

**Stop,
Broom,
Stop!**





It was late in the day when a letter came for The Rainbow Queen. She read that a dear friend was coming to stay. The Wind Lady would be there by sunrise, just as the sun turned gold. Kate could not wait to meet her.

All the fairies are thrilled. They rush to get the housework done so The Rainbow Tower will gleam. They sweep the hallway and dust each room. 'Make it all sparkle!' Kate calls.





But The Rainbow
Broom is cranky.
Kate cannot get it
to come and work.
When she tries to
grab it, the broom
growls at her.



The broom
zooms off in a
huff down the
hallway. Kate
hangs on tight to
the straw at the
end of the broom.





The broom bursts
out the doorway
and up into the
sky outside.

Before it can fly
too far, Kate
leaps on top and
pulls it down to
the ground.

Then she sees
why the broom is
so cross. She
forgot to clean it
last time, and
now it is covered
in dirt and a thick
cobweb.

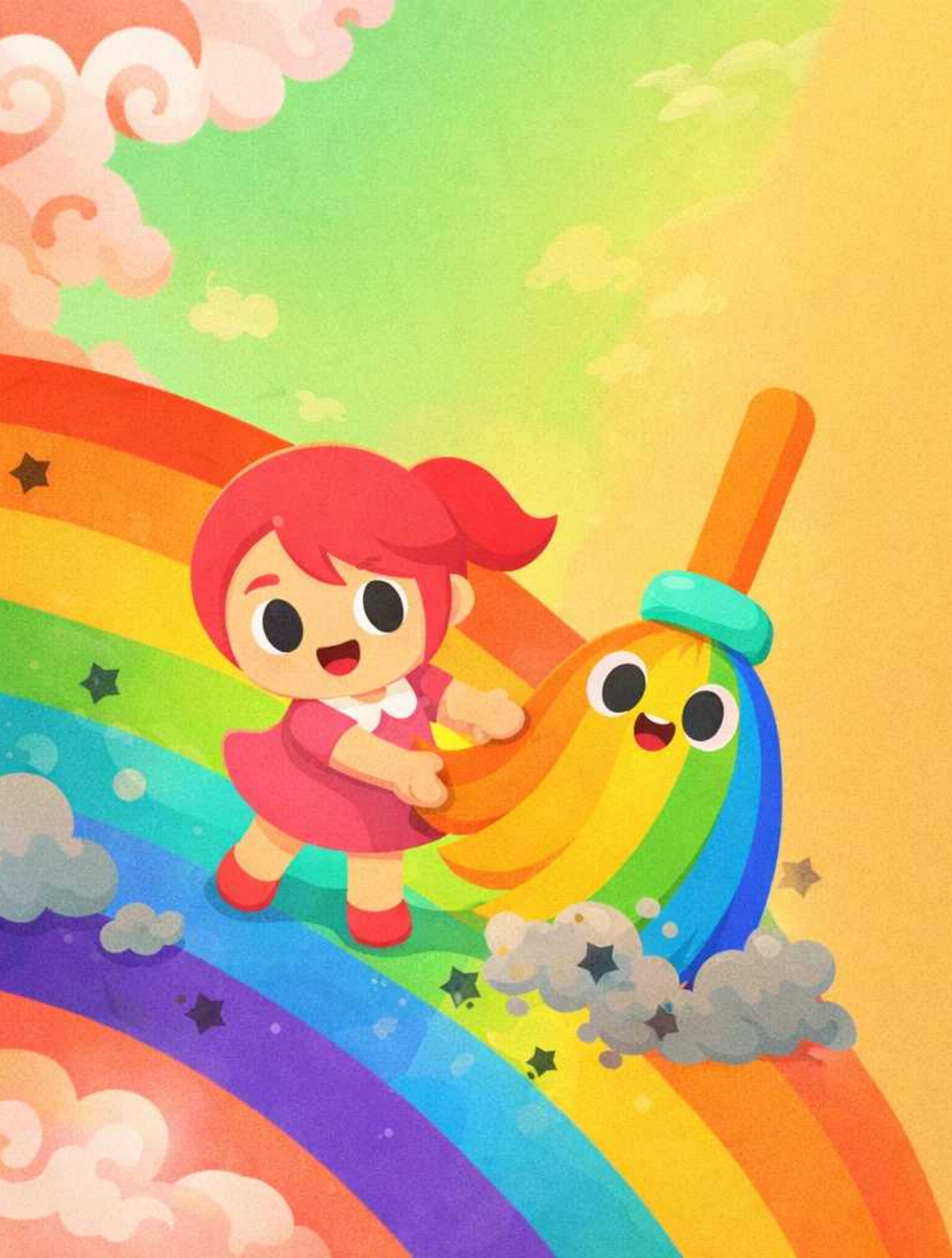




Kate brings the broom inside and gets it into the bathtub. She soaps it down and scrubs away the dirt.

Back in her workshop, she combs the straw to make it lie neat and flat. The broom looks fresh and ready to go.





The broom is happy now. Kate and the broom fly up high to the rainbow and sweep the dust off its bright stripes of color.

Just as they finish, the fairies cheer in the warm **sunshine**. A swirl of silver wind curls down from the clouds. The Wind Girl floats to earth with her long blue hair flowing behind her. 'She is here!' Kate says with a big grin.





The Rainbow Queen stands on her rooftop as the rainbow shines above. 'Welcome, old friend!' she calls. 'I have never seen it glow so bright,' says the Wind Girl. Kate looks up too, with a big grin.

The Wind Girl praises the fairies for all their hard work. She looks up at the shiny rainbow for a long time. Kate is so proud. She cleans the broom well before she puts it away inside.





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The Wind Princess is coming to visit at sunrise, and everything must sparkle! But when Kate grabs the Rainbow Broom to help with the housework, it growls, dodges, and zooms straight out the doorway with Kate clinging on for dear life. Why is the magical broom so grumpy? Can Kate calm it down before their special guest arrives? This decodable reader practices compound words such as 'sunrise,' 'hallway,' 'bathtub,' 'cobweb,' and 'sunshine.'

Reading Skills: Compound

bathtub, cannot, cobweb, doorway, hallway, housework, inside, outside, rainbow, sunrise, sunshine, workshop

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