

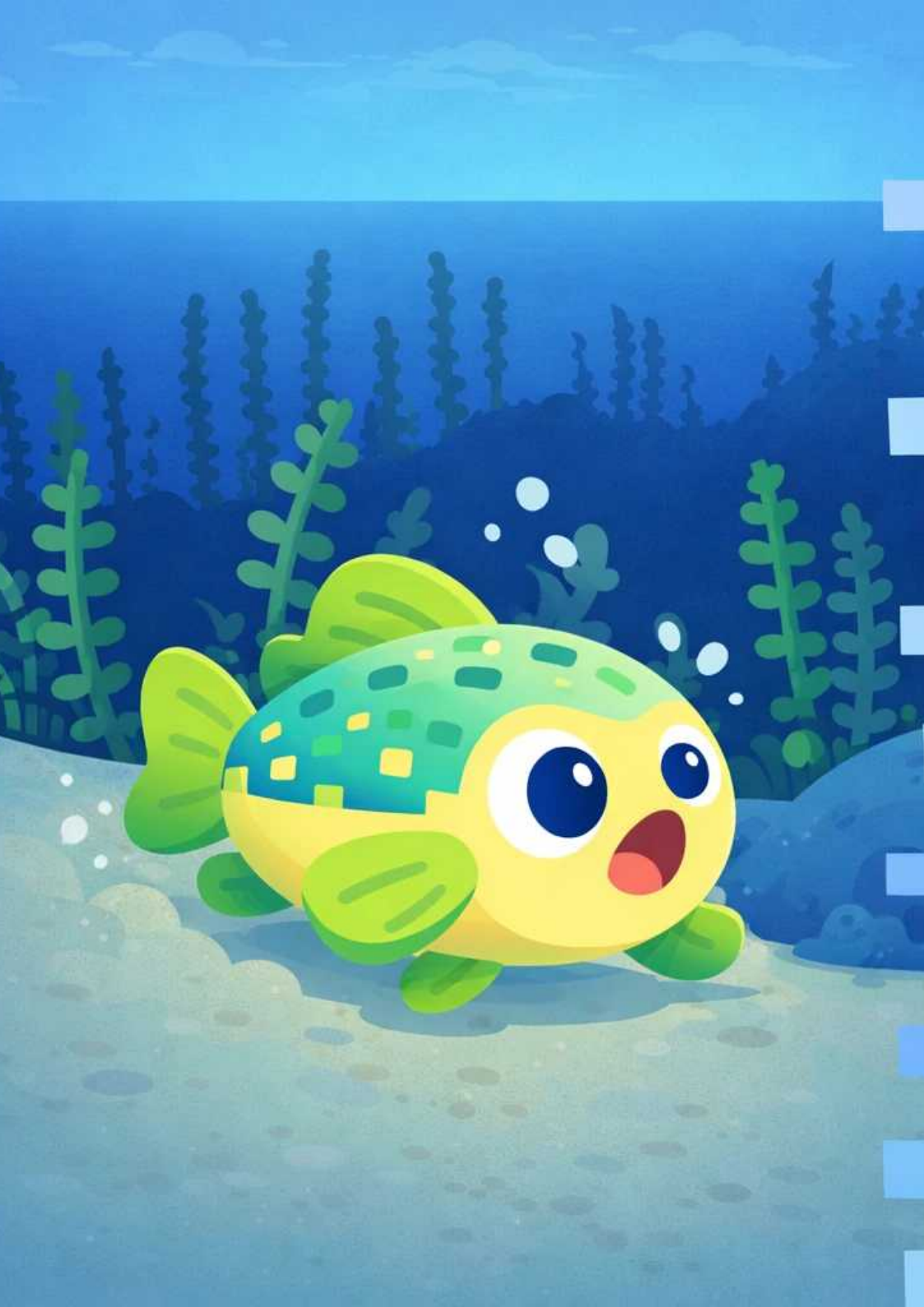
No Man Can Get This Cod



Here is Cod. Cod is
a **cute** fish with
green fins.

Cod swims in the
deep blue sea. Cod
is quick, so quick that
no man can get him.

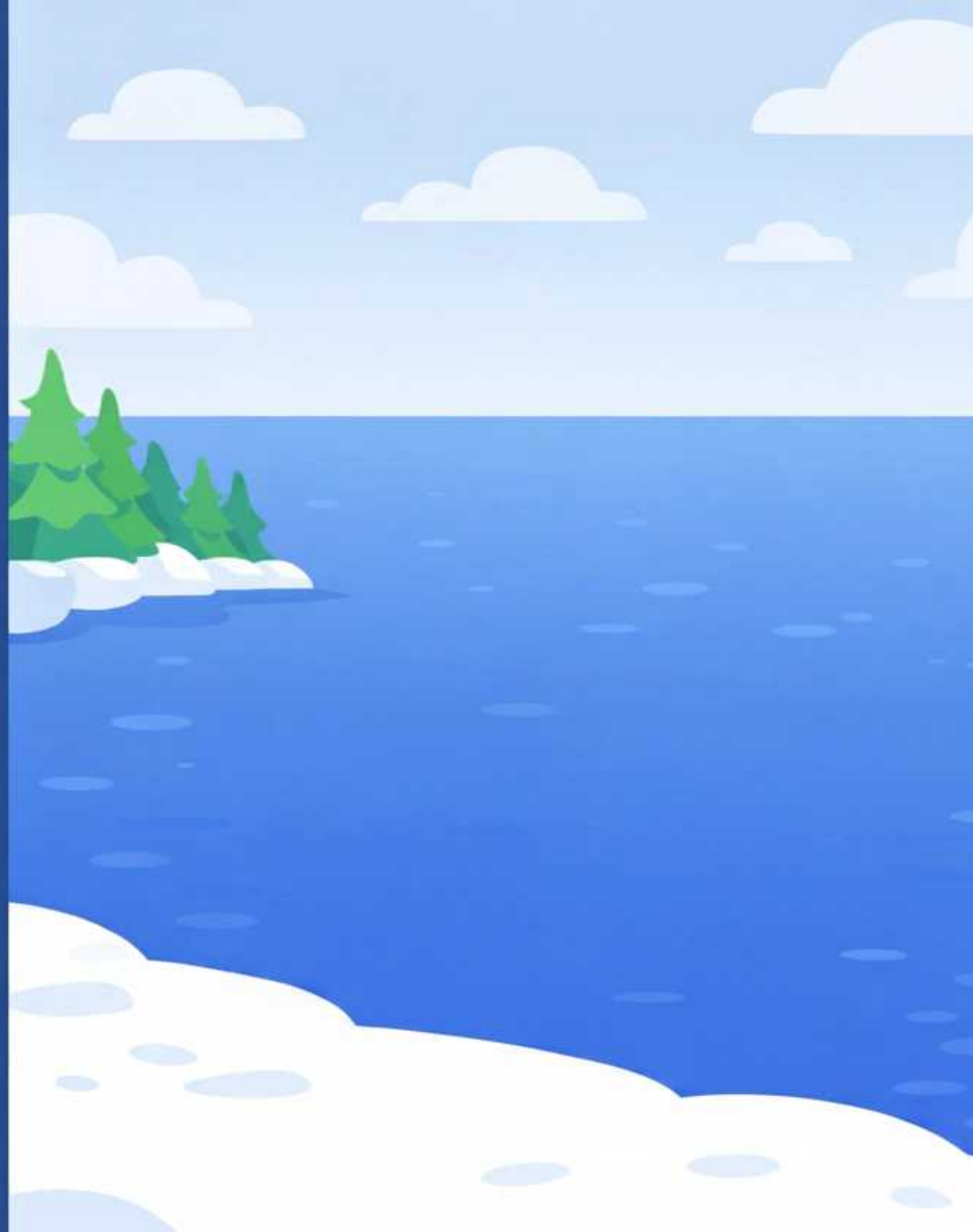




If a man gets
close, Cod flicks
his fins and darts
into the kelp. It is
a fine ruse. Cod
grins. 'No man
can get me!'

The sea is wide
and empty. No
boats. No nets. No
rods.

All the men **assume**
no one can get
Cod. But one **dude**
will not quit.



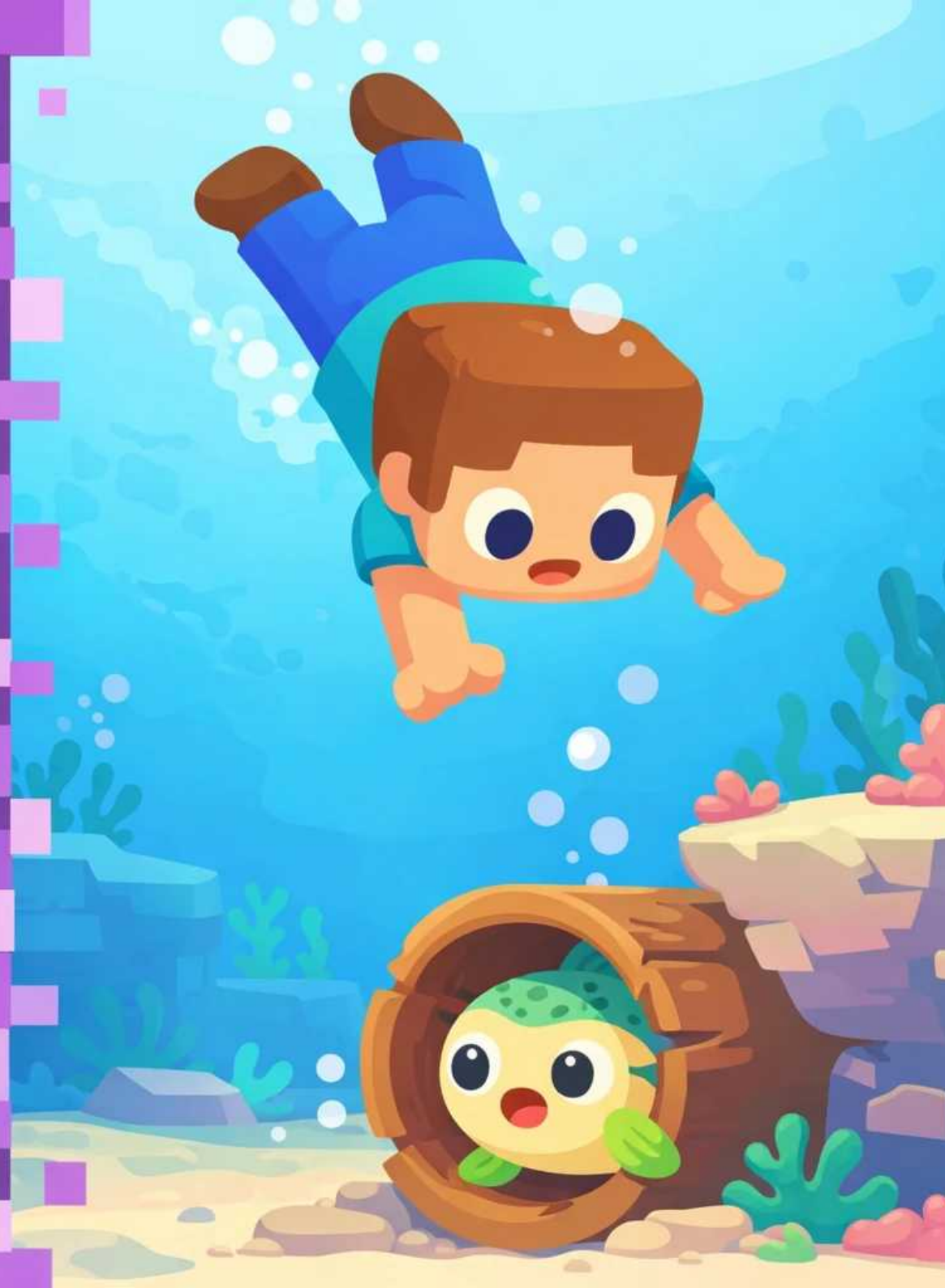


Steve stands on the coast. 'I will get that cod,' he yells. 'I will cook him and **consume** him!'

Steve has no rod, no net and no boat. But Steve is an **extreme** dude.

Splash! Steve dives
deep into the blue
sea.

Cod darts into a log
to hide. 'This **dude** is
no **athlete**,' thinks
Cod. 'He will not get
me.'





Steve peeks in the
log. It is empty. Cod
is not there. Steve
looks left. He looks
up. He looks deep.
The dark sea and
the kelp confuse him.

A flash of green in
the kelp! Steve
kicks close. He is
mute. He grabs at
Cod. Swish! Cod
slips past his
fingers and shoots
off.



Steve chases Cod to a
dune of sand. Cod is not
there. The sea has
darkened.

'Come back!' yells Steve.
But fish do not come back.



Steve drags himself
out. He is wet and
sad.

'Cod **dupes** me all
the time,' he pants.
Then he sees a
thing in the sand at
his feet.





It is a pail! Steve picks it up and grins a big grin. 'Cod is quick, and Cod is hard to spot,' he tells the sea. 'But this time I will dupe him. I will use this pail.'

Steve sits in the sea with his pail. He is still and **mute**. He waits and waits. The cods swim up, one by one. They **assume** Steve is just an odd lump. 'This time I will win,' thinks Steve.





Scoop! Steve jumps up with the pail. Cod flips and flops inside it!

'I did it!' yells Steve. 'I got Cod with a pail!'

Cod looks up at Steve. Steve grins. 'Cod, shall we call it a truce?'



LONG VOWELS

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Deep in the cold sea lives a cute fish with green fins, so quick that no man can get him. Every time a boat comes close, he flicks his fins and darts into the kelp, grinning to himself. All the fishermen have given up trying, except one dude who refuses to quit. Can he outsmart the cleverest cod in the sea? Written for Jolly Phonics classrooms (Step 2, Unit 6: long vowels), this book practices words like 'cute', 'dude', 'ruse', 'assume' and 'truce'.

Phonics Focus: <long> <vowels>

assume, athlete, confuse, consume, cute, darkened, dude, dune, dupe, dupes, extreme, mute, ruse, truce, use

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