

Skel Woke to Llamas



Boom! Boom!
Boom! Skel
wakes up in bed.
It is past
bedtime, and a
loud song thumps
in the dark room.





Skel comes out to
the farm. Llamas
stomp and jig on
the grass.

'Go home!' yells Skel.

The llamas do not
stop.



Skel points far
off. 'Go!' he yells.

'This is not a
game!'

The llamas gaze
at Skel. They do
not go.





At sunup, a big
llama mob **comes**
up the path. Big
llamas, pink llamas,
tiny llamas!

They come and
come and come.

Zom feeds the pigs
at the pen.

'The llamas are bad,
Zom!' yells Skel.

'The llamas are
safe,' Zom tells Skel.
'Ask me after lunch.'





The llamas munch
and graze on the
crops.

Skel gasps.

'Stop!' he yells.

'Do not munch
the crops!'

'I got a plan,' calls
Zom. He grabs some
ropes and loops
them on the llamas.
The llamas trot after
Zom in a long line,
off the farm. 'That is
so clever!' yells Skel.





The farm is still.
The sun shines on
the pond. Skel
gazes at it. 'It is
very still,' Skel tells
a frog. The frog
croaks. Skel nods.

The llamas come
back at sunup. A
big, big mob fills
the grass.

They stomp and
honk. The llamas
crave this farm!





'Stop!' yells Skel. 'I am spooky! Go!'

Spat! The llamas spit at Skel. Sticky green gunk drops on his face.

Skel slips and sits in the goo.

'Skel? Is that Skel?'

asks Zom.

'This is not a joke,'

Skel tells Zom. Zom
grins.

'Come inside, pal,'

Zom tells Skel. 'That
is a bad smell!'





Inside, Zom dabs the gunk off Skel's **bones**. He grabs a jar. The jar **shines**.

'The llamas come back and come back,' Zom tells Skel. 'So we **make** them help us!'

Skel grins. 'Tell me the plan, Zom!'



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Skel is jolted awake by booming music shaking his room, and outside he finds llamas dancing across the farm, refusing to budge no matter how he shoos them. More arrive every sunup, munching crops and filling the yard, until Skel is desperate for a plan. Can he and Zom find a way to make peace with a farm full of llamas? Written for Jolly Phonics classrooms (Step 2, Unit 5: magic e (a_e i_e o_e)), this book practices words like 'wakes', 'gaze', 'safe', 'home', 'joke'.

Phonics Focus: <magic> <e> <(a_e) <i_e> <o_e)>

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