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Set 5: VV

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- VCE, /ā/, /ī/, /ō/, /yū/, /ū/, /ē/ (x3)
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- VCE Exceptions (_ve, scribal o) (x3)
- Review (x2)

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bite	brake	*by	do
grove	hike	*he	*my
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quite	ripe	what	where
shade	spike	who	

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Chapter 1



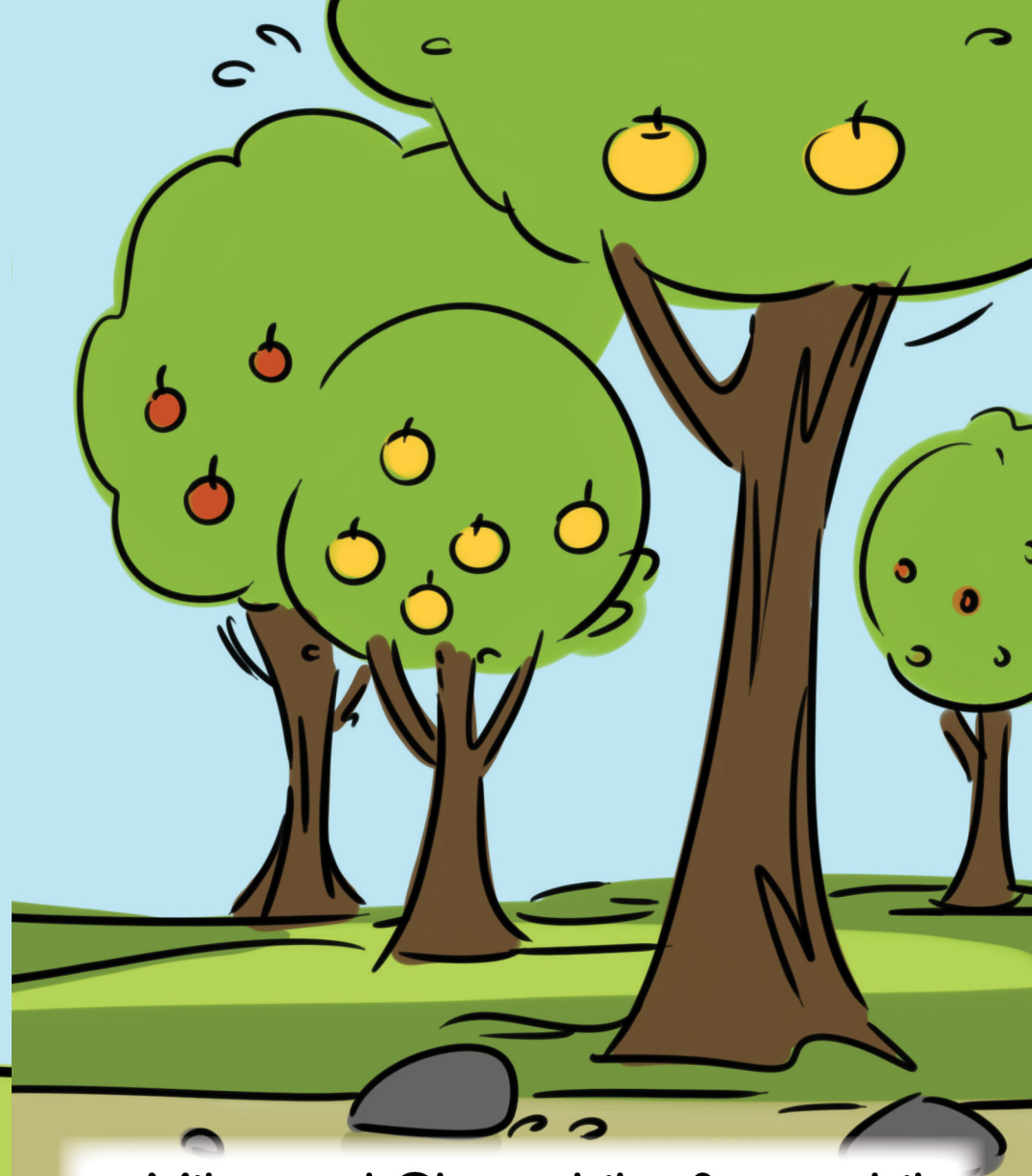
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"Fine! Let us go home. Do not brake. Go!"



"Yes! I am quite glad to go home, Chase."



Mike and Chase hike for a while to get to the grove where the plants are. They get quite a lot of crops!



Mike picks the ripe ones. Yikes!
That one has a pest on it!

Chase gets up. "I am sick of this
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“Quick! Get up!” says Mike. “You sat on a small spike!”



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Mike sits in the shade to take a close look at what he got. The next one he picks has a tick on it!



"DUDE!" gripes Chase. "What was that prick on my leg? That was not fine!"



Once Mike is not sick, they have a snack. This time there are no pests.



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"These are bad," says Mike. As he gets up to walk off, he hits a rock. Will he trip?



They sit in the shade for a while. Mike and Chase have a grape drink.

Mike and Chase sit by a trunk in the shade. They hope this will help Mike.



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Chapter 2

Then Mike gets sick. He hopes he will not puke.



Mike and Chase take a vote to hike on. They hike for one mile.



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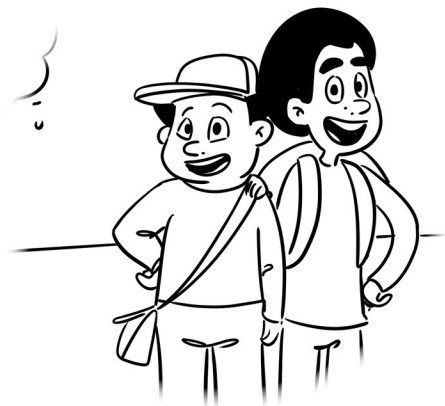
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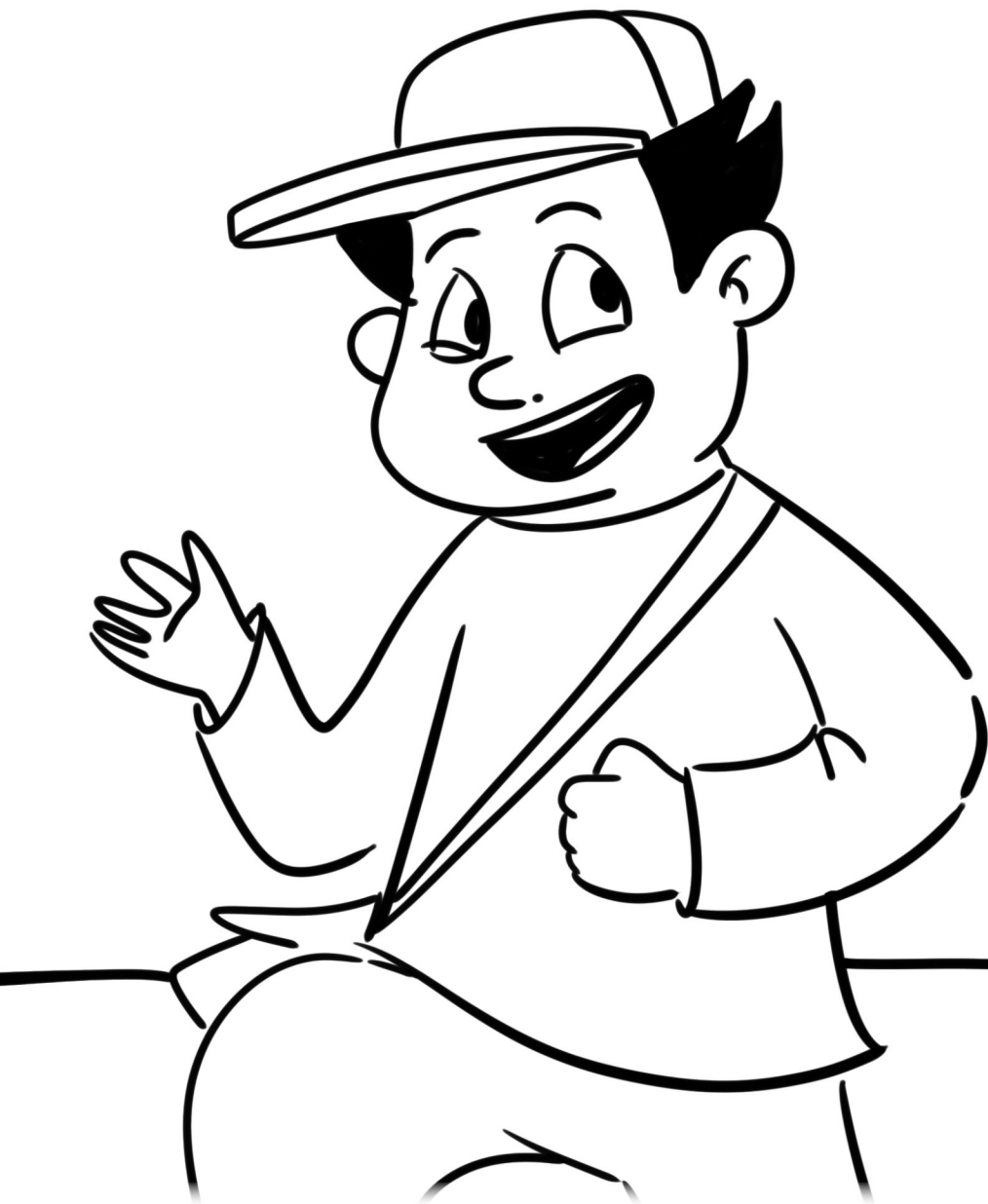
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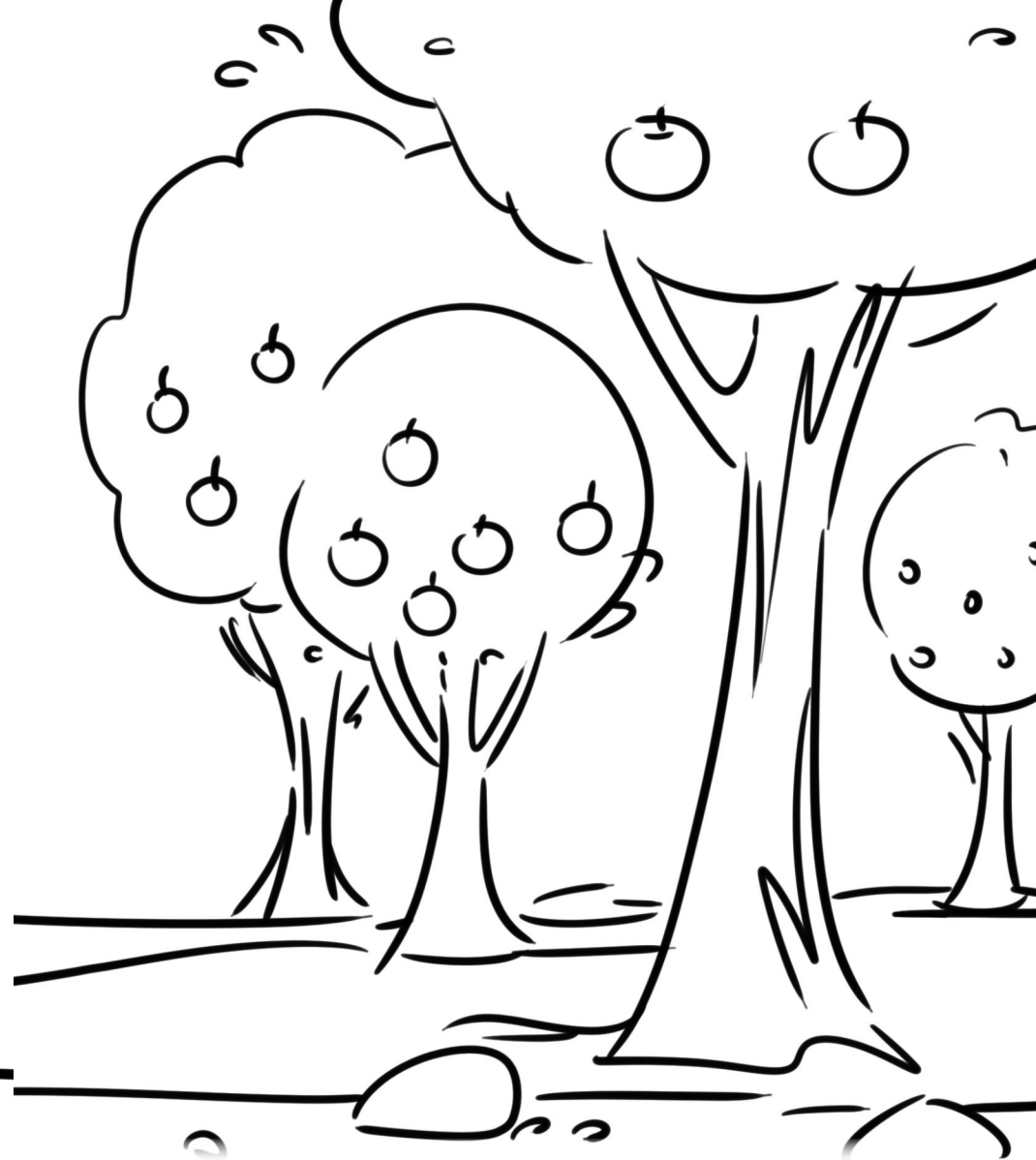
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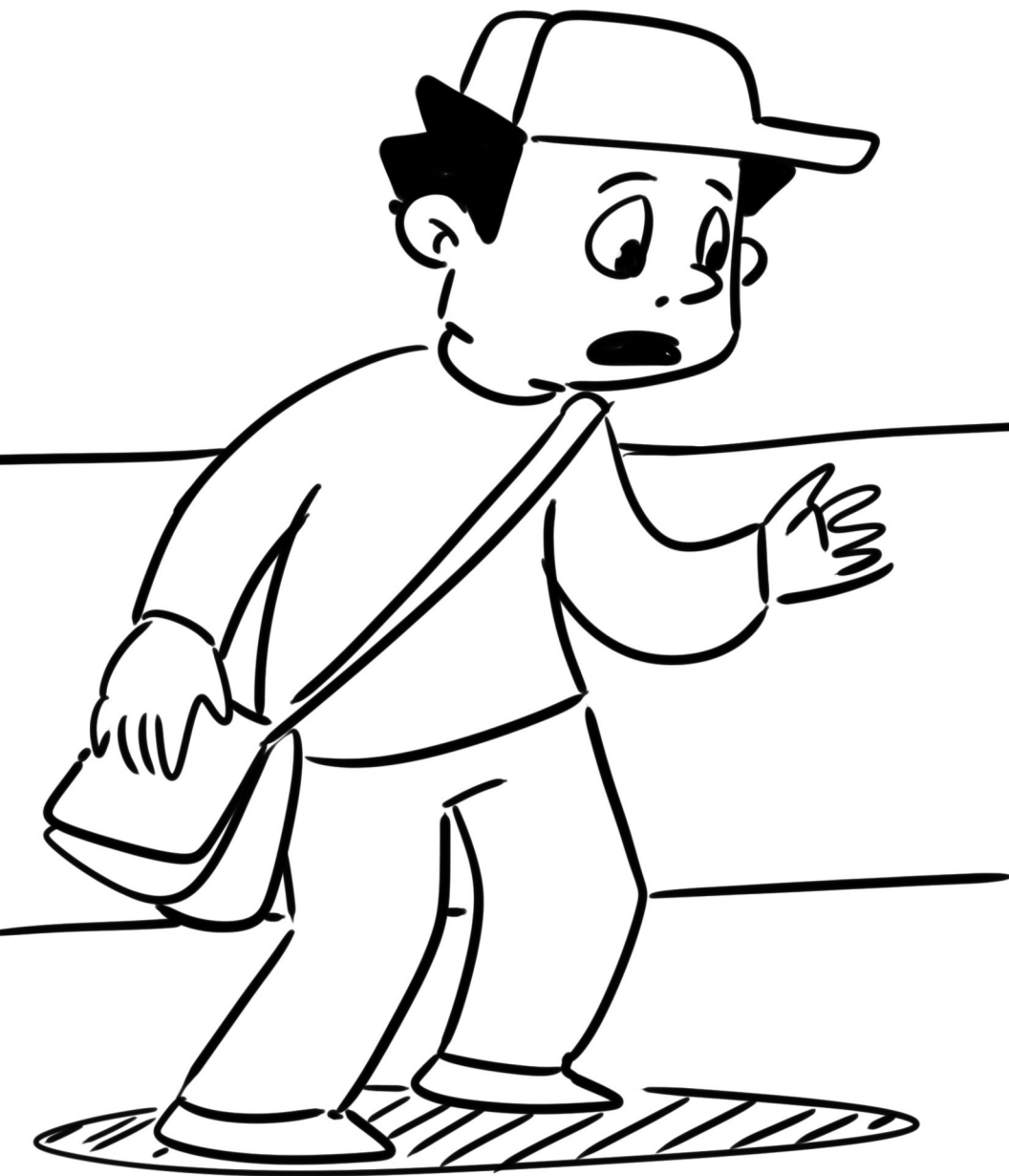


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