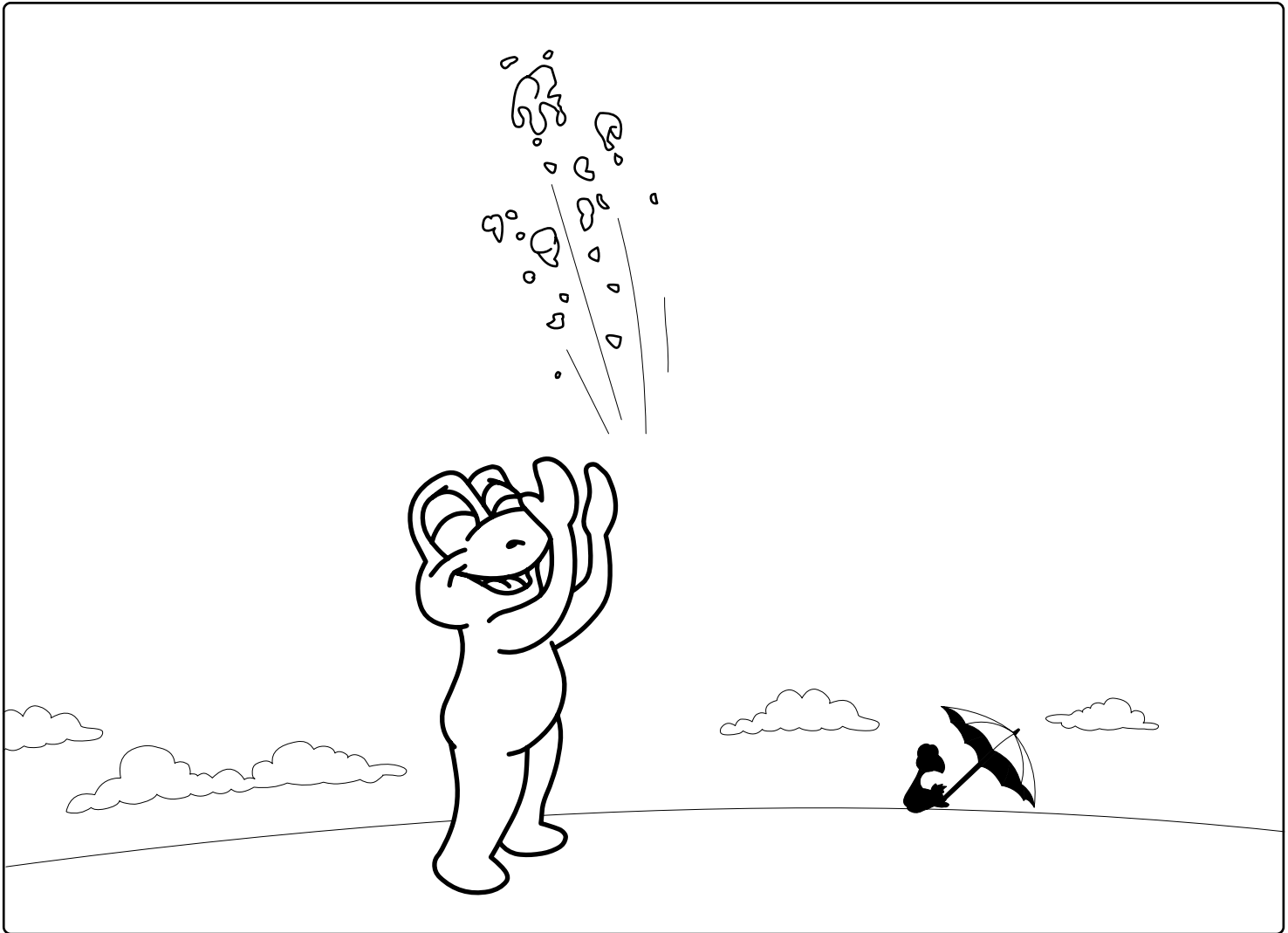


Fran and the Sand

A Headsprout Read with Me Story



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Early Reading

I've finished Episode 21!
I can read this story!

Read with Me Stories

A Read with Me Story is a special kind of Headsprout reading activity, in which you and your child share the joy of reading by reading aloud to each other. These stories also present your child with an opportunity to listen to, and participate in, a broader reading experience.

Each Read with Me Story has two types of text, regular for you to read and bolded for your child to read. Your sentences may have untaught words and be more complex than those typically taught in the current Headsprout program. You may want to read the story ahead of time to familiarize yourself with it. Your child's sentences are made up of words taught in Headsprout Reading, to maximize reading success.

Pictures follow your child's lines of text. Together the sentences and pictures tell a story. Talking about what is happening in the story may broaden your child's interest and understanding of the relationship between words, sentences and pictures.

Occasionally, your child may forget a word. If that happens, encourage your child to sound out the word, and then say it fast.

If your child needs help with a particular sound, it's okay to model it for him or her.

Enjoy reading, help your child to be creative, and praise each success!

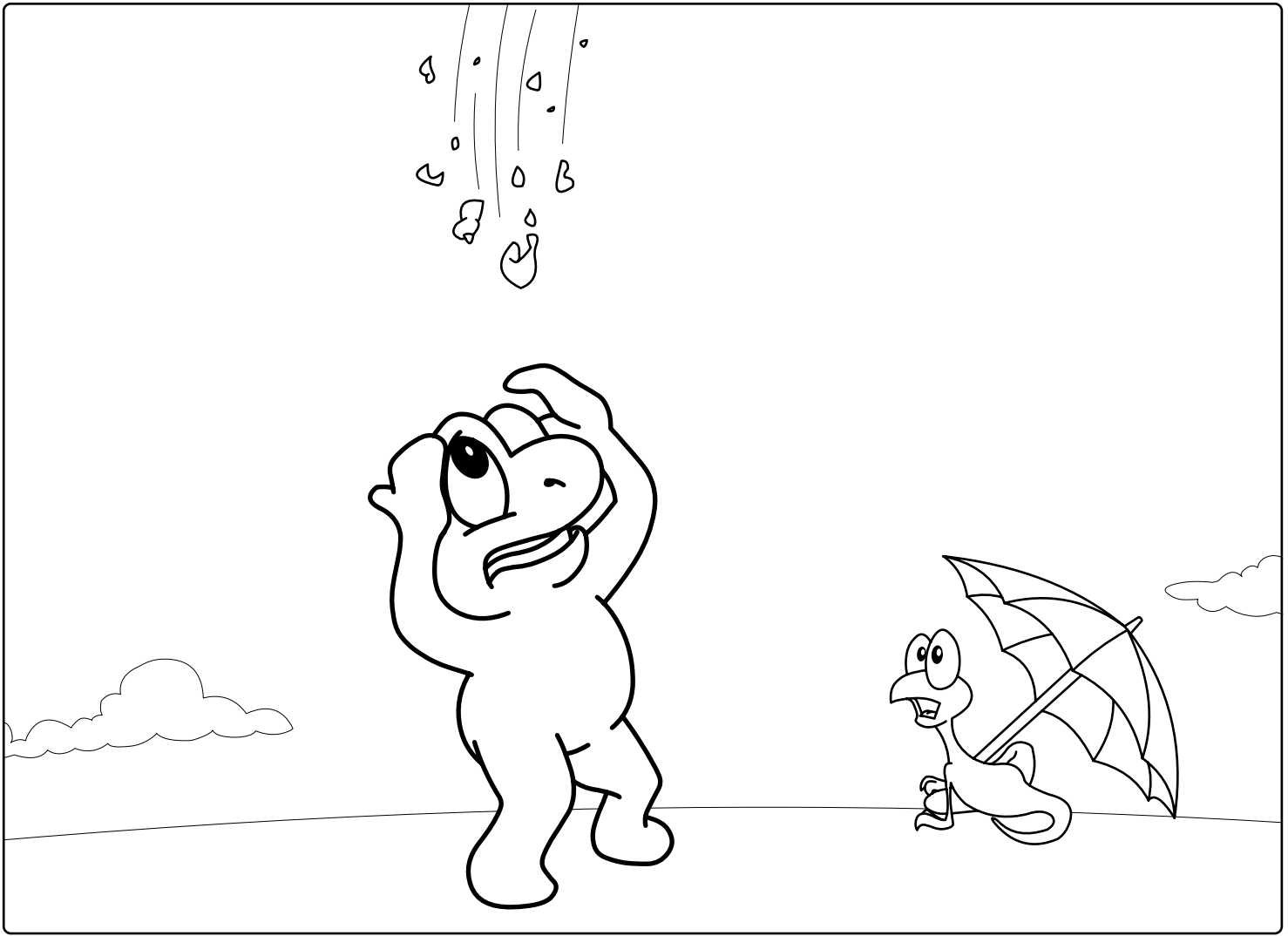
Fran is playing on the beach today.
She decides to try a new game.
What does Fran do in her new game?

Fran flips the sand.



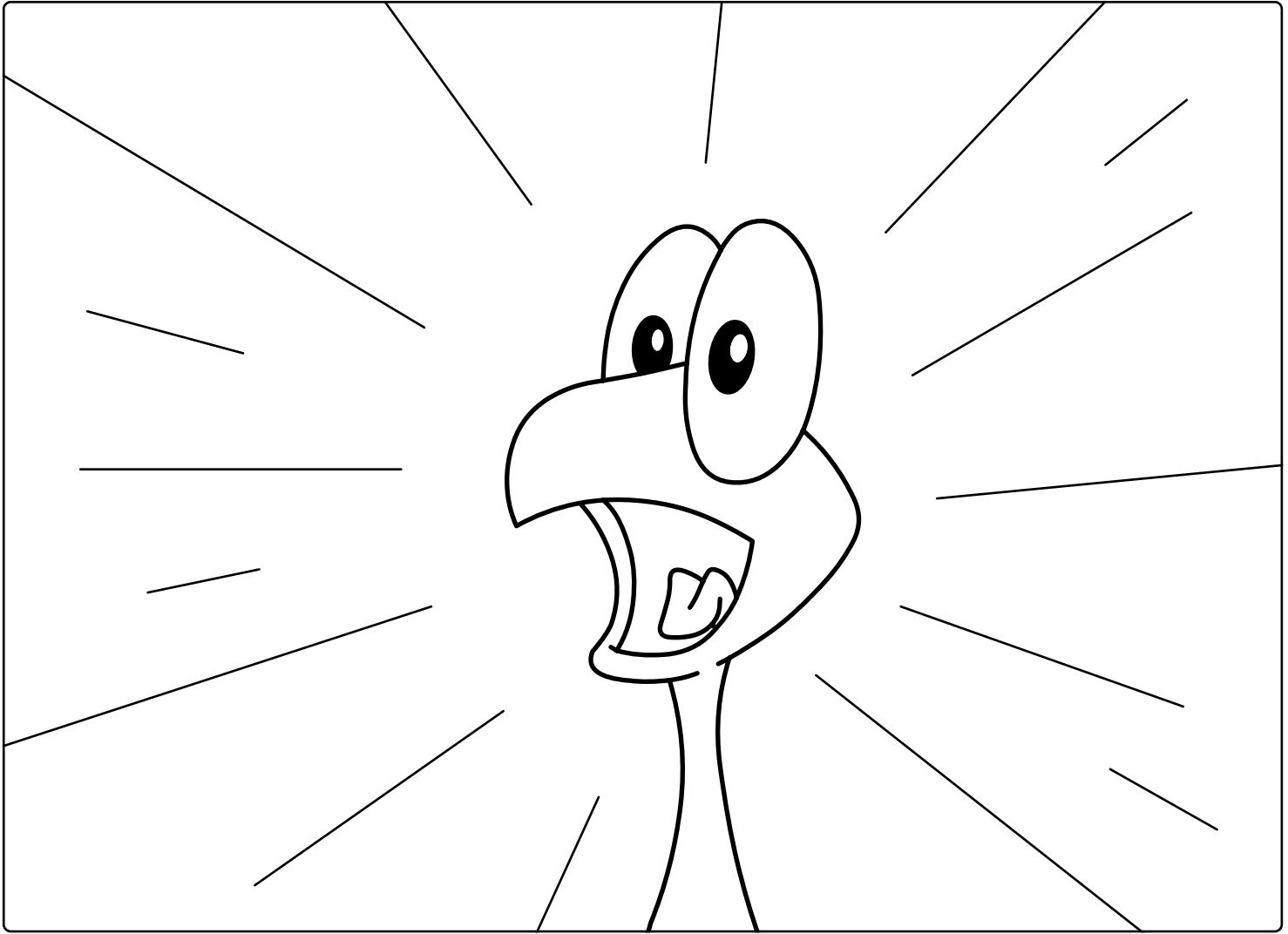
Fran watches the sand in the air.
The sand looks pretty, but then
something happens.
The sand starts to fall down!
What does Fran say?

"I see the sand!"

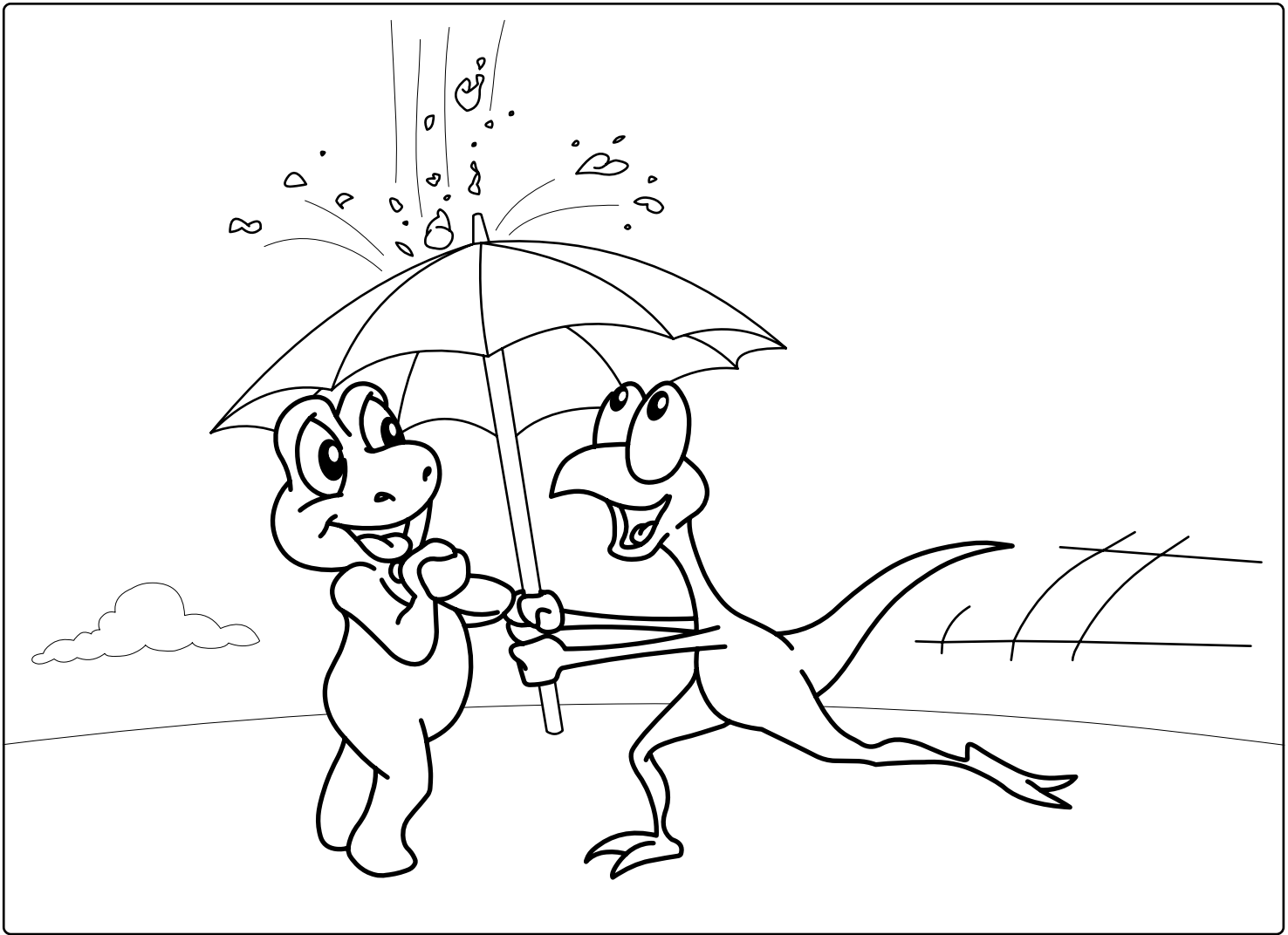


Oh, no! The sand is falling on Fran!
Who can help her?

Lee sees Fran.
Lee shouts, "I can plan!"



I wonder what plan Lee came up with
for Fran's game?
Let's look!



When learning to read is fun, kids want to learn.

Headsprout grows young readers through a series of Web-based, animated lessons - available at www.headsprout.com - each taking about 20 minutes to complete. While kids have fun as they learn, the sophisticated technology at the heart of Headsprout Reading Basics systematically teaches phonics and other fundamental skills important to reading success.

Reading Basics also adapts to your child's pace as it teaches - which means it automatically adjusts to individual strengths and weaknesses, and tracks progress throughout the program.

And the nice thing is...you don't have to directly teach the many complex component skills of reading. Headsprout Reading Basics takes care of that. Encourage your child's progress, read to your child, and praise your child's reading success. Children develop confidence, independence, and fundamental reading skills as they progress through the program.

This fun-to-read short story is one of many available throughout the program.

Reading - your child's future depends on it.