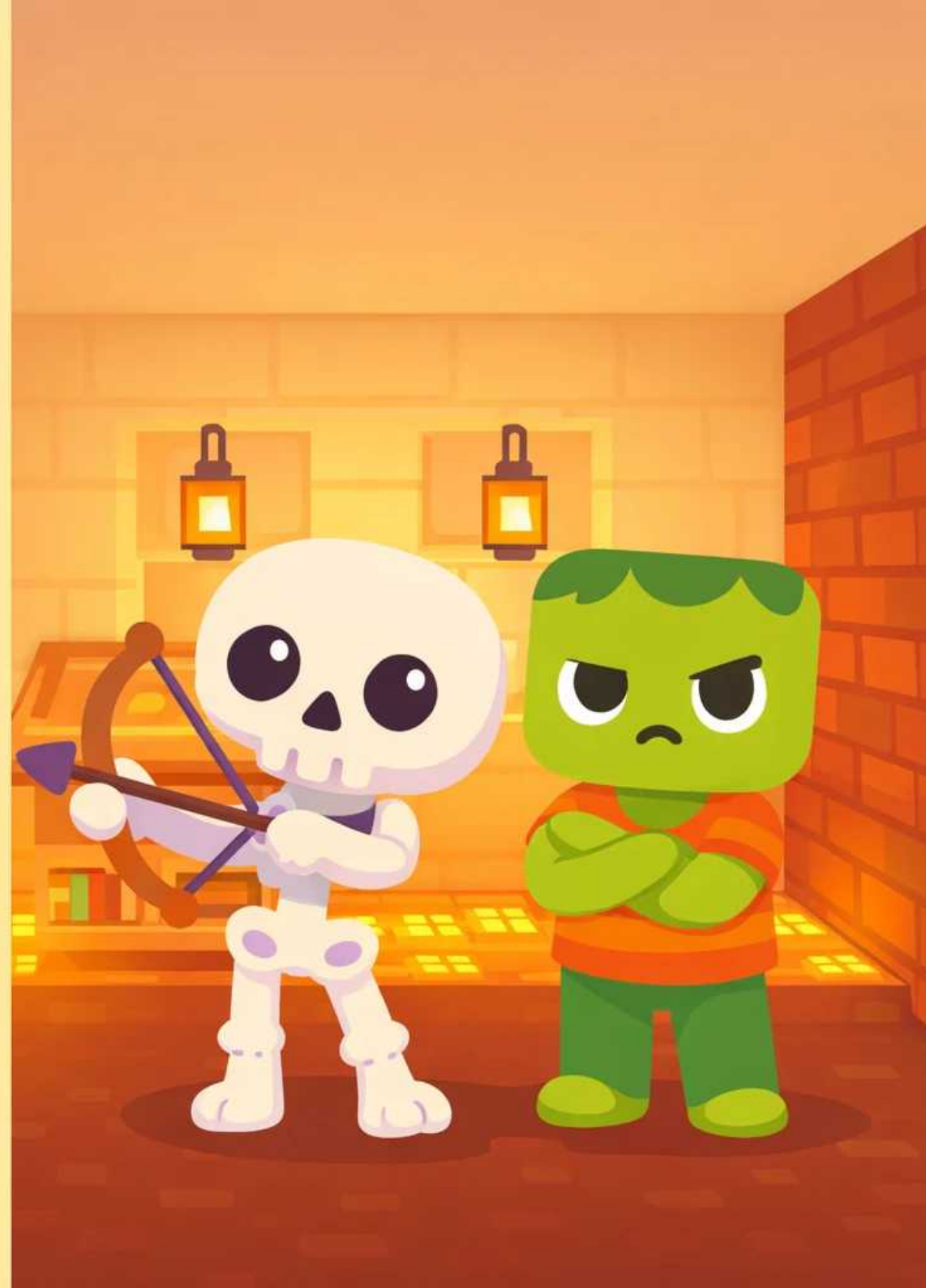


Bugs Inside!



Skel likes his
brick house. He
likes it to shine.

'I like it fine,' says
Skel. 'Muck is
fine,' says Zom.





Skel hands Jack a
mop. Jack lets it
drop.

'I dislike mops,'
says Jack with a
big grin.

Skel grips his
brush. 'This
grime is vile!' he
yells.

'I quit! Fix the
mess if you like!'





Zom and Jack
flop on the grass
in the sunshine.
No mops. No jobs.
'This is the life!'
says Jack with a
smile.

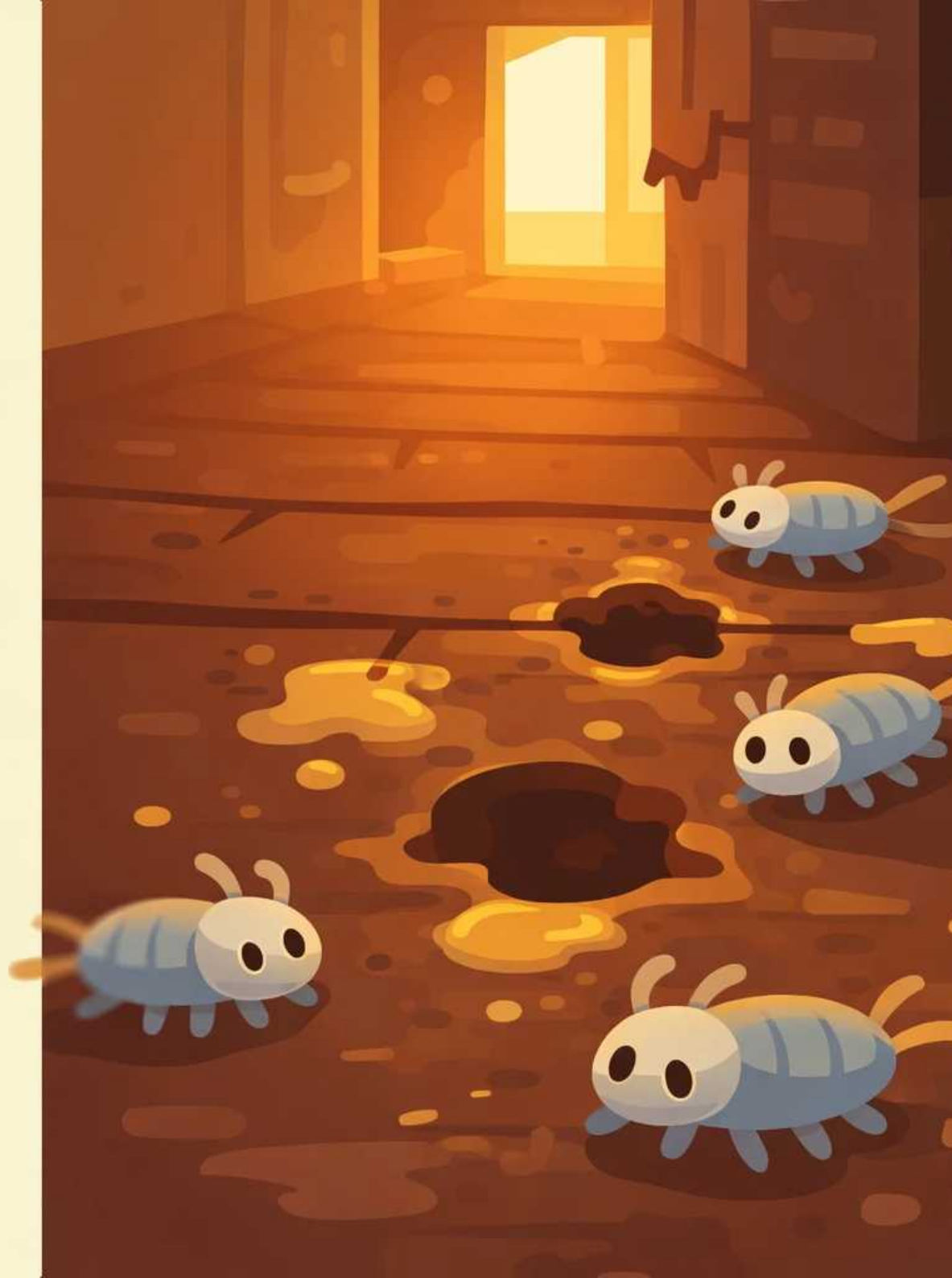
The muck gets thick.
Slime and grime pile
up by the house.

Zom stands in the
muck and grins. 'Still
fine!' he says.



Then the bugs
come. Bugs hide
in the grime.

Lots of bugs
glide and slide
in the muck.



Zom grabs for his
snack. Bugs buzz
and dive at it.

'That is my
snack!' Zom yells.
'Mine!'





Jack lifts a cloth.
Bugs rush from
a wide crack!
'No, no, no!' Jack
yells, and he
steps back fast.

The pets strike at
the bugs. But the
bugs still win.

A big pink pest sits
there, quite glad.

'We must get Skel,'
says Zom.





Skel is back, and he has a big **smile**. 'So, muck is **fine**?' he asks.

'This **time** we all fix the mess,' says Skel.

Zom grabs a mop, and Jack grabs a cloth.



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Muck Is Fine!

Skel loves his tidy brick house, but Zom and Jack think muck is fine. When Skel finally quits cleaning and storms out, the pair flop on the grass in the sunshine, ready to enjoy a chore-free life. But as the mess grows thicker every day, what will they find hiding in the grime? Created to align with the UFLI Foundations scope and sequence (Lesson 55: i_e /ī/), this book practices words like 'slime', 'hide', 'glide', 'dive', 'smile'.

Phonics Focus: i_e /ī/

dislike, dive, fine, glide, grime, gripe, hide, life, like, likes, mine, pile, quite, shine, site, slide, slime, smile, strike, sunshine, time, vile, wide

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