

The Slick Man



Adaeze stands
at the deep,
cool water.

She has wit,
and she can
fix a lot.





A slick man
stands next to
the King, and
the lot grin.

But Adaeze can
see a trick.

At dusk Mama Nnaji meets
Adaeze, and hands Adaeze
a disc. It can **nix** the trick.



Next morning,
Adaeze sets the
disc flat in the
room. The slick
man **exits**, but
he can not see
it.





Adaeze scans
the disc, and
spots twin
tracks in it. No
print, just tracks.
It is the crux!

Adaeze has a plan, and she must
coax the slick man to do a test.



Adaeze tips the
jug, and water
drips on the
hand.

The skin flicks
and glints. It is in
flux!





Adaeze lifts the
disc up, and the
lot see the
tracks.

The man is a
hoax! The mask
slips.

The man is a big snake, as
big as an ox! But Adaeze
just stands.



The big snake
can not trick the
lot, and it must
go.

If it gets back,
Adaeze can nix it!

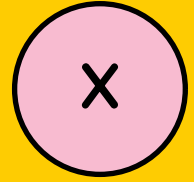




The snake
slips in the
deep water
and flees. The
King sits next
to Adaeze,
and Mama
Nnaji nods.

Adaeze sits at the
water at sunset, and
sets a ring at the **exit**.
She can **fix** a lot!





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Adaeze watches the smooth-talking suitor charm her father and the whole court, but something about him feels wrong. When an old woman by the lake gives her a strange ash disc and tells her to watch the doorway, Adaeze gets an idea to test him in front of everyone. Can she find proof before charm wins the day? Written for Jolly Phonics classrooms (Group 6: x /ks/), this book practices words like 'fix', 'next', 'exit', 'crux', 'hoax'.

Phonics Focus: <x>

coax, crux, exit, exits, fix, flux, hoax, next, nix, ox

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