

Anansi left his web that morning swinging from the treetops and thinking of the sweet sweet nectarines which grew on the tree by the Ashanti village. The fruit had become so ripe that it now fell from the trees. Anansi would take a nectarine for his prize and use it to to bait all manner of insects in his web, though he wasn't above eating the delicious fruit himself. As Anansi swung he passed over many of the other animals making their way to either the watering hole and mud pits or to their respective grazing locations. Anansi waved at Cheetah and the Mother Wolfe and her cubs. The Chimpanzee's sneered at Anansi as he passed for only a fortnight ago he had bested them in a rigged game of chance which had cost them an unprecedented amount of grubs, which Anansi had then sold to their nemesis Orangutan for a full season of Orangutan keeping gaurd of Anansi's web.

Now, Anansi came upon the usually cantankerous Cane Toad, but who now appeared to be in a splendid mood.

"Oy! Cane Toad, what's got you grinnin?" Yelled Anansi.

"Today is the finest day of the season Anansi!"

"Oh, do tell?"

"Today is the day that the nectarines at the tree near Ashanti village begin to fall, and I can eat them all!"

"All of them? But what if others wish to eat them?"

"Bah others! I have waited and entire year for this day and now that I am the one that is ready for it! Who's to say I cannot eat every last nectarine if I am there first!"

"That is the law of the Jungle." Nodded Anansi. "But I just don't believe you could eat that many sweet sweet nectarines."

Cane Toad appeared shocked and offended.

"Anansi, you know that I have voracious appetite, if you're careful I may eat you!" croaked the fat toad.

"Well could you say eat that rock over there?" Said Anansi scratching his chin

with one arm and pointing to a pebble of a rock near Cane Toad with another.

"That grain of sand? You insult me again Anansi!"

"What of that one there then?" Said Anansi gesturing at a slightly larger rock.

"You must think of me as the Tree Frog Anansi. My stomach can expand far beyond the size you see now. Once I devoured an entire nest of duck eggs before consuming the mother and father!" He chortled.

"Oh great Cane Toad, pardon me for doubting your skills of consumption. I shall never doubt you again....except."

"What? What is it Anansi? You still doubt my appetite?" sputtered the amphibian.

"Well, if your appetite is truly so great that you can eat an entire family, then well....do you see that rock over there?" Said Anansi now gesturing towards a small boulder, almost the size of Cane Toad himself.

"What of it?"

"Do you think that you could eat that?"

"Have you heard nothing I have said foolish spider?" Snarled the toad as he hopped over the rock.

Cane Toad dug out the dirt beneath the edge of the small boulder and after a couple of moments of tugging the rock and stretching his immense mouth the stone rolled inside and the creature swallowed as he stood up.

"Hah! Now you see Anansi, and I'm still hungry hahahahah!"

"Cane Toad, you truly have the greatest of appetites, but if you'll pardon me brother I'm on my way to see a tree about some sweet sweet nectarines."

So so Anansi swung off into the distance and only after he had gone did Cane Toad realize that his appetite and his pride had cost him the ability to move for the stone he had swallowed was now anchoring him by his fat belly to the ground. Cane Toad he screamed in anger and cursed Anansi.