

**Anansi and Turtle Go to Dinner**

**The Cast**

THE NARRATOR .....  
THE INTERPRETER .....  
ANANSI .....  
THE MONKEY .....  
THE TURTLE .....

**PROPS**

A table with a bowl of soup, a bowl of rice, a lake, a jacket for Anansi,  
some rocks.

**Music:ethnic African music from Ghana**

**(When the actors are ready, music off and stage lights on)**

**THE SCRIPT**

**Scene I: An African custom and Anansi**

**Backdrop: A picture of Anansi.**

THE NARRATOR

In Africa, if someone comes to your house, it is the custom to offer them  
dinner. Now, this is a story about Anansi. Anansi is a spider. He is clever,  
but greedy and lazy.

Interpreter, translate clever.

INTERPRETER

What's the magic word?

THE NARRATOR

Abracadabra

INTERPRETER

No! Try again.

THE NARRATOR

Please.

INTERPRETER

Correct.

THE NARRATOR

Ok. Translate clever, please.

INTERPRETER

Clever means listo

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NARRATOR  
Greedy

INTERPRETER  
Greedy means avaricioso

NARRATOR  
Lazy

INTERPRETER  
Lazy means perezoso.

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**Scene II: Anansi's House**  
**Backdrop: Anansi's house**

**(Anansi is sitting at his table and is about to start his dinner)**

ANANSI  
Monkey, I'm hungry.

MONKEY  
Yes, yes, Anansi. Here is your food.

**(Monkey puts a bowl of rice on the table)**

MONKEY  
What's the magic word, Anansi?

ANANSI  
Abra cadabra.

MONKEY  
No! Say the magic word or I will tip this rice on your head.

ANANSI  
Thank you, Monkey. Hmmm, this food smells delicious.

**Enter Turtle stage left, waiting at the outside of the door.**

**(Turtle knocks at the door)**

TURTLE  
Knock, knock, knock!

ANANSI  
Oh no! Who can that be? It's dinner time!

TURTLE  
Knock, knock, knock!

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ANANSI

Alright, alright! I'm coming.

**(Anansi goes to open the door)**

ANANSI

Turtle! How nice to see you.

TURTLE

Can I come in?

ANANSI

Why?

MONKEY

Anansi, remember the African custom!

ANANSI

Turtle, do you want to have dinner?

TURTLE

Yes, please.

**(Anansi and Turtle sit down at the table)**

TURTLE

Hmmm, this food smells delicious.

ANANSI

Turtle! Your hands are very dirty. Go and wash your hands, please.

TURTLE

Sure.

**(Turtle goes to the bathroom. Meanwhile Anansi quickly eats all the food.  
Turtle comes back to the table)**

TURTLE

Anansi, you have eaten all the food!

ANANSI

I'm sorry, Turtle. I was very hungry.

**(Turtle stands up and goes to the door)**

TURTLE

Anansi, come to my house for dinner tomorrow.

ANANSI

Sure!

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TURTLE  
You too, Monkey.

MONKEY  
Thank you, Turtle. Bye!

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**Scene III: Turtle's House at the bottom of the lake**  
**Backdrop: Turtle's house at the bottom of the lake.**

**(Turtle is at the bottom of the lake, sitting at a table with delicious food on it)**

**Enter Anansi and Monkey at the side of the lake.**

MONKEY  
Look! There's Turtle at the bottom of the lake.

**(Monkey dives in and swims down to the table and sits opposite Turtle. Anansi tries the same but floats on the water)**

ANANSI  
I'm floating. I can't get to the table.

TURTLE  
Hurry up, Anansi!

ANANSI  
I know! I will put rocks in my pockets.

**(Anansi puts rocks in his pockets and jumps into the lake again and finally gets to the table.)**

ANANSI  
Turtle, you've eaten all the food!

TURTLE  
I'm sorry, Anansi. I was very hungry.

**(Anansi looks very annoyed.)**

MONKEY  
Anansi, you reap what you sow.

ANANSI  
Lo que se siembra, se cosecha.

**THE END**