

Anansi and the Talking Drum - Natalia

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Anansi-Estela Hyena-Marta

Elephant- Erik Lion-Alonso

Monkey-Marcos (Fish –Erik)(Bird-Alonso)

SCENE 1 — Anansi finds the drum

[The sun rise over the forest. Birds chattered softly.]

Narrator: "Our story began when Anansi the Spider discovered something unusual in the tall grass."

Anansi: *[Picks up drum]* "Well now... what treasure have I found?"

Narrator: "It was a drum — but not an ordinary one."

Drum: Hi, I am a magic drum.

Narrator: "This drum had the power to create food whenever it was played."

Drum: I can make food appear. And I must obey you, because you found me.

Anansi: "A drum that makes food appear? This is perfect for a clever spider like me." "Imagine the feasts I could have"(rubs hands very happily) "And I won't have to share with anyone."

Narrator: "so he decided to test the drum's magic."

[Anansi sits beneath a shady tree, tapping the drum lightly.]

Anansi: *[Taps drum]* "Drum, drum, give me something sweet!"

Drum: **Ouch!** You could be more gentlebrings cakes) Here you are.

Anansi: "Oh-ho-ho! Delicious!" "Let's try something bigger." "Drum, drum, bring me a feast fit for a king!"(taps drum again)

Drum: Here we go again. *[A huge feast appeared: fruits, bread, roasted yams.]*I hope you like it.

SCENE 3 — The animals come

Narrator: "Soon, the animals caught the scent and followed it."

Elephant: *[Sniffs]* "Mmm... I smell food nearby."

Monkey: *[Swings in]* "Food? Where? I'm starving!"

Tortoise: *[Slowly approaches]* "I hope there's something soft for me."

Hyena: *[Laughs]* "Hehehe... I love free meals."

Lion: *[Steps forward]* "Let's see what Anansi is up to."

[The animals gather around Anansi's feast.]

Elephant: "Anansi, may we share your food?"

Anansi: "No This food is only for me."

Monkey: "Please? Just a little?"

Tortoise: "Sharing is caring, you know."

Anansi: "I worked very hard for it."

Hyena: "Hehehe... I won't take much."

Lion: "A leader shares with the forest."

Anansi: *[Hides drum]*

Drum: *Hey!!!! What are you doing?*

Anansi: "Uh... sorry, everyone." "You'll have to find your own."

SCENE 5 — Anansi Grew Greedy

Narrator: Days passed. Anansi ate feast after feast . But greed had a way of growing."

Anansi: *[Stuffing himself]* "More cakes!" (the drum brings them) "More fruit!" (the drum brings them) "More roasted yams!" (the drum brings them)

Drum: This man-spider is exhausting!

Anansi: "Drum, drum, give me everything!"

Narrator: "But the magical drum began to grow tired of Anansi's selfishness."

[Anansi taps the drum eagerly.]

Anansi: "Drum, drum, bring me a feast!"

Narrator: *Nothing happened.*

Anansi: "Hello? Drum? Did you hear me?"

Narrator: "But the drum refused to make more food."

Drum: Nope. I'm on strike

Anansi: "Don't you dare stop now!"

Drum: Watch me.

SCENE 7

Narrator: The animals found Anansi sulking beside the silent drum.

Elephant: "Anansi, what happened?"

Monkey: "No more food?"

Tortoise: "Maybe the drum is tired."

Hyena: "Hehehe... or maybe it doesn't like greedy spiders."

Lion: "Tell us the truth, Anansi."

Anansi: "The drum stopped working... and now I'm hungry."

SCENE 8 — The Lesson

Elephant: (striking Anansi's head) "If you had shared, the drum might still be helping you."

Monkey: "Food tastes better with friends." (everybody nods)

Tortoise: "Slow and steady kindness wins the day."

Hyena: "Hehehe... even I know that!"

Lion: "Greed brings hunger. Sharing brings strength."

Anansi: *[Sighs]* "You're all right. I was selfish. I should have shared from the beginning."

Anansi: "I'm sorry, my friends."

SCENE 9 — Ending

Narrator: *The animals forgave Anansi and shared their own food with him. (everybody is eating, even the drum)*

Anansi: "Thank you, everyone "

Narrator: And so, Anansi learned that greed led to emptiness..."

Anansi: "I promise to share from now on." "Even my tricks."

Hyena: "Hehehe... that should be interesting."

Narrator: "...but sharing filled every belly — and every heart."