

Shock at the Black Rock



'Look!' said Fig Pig.

'A big black

Enderman! It is in
the rock den. Look
at its eyes!'

Player steps back.

But Fig Pig steps
up.

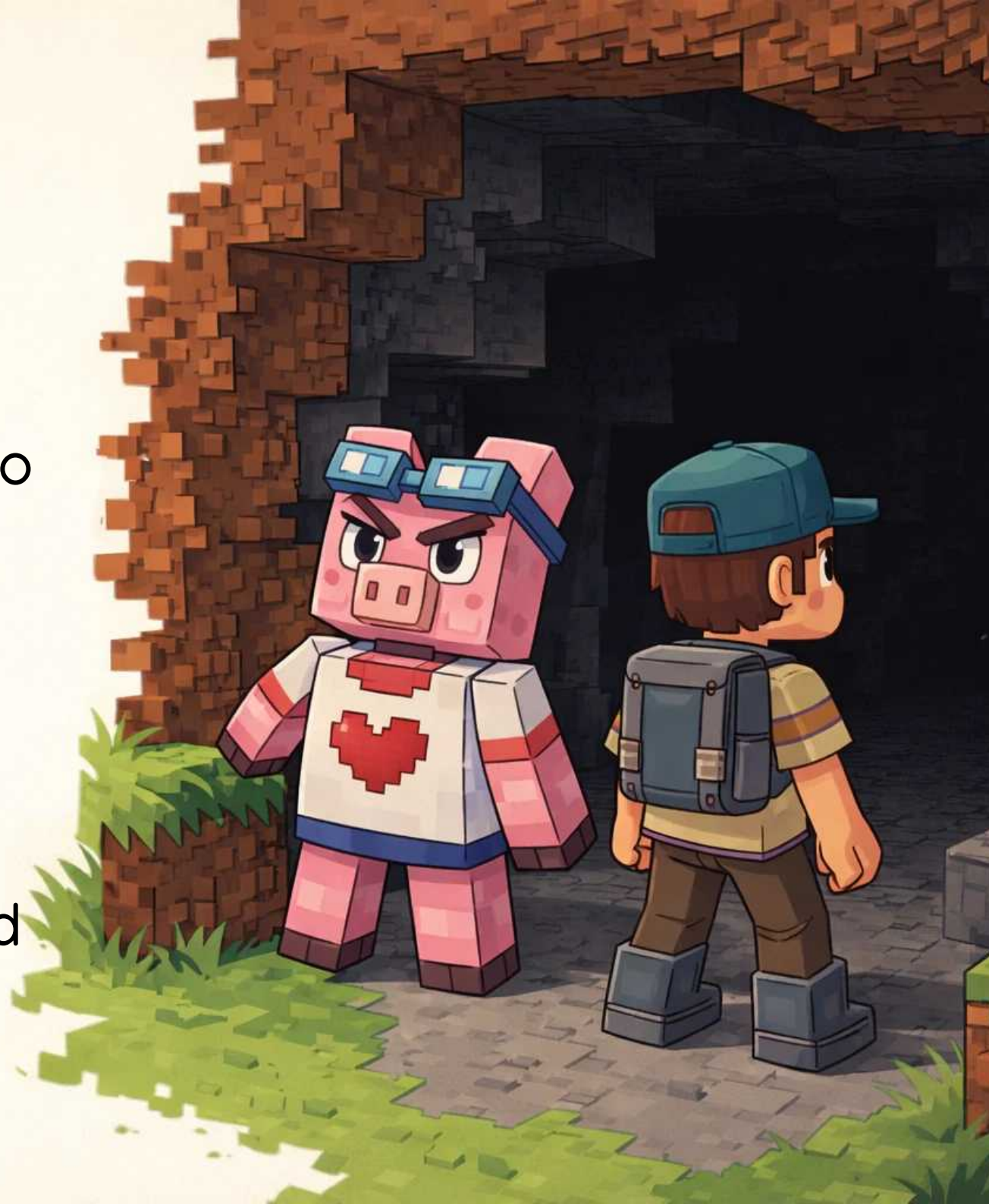




It is dark. Fig Pig
spots the Enderman
at the back of the hut.
A blue jet zips up. The
Enderman's eyes glint
in the dark.

'It is very mad,' said
Fig Pig. 'But I can not
look away.'

'The Enderman picks up blocks,' said Fig Pig. 'But I do not get it.' Fig Pig marches to the rock den. 'Come, Player. In we march. We can check.' 'We?' said Player. 'We!' said Fig Pig.





The Enderman is big. It is very, very big.

'Do not look at its eyes,' said Player, and he creeps back.

Fig Pig looks at the rocks. 'Big Enderman, do not panic,' he said. 'Chat with me.'

The Enderman did not chat. It did not blink.

It picks up a block. It tucks the block under its long arm. Zap! It is gone.

'Come back!' shouts Fig
Fig. 'Come back with that block!'





Fig Pig stands still and thinks. The Enderman grips its block as a kid grips a gift. 'Ah,' said Fig Pig. 'The Enderman is not bad. It has a wish. A wish to stack blocks, just as we do.'

A big black thing
swoops in on big
wings. Crash! Smash! It
smashes all the
blocks. All the blocks
are lost. The Enderman
is stuck with nothing. It
screams and screams,
and it can not stop.

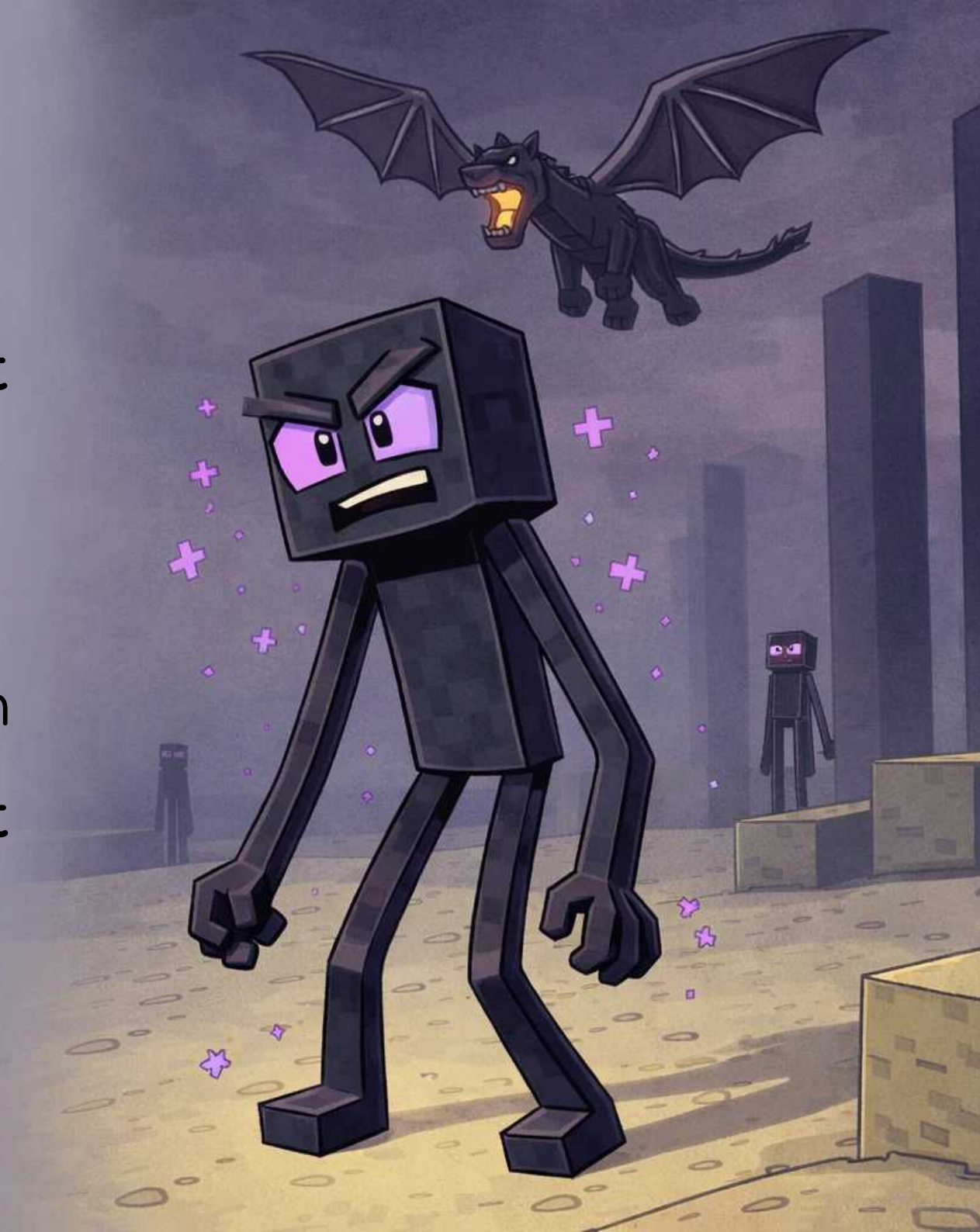




Fig Pig stands at the wood rail. The Enderman stands out on the path. Sparks flick and flicker on its back.

'It is sad, not mad,' said Fig Pig. 'It just needs a pal. It needs us.'



Shock at the Black Rock

A big black Enderman is hiding in the rock den, and it does not look happy at all. Fig Pig will not look away, no matter how much a player begs him to. When the Enderman picks up a block and vanishes into the dark, what could it possibly want with it? Written for Jolly Phonics classrooms (Step 2, Unit 3: ck as in duck), this book practices words like 'block', 'rock', 'stack', 'check' and 'picks'.

Phonics Focus: <ck>

and, at, back, big, black, blink, block, blocks, can, chat, check, den, did, flick, gift, glint, grips, hut, in, it, its, jet, kid, mad, not, pal, panic, picks, rock, rocks, sad, smashes, spots, stack, stands, steps, still, stop, stuck, tucks, up, us, wish, zips

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