

Yungo and Anansi

Part 1

The Search for the Missing Kiwi



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Ohhh! Look...

'Do you see what I see?
Is that a trail of kiwi leftovers and peels?

Hmmm! It looks hairy and green.

Yes! Anansi ran off with all my kiwis.'



A cartoon giraffe is hanging upside down in a blue sky with light clouds. The giraffe has a surprised expression with wide eyes and an open mouth. To the left, the neck and head of another giraffe are visible, and to the right, the bare branches of a tree are seen.

Yungo starts its search...

'I hope Anansi did not hide my kiwis up there,
for that would not be funny at all!

The tree is bare and wide and **veeery** tall.
I know what to do! Let us ask the giraffe for help.'

*'Sorry Yungo, I cannot find a kiwi up here!'
'Oh, what a pity!' Yungo says.
'I was ready to catch it, dear!'*





On the tree...

'Look! Anansi is sleeping over there!
His big belly is round and bulky.
Could he be dreaming about his next bite?
That sly spider ought to have a kick on his...'

ZZZZZ...




Then it happens!

'He is coming!' The giraffe calls out.
The mongoose nods, blows out her whistle and says:
'Hi, Anansi! Would you like a sweet treat?'

The sly spider laughs as he licks his snout.





'Hello, mongoose!' Anansi says, 'I would love some cake. I always have space for a tasty snack.'
'Then come over Anansi, there is plenty to eat,' the mongoose says.
The sly spider laughs and thinks to himself, 'time to cook up another clever joke.'

All the other animals are ready!