

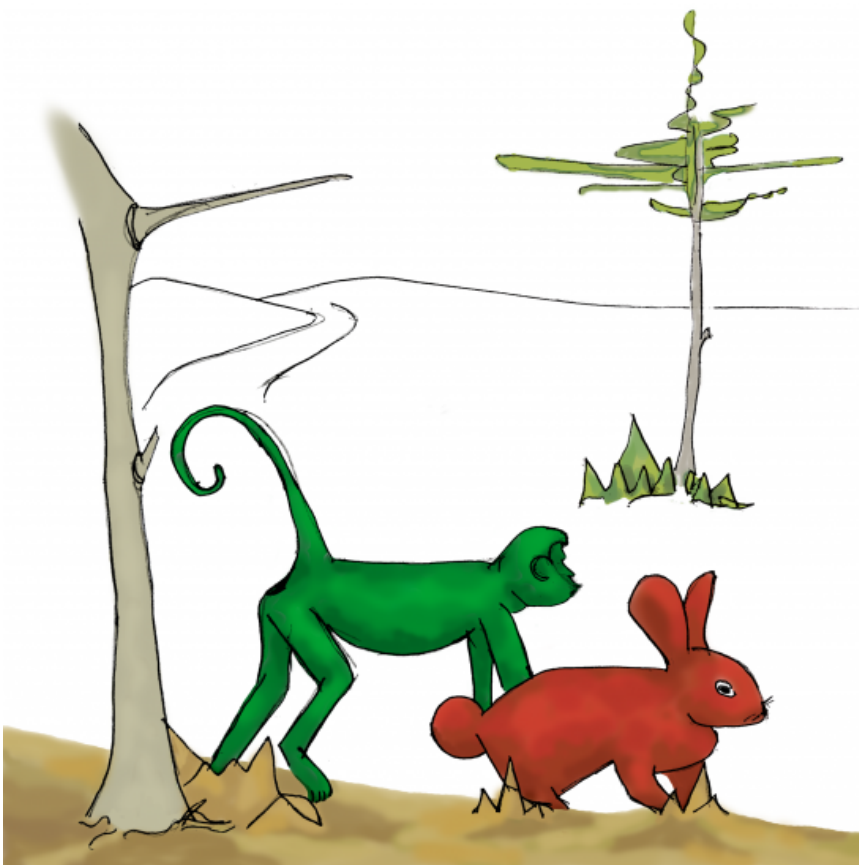
Monkey Eats his Own Tail

Mozambican folktale
English





Once upon a time the
rabbit was a great
friend of the monkey.



One day the rabbit
said:
Let's go for a walk
and look for
something to eat.
The monkey agreed,
but it was a trap for
him!



They went to a field of
maize and started to
eat it.



But the clever rabbit had spoken to the owners of the farm, to catch the monkey and show him he was foolish.



The clever rabbit
started shouting:
Robbers! Robbers!
Your maize is all gone!
And he jumped up and
ran away.



Suddenly the owners appeared and found the monkey trying to run away. But he has a long tail and it was stopping him.



The owners followed
him, shouting:
Stop! Stop!
We saw you, you are
the monkey.



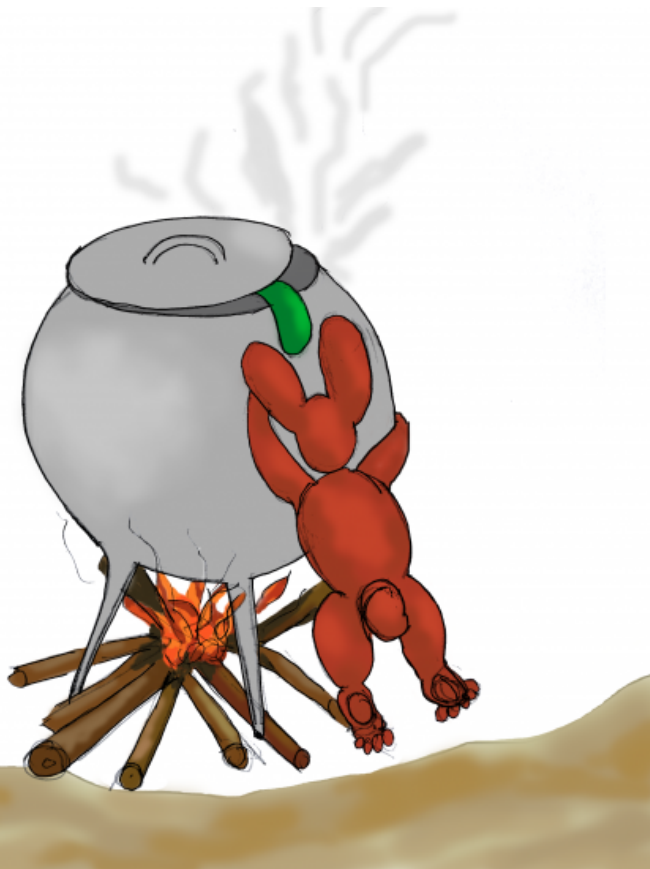
But they caught him
and started beating
him.



He couldn't stand the pain so he said:
I was with my friend rabbit. He is the one who invited me.



But the owners cut his
tail off and told him:
Go and tell your friend
that we cut off your tail!



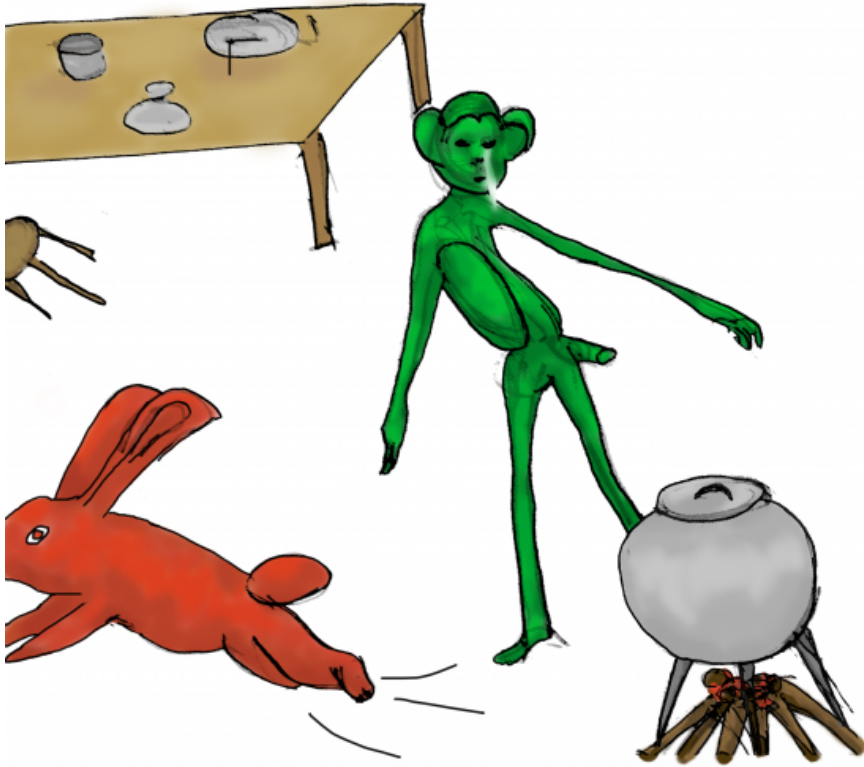
Then they went to the rabbit's house and cooked the monkey's tail to eat.

The rabbit invited the monkey for lunch.



At the end of the meal the rabbit asked the monkey if he knew what he had eaten.

The foolish monkey answered: No, I don't!



The rabbit told him that he had eaten his own tail and then ran away.

And from then on they became enemies!

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