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### HONEY TREE

There was once a young girl from a village far away who had a special talent for finding the very best foods in the bush.

One day Spider asked this young girl to help him look for food. He was too lazy to work for himself and was sure he could trick this girl into sharing her secrets of the bush.

"Little girl, will you please take me with you when you go looking in the bush?"

"Well, I suppose so." agreed the girl. "Do you promise to keep my secrets?"

"You can trust me." promised the lazy spider.

The girl led Spider along the path into the bush. She took him down trails into areas where people never go. Spider grinned.

"This plum tree," explained the girl, "has the sweetest plums in all of the bush."

Now Spider was just as greedy as he was lazy. The spider rushed past the girl and climbed up into the tree. Then, he ate every single one of the plums.

After his feast, Spider rubbed his very full belly and thought, "Would you take me to your special bananas?"

The girl continued down the trail. "Over here is a small patch of the very best bananas." declared the young girl. Again, as soon as Spider learned the secret, he ate every single one of the ripe bananas. His belly was so full, but Spider was not satisfied. "I will continue to eat all of her food." Spider thought to himself.

The young girl guided Spider deeper into the bush. "Deep inside a small hole in this tree is the most delicious honey in all of the bush."

Again, Spider ate all of the sweet golden honey.

When he had eaten his fill, he tried to climb out of the tree but he couldn't get out of the hole. His stomach had grown too large. He was stuck!

"Help me, young girl." cried the spider. "I cannot get out of the tree!"

"You wouldn't be stuck if you hadn't been so selfish." scolded the girl.

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