Phonics Tales!

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Ike and Mike

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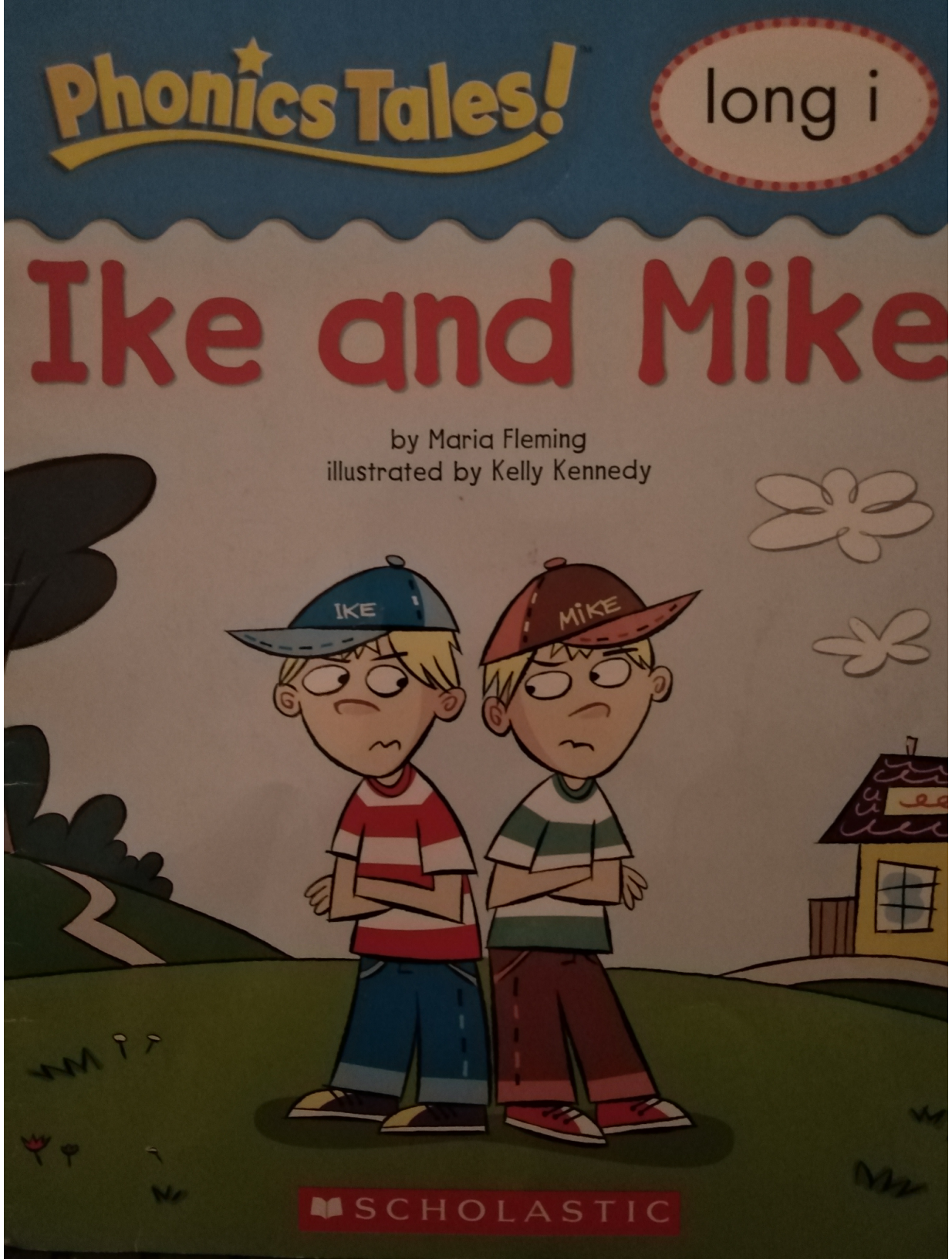

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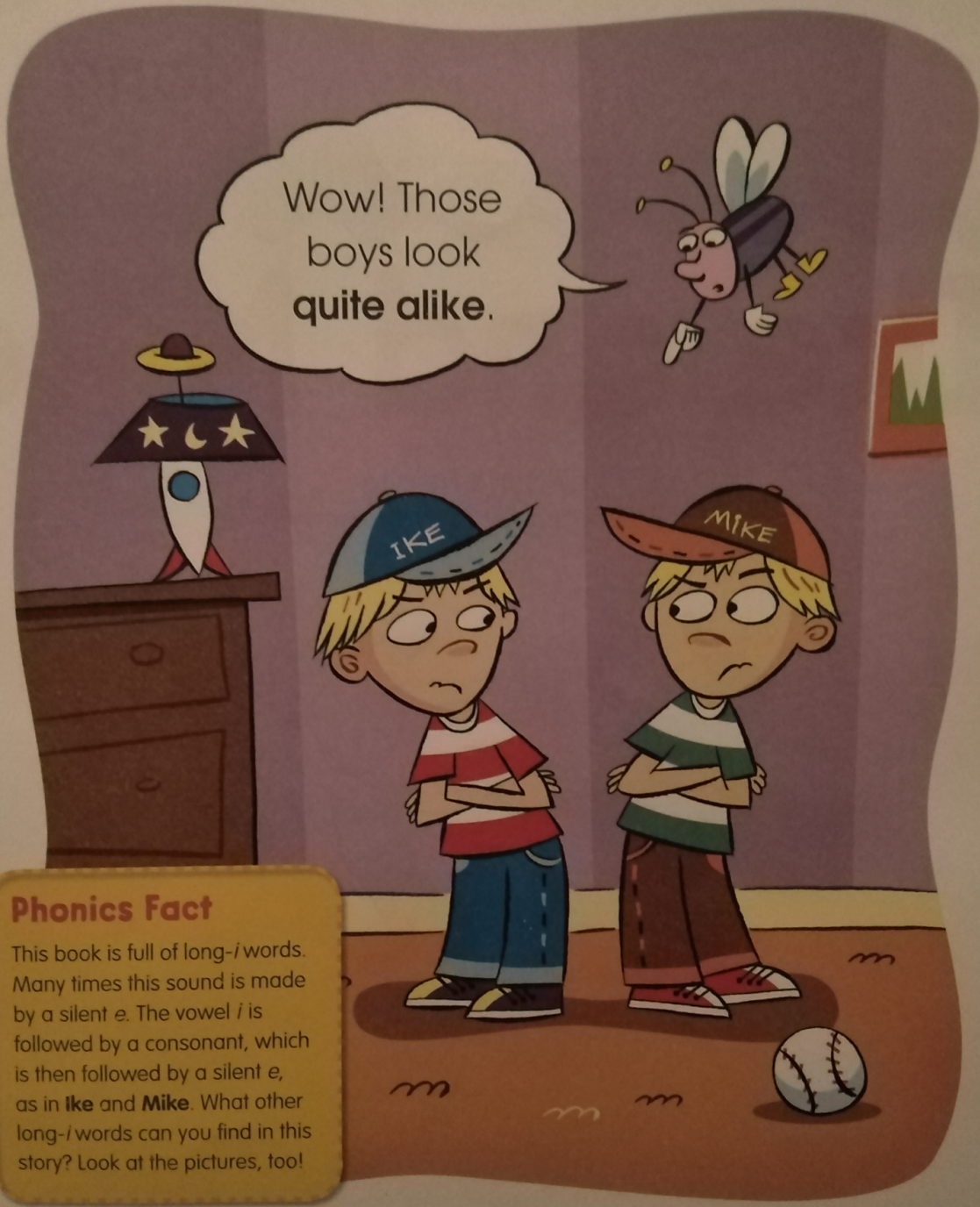


Phonics Fact

This book is full of long-*i* words. Many times this sound is made by a silent *e*. The vowel *i* is followed by a consonant, which is then followed by a silent *e*, as in **Ike** and **Mike**. What other long-*i* words can you find in this story? Look at the pictures, too!

This is **Ike**. This is **Ike's** brother, **Mike**.

Ike does not **like** to share with **Mike**.
Mike does not **like** to share with **Ike**.

Phonics Fact

The long-*i* sound can also be made with a single *i* as in **I**. Another word with this spelling pattern is **hi**.

Ike has a new **white bike**.
"Can **I ride** your **bike**?" **Mike** asks **Ike**.
"No way!" says **Ike**. "It's **mine**!"

Phonics Fact

Sometimes the letter *y* makes the long-*i* sound, as in **fly** and **sky**. Can you find two other words on this page with *y* that make the long-*i* sound?

(Answer: **try**, **my**)

Mike likes to **fly** his **kite** in the **sky**.
"Can **I try** to **fly** your **kite**?" **Ike** asks **Mike**.
"No way!" says **Mike**. "It's **mine**!"

Phonics Fact

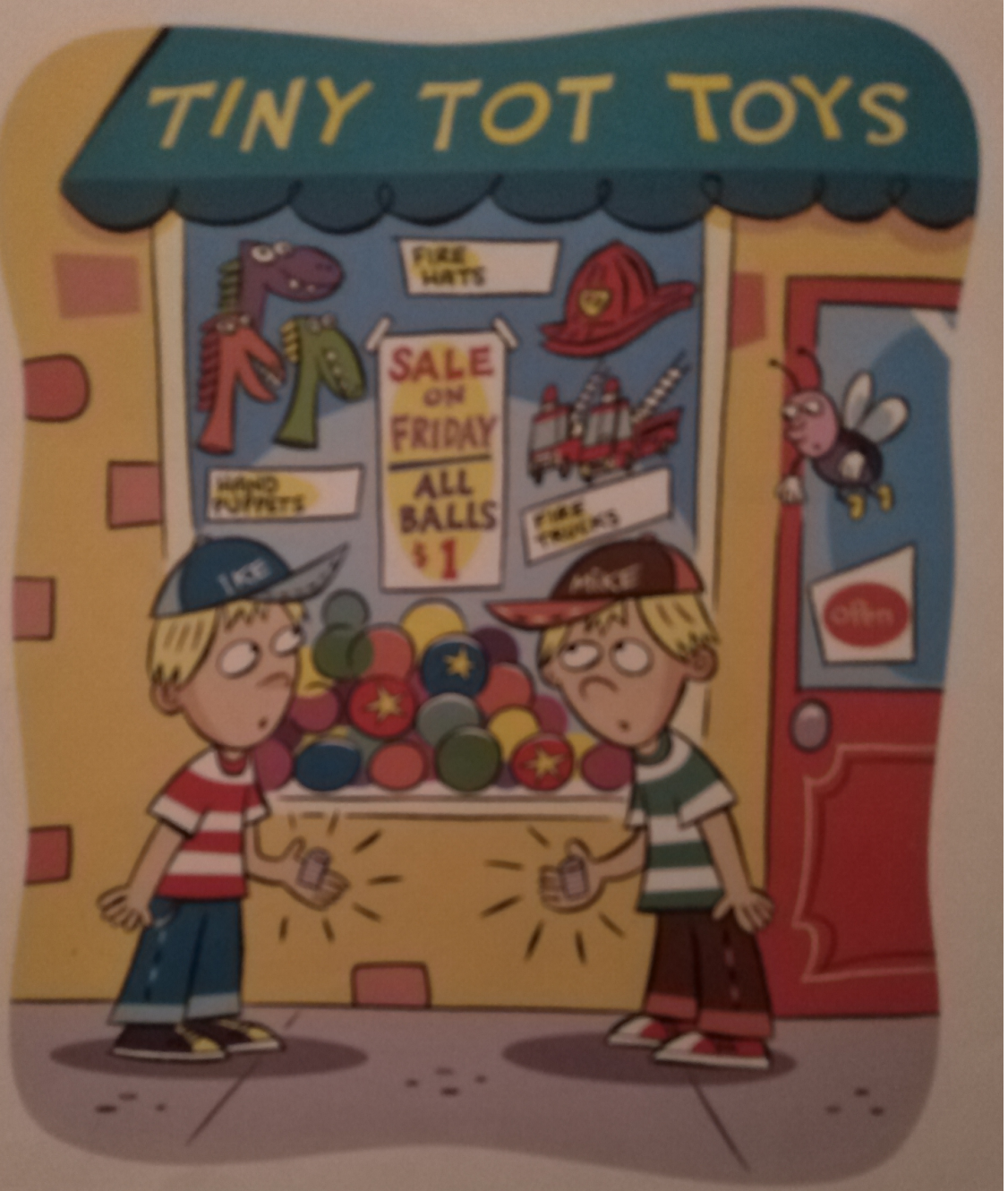
The vowel pair *ie* can also make the long-*i* sound, as in **fries**. Can you find another long-*i* word with the same spelling pattern on this page?

(Answer: **pie**)

At **lunchtime**, **Ike** has French **fries**. **Mike** has **lime pie**.

"Can **I try** a **fry**?" **Mike** asks **Ike**.

"No way!" says **Ike**. "It's **mine**! Can **I try** a **bite** of **pie**?"
"No way!" says **Mike**. "It's **mine**!"



Ike and **Mike spy** a toy. They each have **five dimes**. Will they share their **dimes** to get the toy? No way!

Phonics Fact

Another spelling pattern that makes the long *i* sound is *igh*, as in **fight**. Other words with this pattern are **sigh**, **might**, and **right**. Be on the lookout for more!

Ike and **Mike** begin to **fight**.

Then **Ike** and **Mike** begin to **cry**. A **wise fly** buzzes **by**.
"Boys, take **my advice**," he says with a **sigh**.
"It's **nice** to share."

"That **fly might** just be **right**," says **Ike**.
"Let's give it a **try**," says **Mike**.

Ike and **Mike** think sharing is **mighty fine**!

That **night**, **Ike** shares his book of **rhymes** with **Mike**. **Mike** shares his stuffed **lion**, **Spike**, with **Ike**.

The **fly smiles** with **delight** as he turns out the **light**. "What a **sight**! Sleep **tight**! Good **night**!"