

Rose Is Like a Cork



Rose is far from
home. The flock
grazes up on the hill.
But Rose stops. She
looks so sad. The
gate to the
farmyard is small,
and Rose is big.





Rose is stuck in the gate. The flock pushes hard, but Rose can not get in.

'Stop, stop!' yells Rose. 'This gate is too small for me!'

A friend trots up
and stands on two
legs. 'Stretch with
me, Rose,' she
says. 'I stretch all
the time, and I can
dart in that gate. It
is a snap!'





Rose bends on the mat. She stretches and stretches. It is so hard for Rose.



'That is a fine start, Rose,' says the friend.

The sun is hot and harsh. Rose bends more and more on the mat.

It is hard, but Rose does not stop. She wants to get home so much.

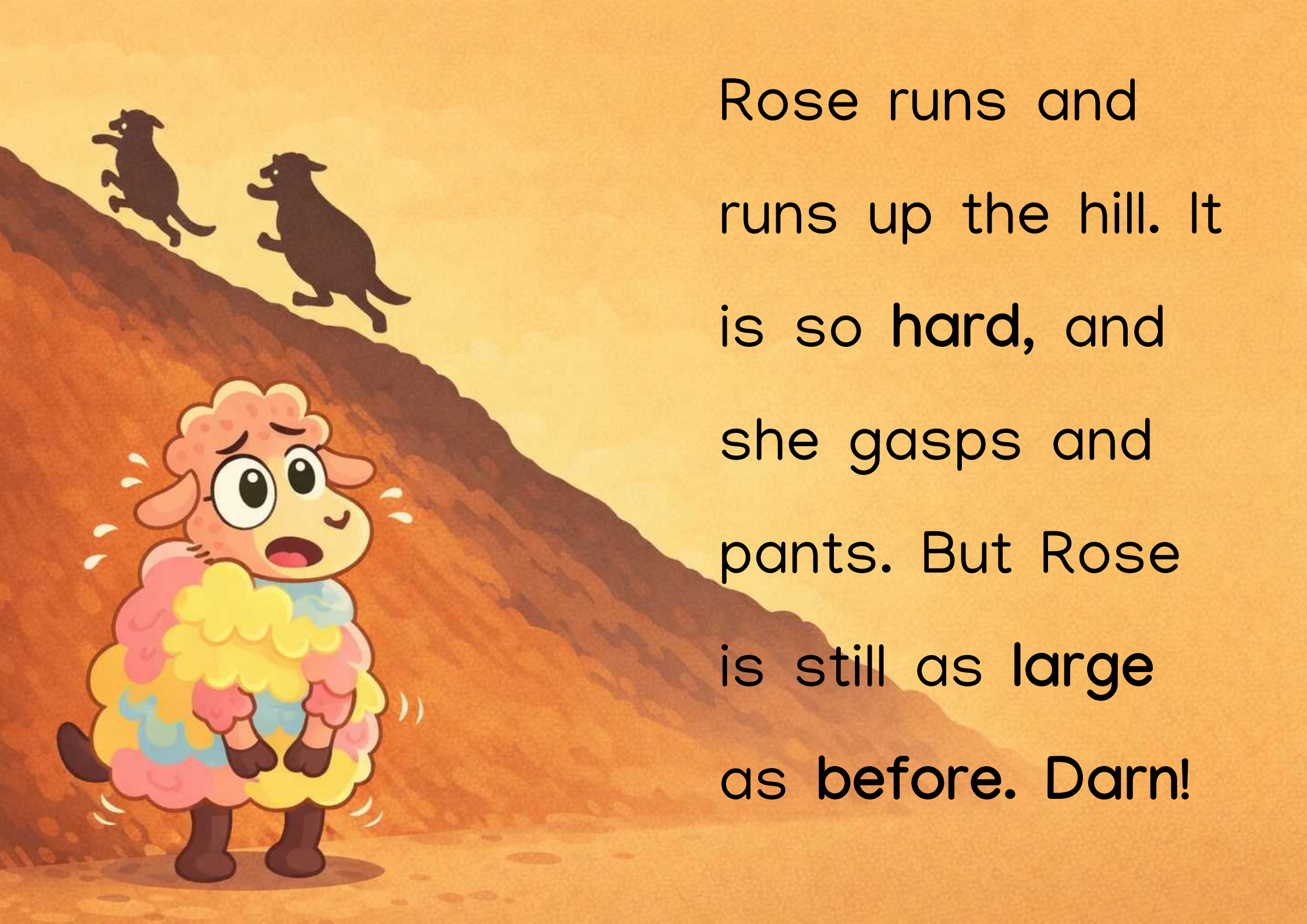


Rose stretches for a long, long time, but she is still big. She is sore, and she huffs a sad huff.



'Stretching can not
help, Rose,' calls a
slim friend on the
slope. 'Run with me!
I run all the time.'
Rose looks up. The
hilltop is so far up.
She huffs a big huff.





Rose runs and
runs up the hill. It
is so hard, and
she gasps and
pants. But Rose
is still as large
as before. Darn!

Rose stops at the
pond for a sip. A
friend swims past
with a big grin.
'Swim with me,
Rose!' she calls.
'Swim all the time,
and shrink for sure!'





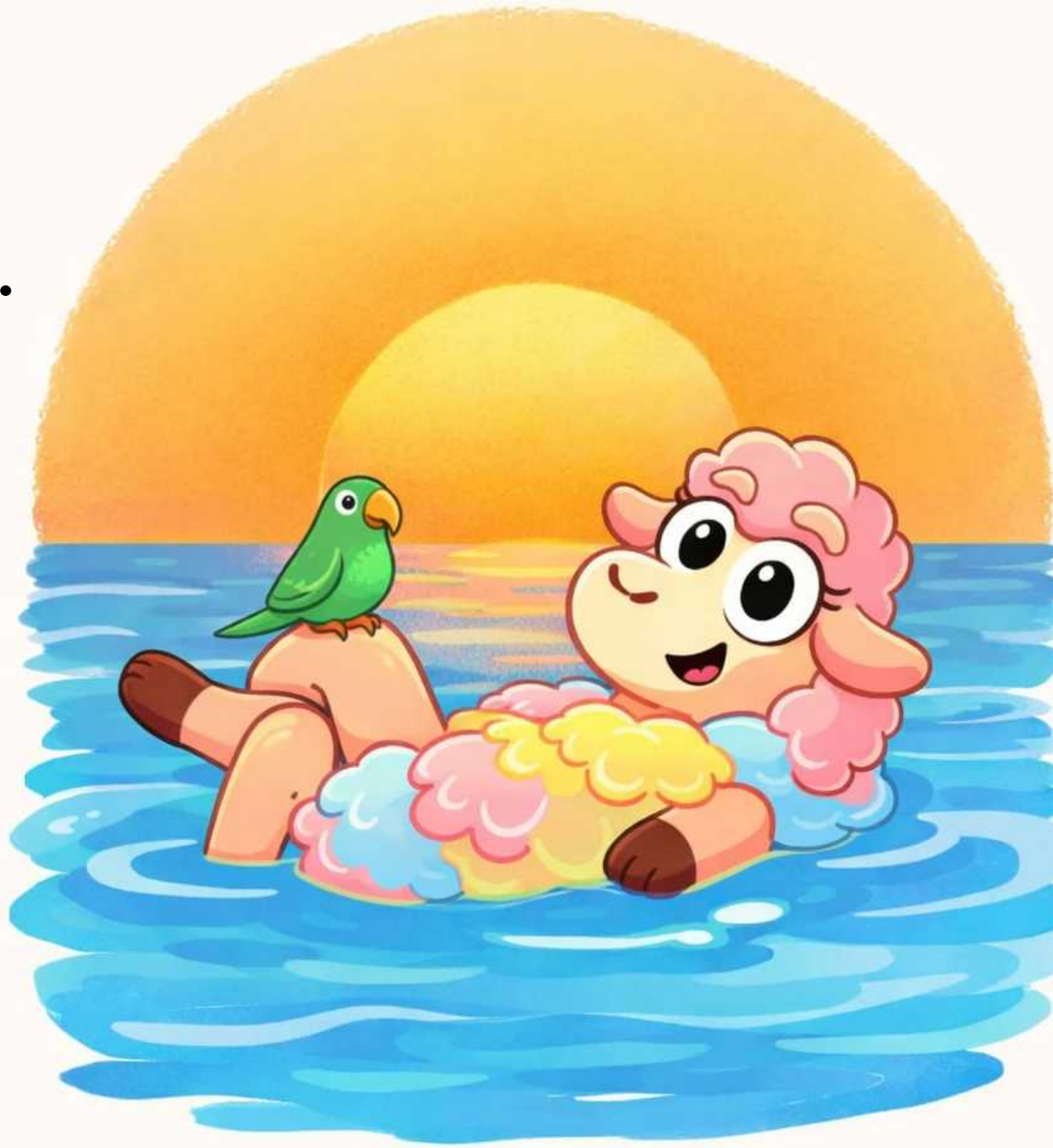
Rose darts
into the pond.
Splash!

She kicks and
swims as hard
as she can.

Rose swims from
morning to sunset.

A small pal sits
on Rose. It is fun,
but Rose is not
one bit smaller.

Darn, darn, darn!





Rose looks far up
the hill at the
gate. Then she
grins a big grin.

'I do not need to
shrink,' she says. 'I
have a smart plan!'

Rose packs a
big red bag with
a kit: a blade, a
rope, and more.
She has a hard
job to do.





The job is done.

Rose rests on the
soft dry grass
with the flock.

She is home at
last. She snores
a happy snore.

In the morning the flock darts up to Rose. 'Rose is in!' they yell. 'What did you do?' Rose just sits there and grins.





'I did not shrink,'
says Rose. 'I made
the gate large!'

There it is, a big
strong gate with
fresh planks. It fits
the flock, and it fits
Rose.



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Rose is far from home, and the gate to the farmyard is just too small for her. A friend has a plan: stretch, run, swim - anything to shrink down and squeeze through. Will any of it actually work? Created to align with the UFLI Foundations scope and sequence (Lesson 79: ar /ar/ & or, ore /or/ Review), this book practices words like 'hard', 'far', 'more', 'sore', and 'smart'.

Phonics Focus: ar & or, ore Review

before, darn, dart, far, farmyard, for, hard, harsh, large, more, morning, smart, snore, sore, start

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