

Phase 5

Book **16**

# Foolish Ostrich

(A Bushman legend)



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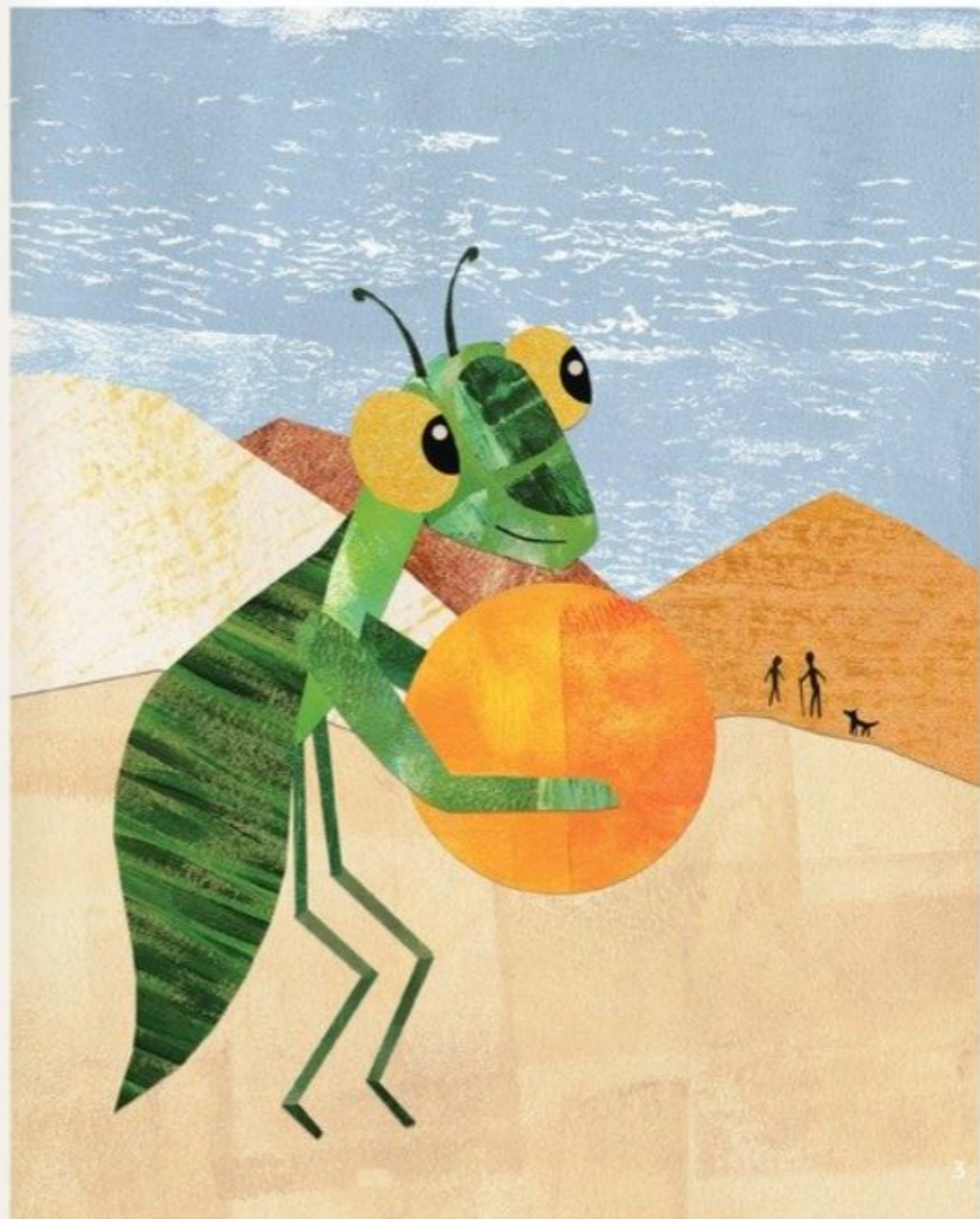


In the beginning, Mantis had fire.

But he kept it for himself.

He did not give it to the living things in the world, because he did not think they were ready for it.

Fire would just hurt them.



But Mantis knew that Ostrich was a clever and stubborn bird.

He knew that if he gave fire to Ostrich, she would keep it safe.

And if someone did take fire from clever Ostrich, then they would be worthy of having fire!



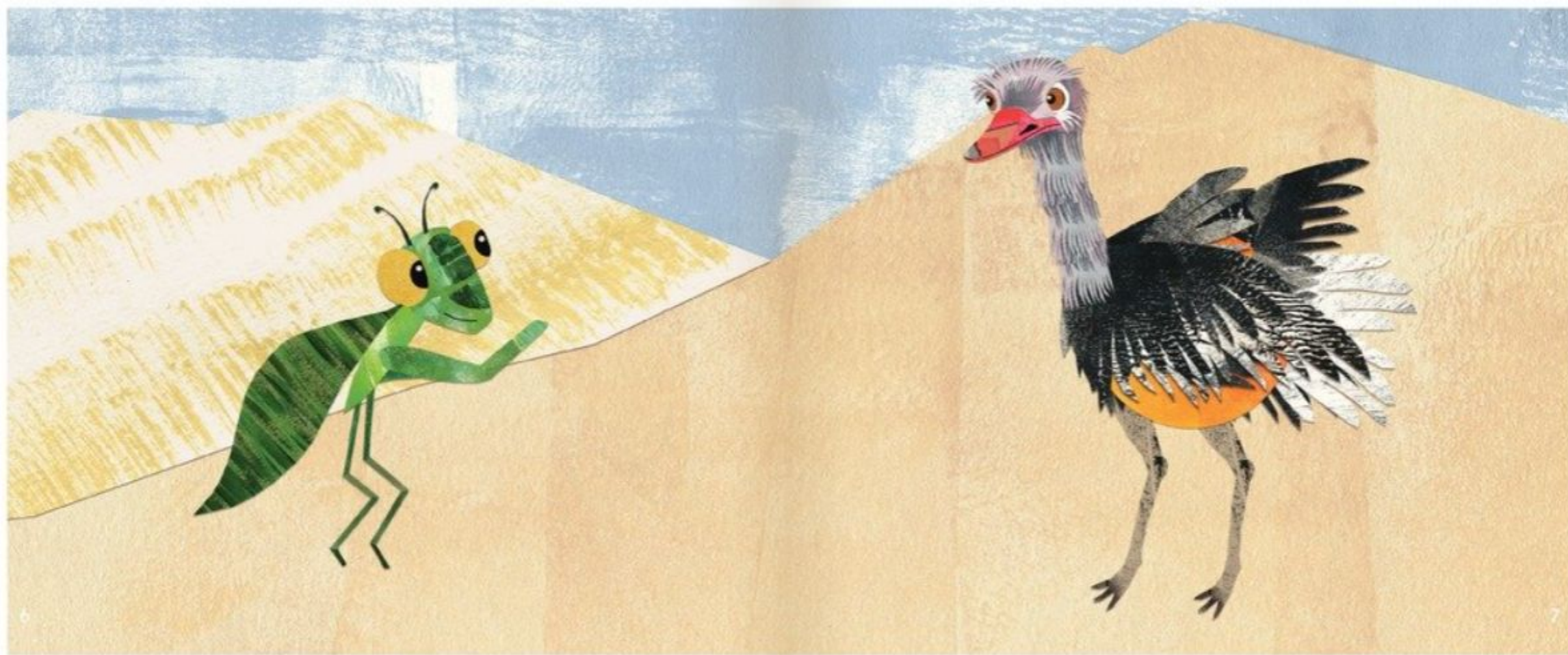
Mantis went down into the valley to visit Ostrich.

Clever Ostrich was happy to help.

She took fire and hid it under one of her wings. She knew it would be safe there.

Mantis told Ostrich to take good care of fire.

Then he left.



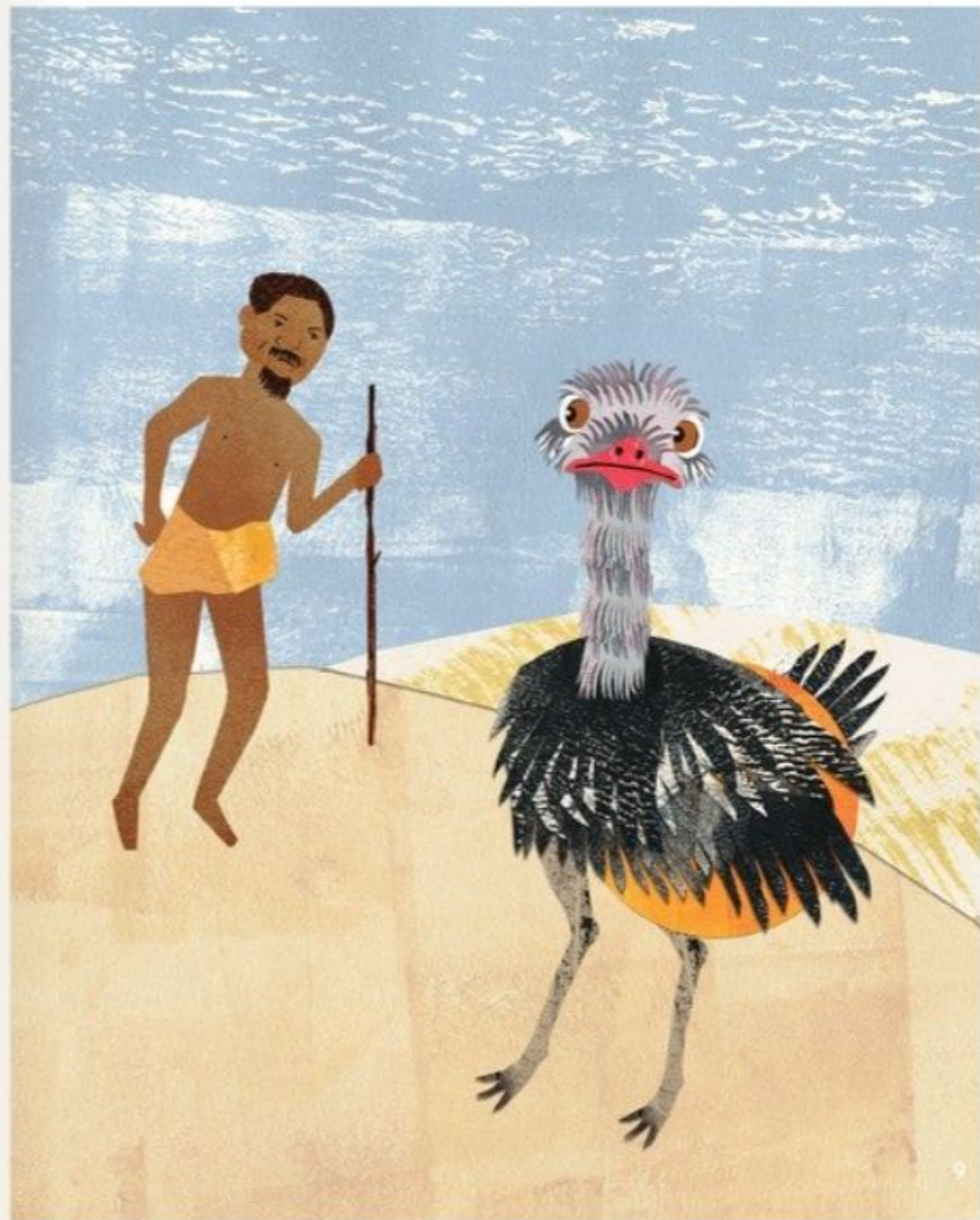
But soon the First Bushman saw the flickering flames.

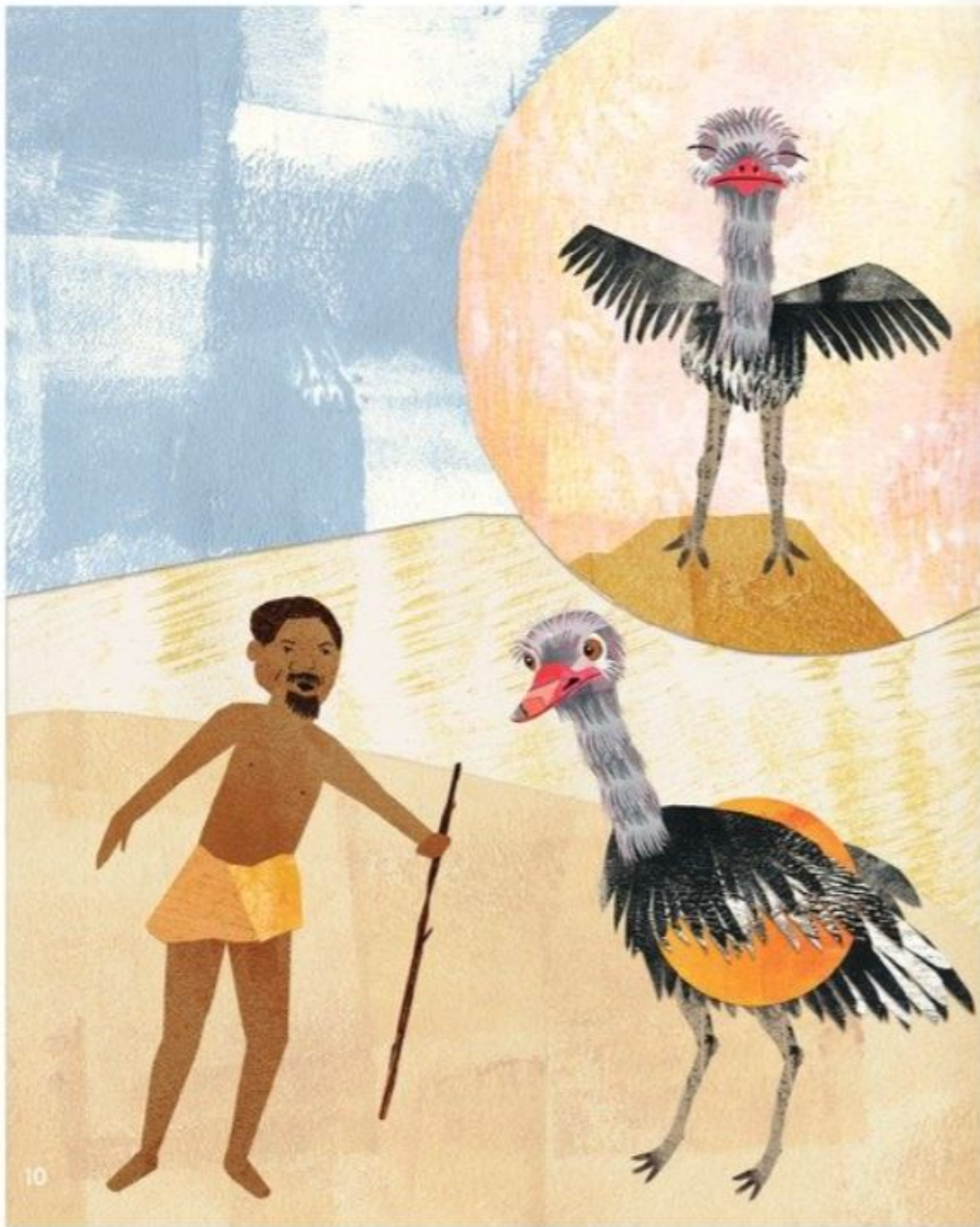
He knew that fire was hidden under Ostrich's wing!

"If I had fire," he said to himself, "I could cook with it and have heat. I must steal it from her. I will flatter and trick Ostrich and get fire for myself!"

When Ostrich saw the First Bushman coming to see her, she kept fire well hidden under her wing.

She knew that he would want it.





“Good morning, clever Ostrich,” said the First Bushman. “I had a dream about you last night. In my dream, you could fly!”

“Fly?” said Ostrich. “How?”

“It was dawn and you were standing on top of a hill,” said the First Bushman. “You had your wings open and your eyes shut!”



Ostrich could not resist the chance to fly.  
So the next morning, at dawn, she set off for  
the top of a big hill.

She shut her eyes and spread out her wings.  
But the First Bushman was waiting!

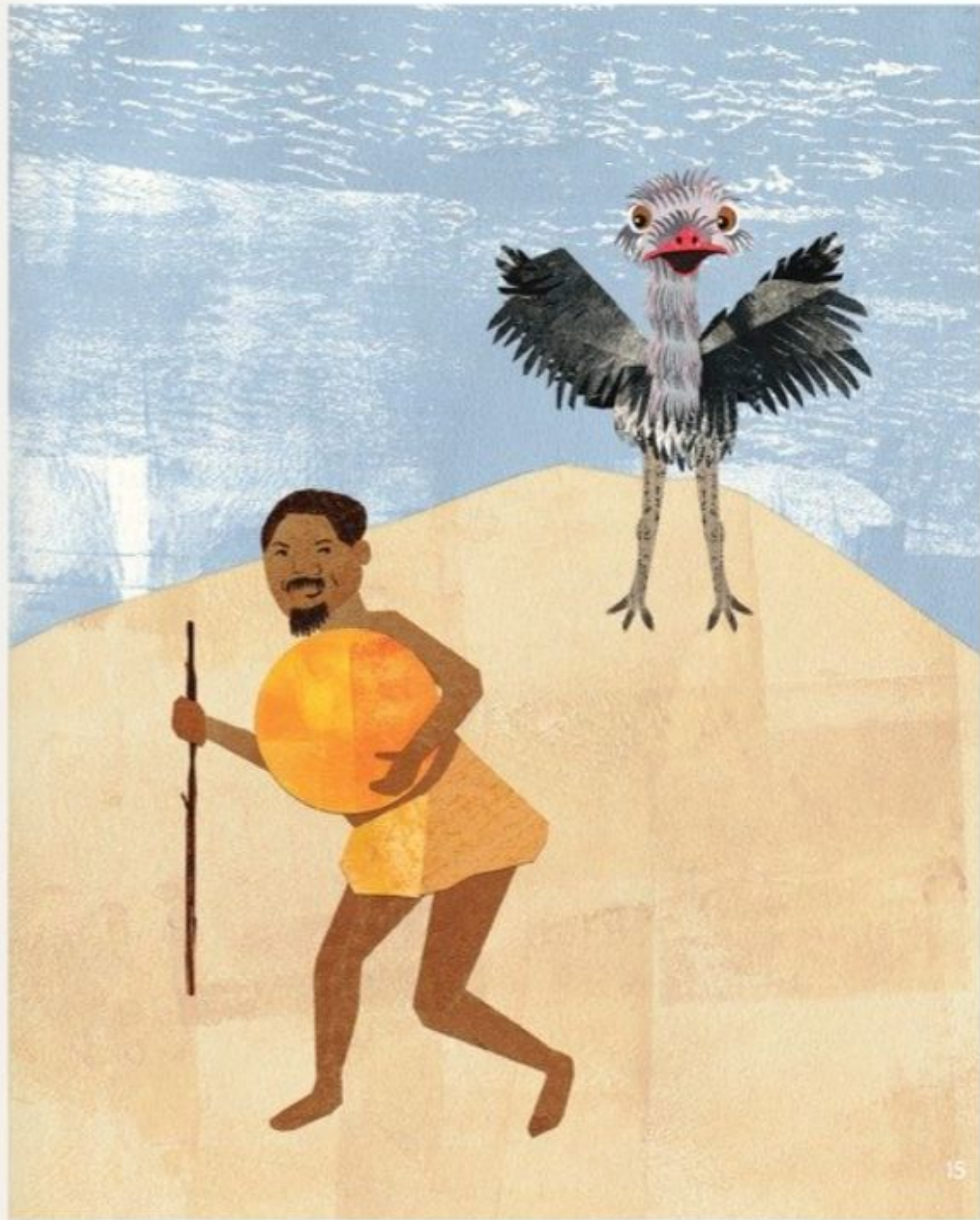
The First Bushman was well hidden and  
Ostrich did not spot him!

He crept out and stole fire from under Ostrich's  
wing.

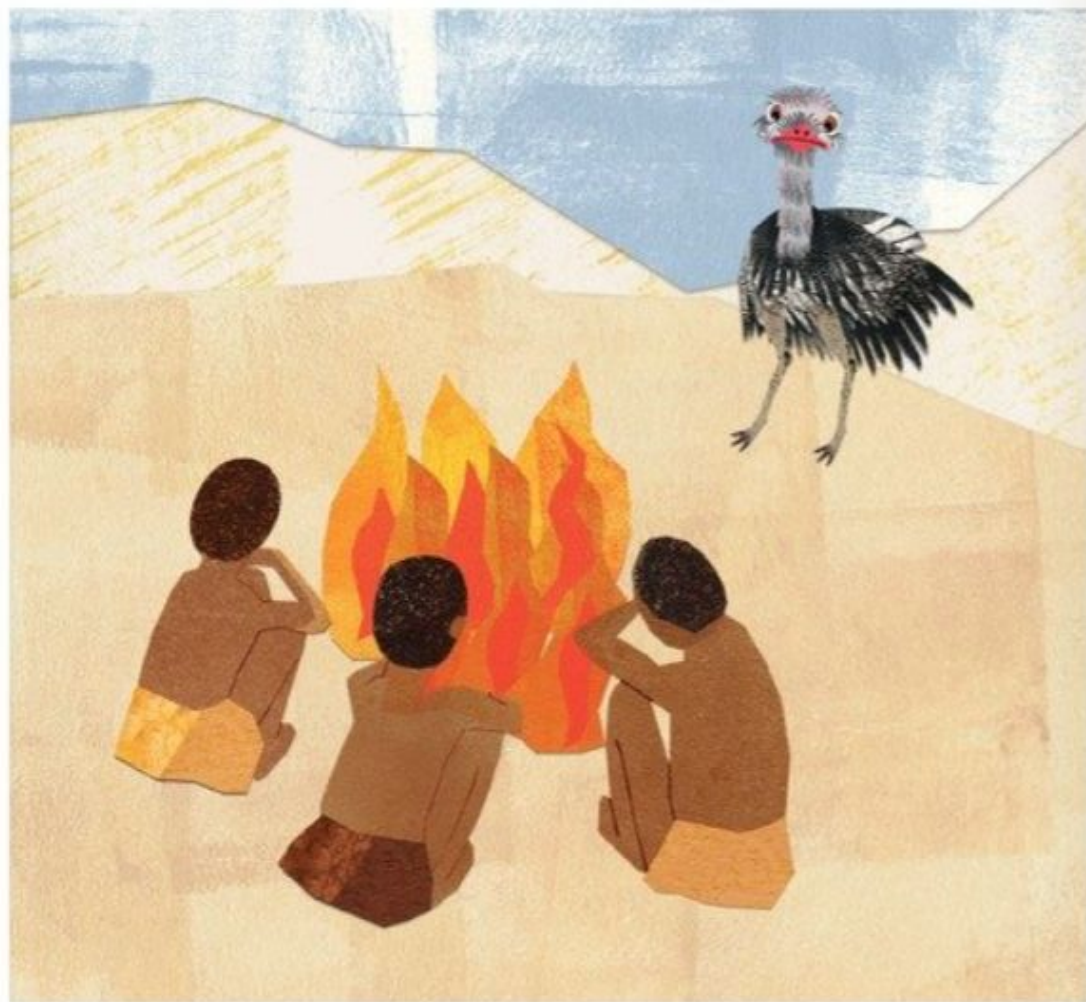
Then he ran off!

This was such a shock for Ostrich. She was so  
upset.

She still could not fly, but now she had lost fire  
as well!







From that day on, she was not Clever Ostrich.  
 She was Foolish Ostrich!  
 And from that day forth, Mankind had fire.

**Ransom Reading Stars Phonics Phase 5 titles: correspondence with Letters and Sounds**

Neat and Clean	<i>Introduces the new phoneme /zh/, new graphemes <b>ay, ou, ie, ea, oy,</b> plus the HF words <b>oh, their</b></i>
Flip Flap Fox	<i>Introduces new graphemes <b>lr, ue, ow, wh,</b> plus the HF words <b>Mr, Mrs</b></i>
Meet the Dolphins	<i>Introduces new graphemes <b>ph, ew, oe, au, ey,</b> plus the HF words <b>people, looked</b></i>
Looking at the Stars	<i>Introduces new graphemes <b>a_e, e_e, l_e, o_e, u_e,</b> plus the HF words <b>called, asked</b></i>
Ships and Boats	<i>Introduces alternative pronunciations of known graphemes <b>a, e, i, o, u,</b> plus the HF words <b>many, different, where, through, water, because</b></i>
Fantastic Frogs	<i>Introduces alternative pronunciations of known graphemes <b>ow, ie, ea, er, ou,</b> plus the HF words <b>water, different, eyes, who, where, many, their</b></i>
The Singing Chef	<i>Introduces alternative pronunciations of known graphemes <b>y, ch, c, g, ey,</b> plus the HF words <b>who, laughed, eyes, work, because</b></i>
The Magic Clog Dancer	<i>Introduces alternative spellings for the phonemes /ch/, /s/</i>
Skipper Kipper and the Treasure Chest	<i>Introduces alternative spellings for the phoneme /z/</i>
Climbing	<i>Introduces alternative spellings for the phonemes /m/, /at/</i>
Ten Shed Fred	<i>Introduces alternative spellings for the phonemes /ai/, /i/</i>
Bears	<i>Introduces alternative spellings for the phonemes /ait/, /sh/</i>
Going by Bus	<i>Introduces alternative spellings for the phonemes /oo/, /eat/</i>
The Elephant's Child	<i>Introduces alternative spellings for the phonemes /or/, /i(y)oo/</i>
Fire	<i>Introduces alternative spellings for the phonemes /igh/, /u/, /i(y)oo/</i>
<b>Foolish Ostrich</b>	<i>Introduces alternative spellings for the phonemes /ur/, /n/, /oo/ (as in <b>bush</b>)</i>
Bikes Then and Now	<i>Introduces alternative spellings for the phonemes /t/, /ee/, /oo/ (as in <b>rule/crew</b>)</i>
The Best Nest	<i>Introduces alternative spellings for the phonemes /oo/ (as in <b>flew/blue</b>), /oo/ (as in <b>put/could</b>), /j/</i>
The Princess and the Pea	<i>Covers everything in Letters and Sounds Phase 5</i>
Foxes	<i>Covers everything in Letters and Sounds Phase 5</i>
The Frog in the Well	<i>Covers everything in Letters and Sounds Phase 5</i>
Magical Creatures	<i>Covers everything in Letters and Sounds Phase 5</i>
Space Flight	<i>Covers everything in Letters and Sounds Phase 5</i>
How Will You Get There?	<i>Covers everything in Letters and Sounds Phase 5</i>
Ella's Dragon	<i>Covers everything in Letters and Sounds Phase 5</i>
Fantastic Feet	<i>Covers everything in Letters and Sounds Phase 5</i>
A Monster under the Bed	<i>Covers everything in Letters and Sounds Phase 5</i>
Spider Girl	<i>Covers everything in Letters and Sounds Phase 5</i>
Changes: Heating and Cooling	<i>Covers everything in Letters and Sounds Phase 5</i>
Jake the Snake	<i>Covers everything in Letters and Sounds Phase 5</i>
Muscat: Our City, Our Home	<i>Covers everything in Letters and Sounds Phase 5</i>