

# Anansi and the Spoon



Mmoatia is  
small, and she  
lives deep in the  
wood. She has a  
spoon. It can fill  
a pot with food.





Anansi sits high in  
his web. A parrot  
tells him of the  
magic spoon. 'A  
pot full of food?'  
Anansi looks down.  
His eyes go wide.

Anansi hides by a fern. Mmoatia mixes food in a pot and sings. She sets bowls on a root for all the animals to eat.



Anansi looks at  
the spoon. When  
Mmoatia stops  
to eat, she sets  
it down. The pot  
goes still. That is  
when Anansi will  
grab it.





Mmoatia sets  
the spoon down.

Anansi runs in  
and takes it. He  
zooms deep into  
the wood.

Mmoatia just sits  
and looks on.

Anansi runs home. He dips the spoon in a big pot. He mixes and mixes. But the pot stays empty. 'Fill!' he yells. The spoon goes cold.



Anansi takes  
the spoon back.  
'It will not work,'  
he says.  
Mmoatia looks  
up. 'I know,' she  
says. 'It will not  
work for a shut  
fist.'





'A giving hand fills  
all pots,' says  
Mmoatia. 'It will mix  
for a kind hand.'  
Anansi thinks. 'What  
if I share a bit?' he  
asks. 'Try,' she  
says, and gives  
him the spoon.

Anansi picks up the spoon. He thinks of the food Mmoatia shared. He mixes slow, not mad, not greedy. The pot fills up with hot stew.



The stew fills the  
pot to the top.

Anansi wants to  
eat. But he  
scoops the best  
bowl for Mmoatia  
first. Then he  
eats too.





That stew is the best food. Anansi eats till he is full. Then he takes more food to the kids in the huts. He walks home in the moon light.

Mmoatia still lives deep in the **wood**. The **spoon** works for an open hand. Anansi still tries to grab it, but the pot stays cold. When he shares, the stew fills up. A giving hand fills all pots. Yes, all!





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Deep in the Ashanti forest lives Mmoatia, a fairy no bigger than your thumb, who owns a carved wooden spoon that can fill any pot with a feast. But what happens when hungry, greedy Anansi decides he wants that magic all for himself? Can a spoon that only works for a giving heart ever stir for a closed fist? Slip beneath the trees and find out. This Bookbot level practices the 'oo' sound with words like 'spoon', 'food', 'wood', 'moon' and 'scoop'.

Reading Skills: <oo>

food, looks, moon, root, scoop, spoon, too, wood, zoom

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