

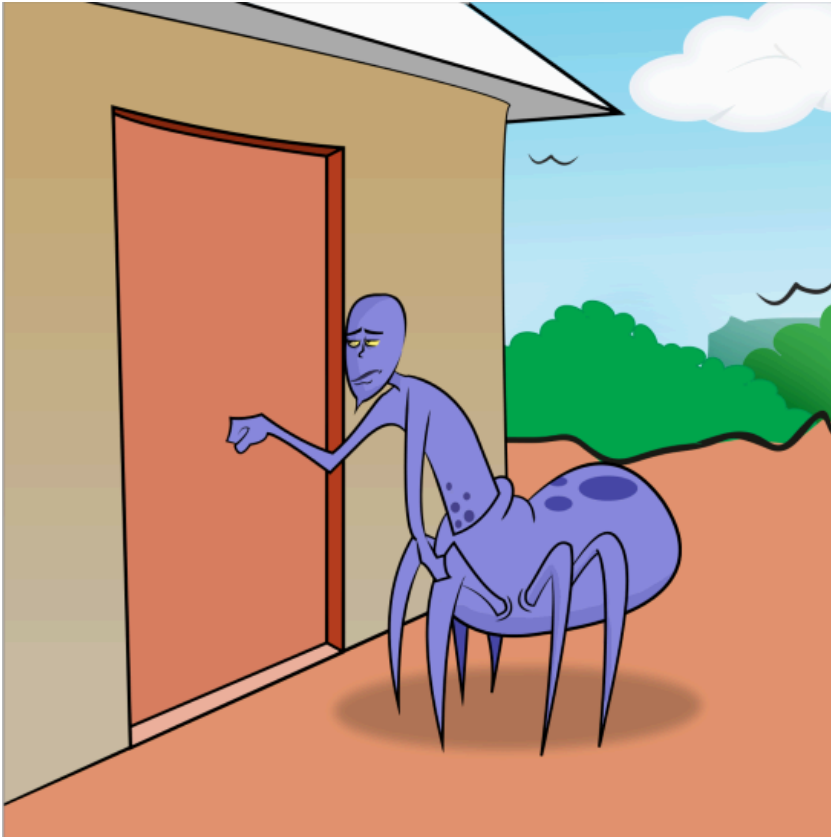


# Spider and the village women

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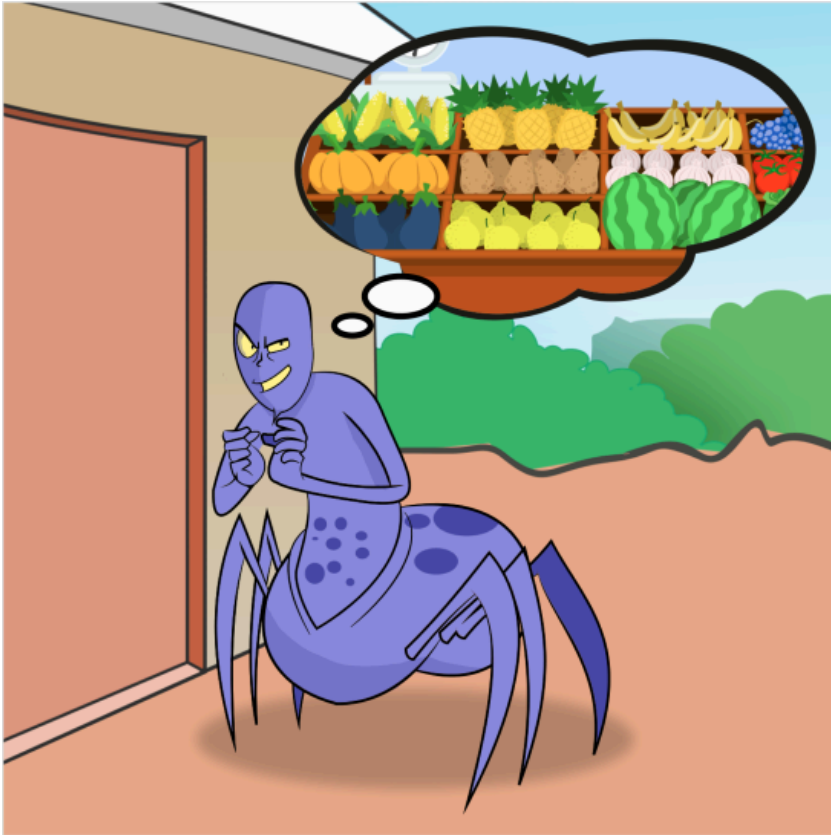
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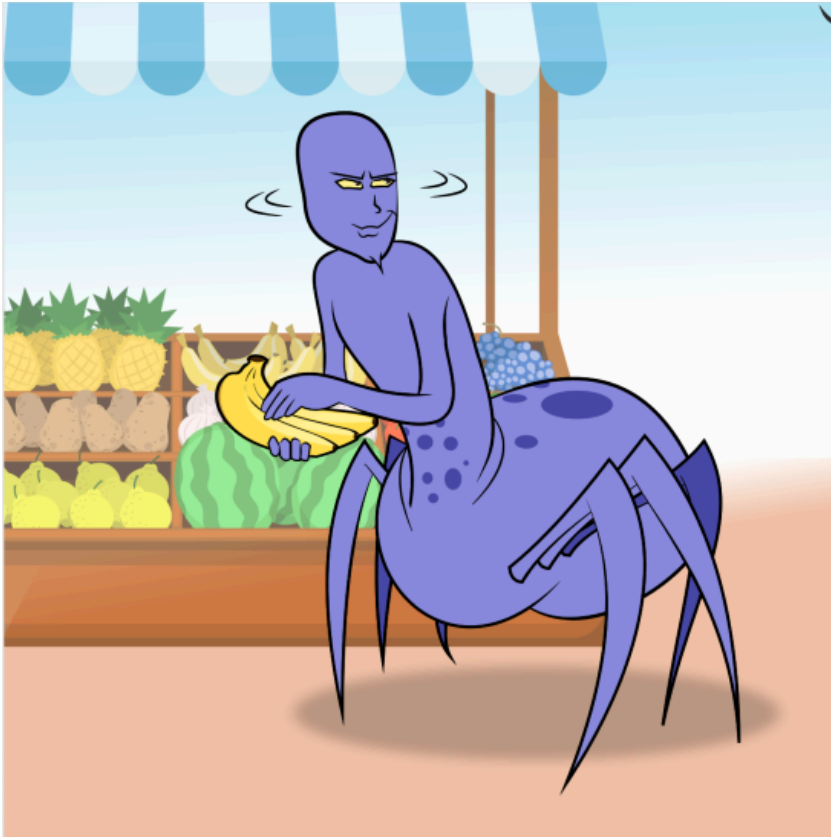
Once upon a time, Spider felt very hungry. He decided to go in search of food.

He visited his friend's place where he usually got help. But his friend was not at home.



Hungry, Spider thought of an idea for getting food.

He remembered the store where the village women usually kept food.



He sneaked into the store and stole some fish and bananas.



On his way out, the little children noticed his unusual movements. They called on one of the women.

The women rushed at Spider.



With loaded pockets,  
Spider was very afraid  
and wanted to run.

The women caught him  
and decided to punish  
him.



"Let us grind him on the village stone," Yalo, one of the women suggested.



Spider laughed out loud and said, "My grandfather lives in this rock. Grinding me on it is like sending me home. Thank you!"

The women decided not to grind him.





"Let us throw him in the fire," said Yuliya.

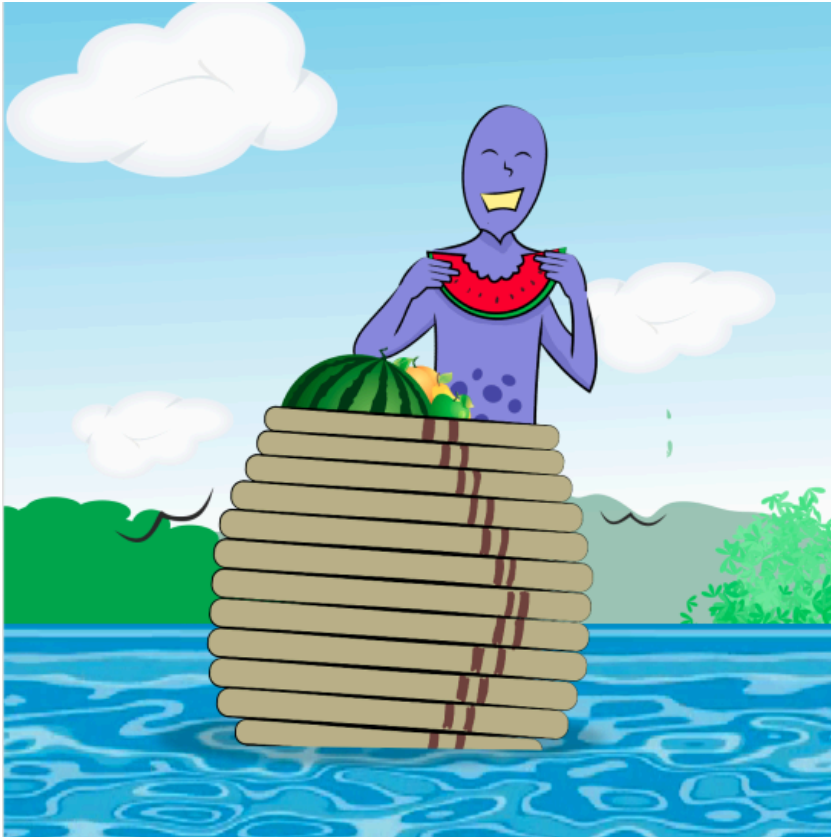
Again, Spider laughed and said, "My grandmother, who loved me so much, is the owner of all fires. Throwing me into fire is like sending me home. Thank you!"

The women felt disappointed.



"Let us fill a basket with fruit, put him inside and throw it into the river"  
Yabana suggested. At this, Spider cried, "You have finally killed me!"

The women were happy. They filled a basket with fruit, put him inside and threw it into the river.



Once in the middle of the river, Spider celebrated.

He took some fruit and ate as he laughed at the women.



The women felt tricked and tried to hook Spider.

But the fast flowing river did not allow them to catch him.



Spider forgot that there was a fishing net down the river. He was caught in the net and got trapped.

Nobody came to help him.

## The spider and the village women

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