

# It's Party Time With Anansi!

From Anansi's Party Time

## Anansi is having a party! Or is he?

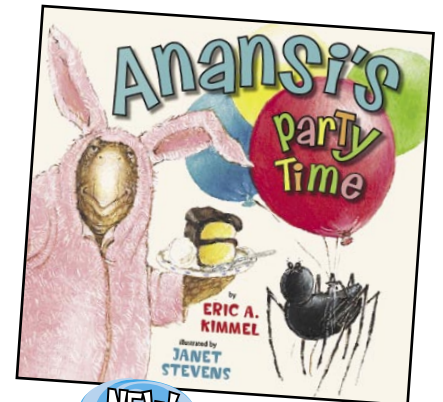
Follow this trickster's newest adventure with Turtle and their friends and have a celebration with your friends! Use this party kit to get everyone started!



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Inside you'll find:

- Party Invitation
- Directions to the Party
- Party Decorations
- Recipes
- Lots of Games and Puzzles!
- Gift Tags



**NEW** from  
**Eric A. Kimmel**  
and **Janet Stevens!**

**Plan your own Anansi Party!** You can make it any kind of party you want—Birthday Party, Almost-Summer Party, Pool Party, Jungle Party, anything! Use the activities and ideas inside or come up with some of your own—this is just to get you started.

## Have a great party!

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My name \_\_\_\_\_

See you soon!

Please RSVP by calling \_\_\_\_\_



It's going to be a lot of fun!

You might want to bring \_\_\_\_\_

Place \_\_\_\_\_

Time \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I'd like you to come!

party! \_\_\_\_\_

I'm having a



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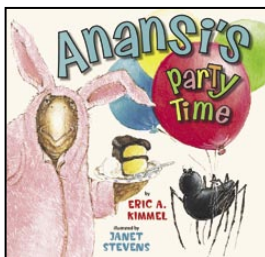
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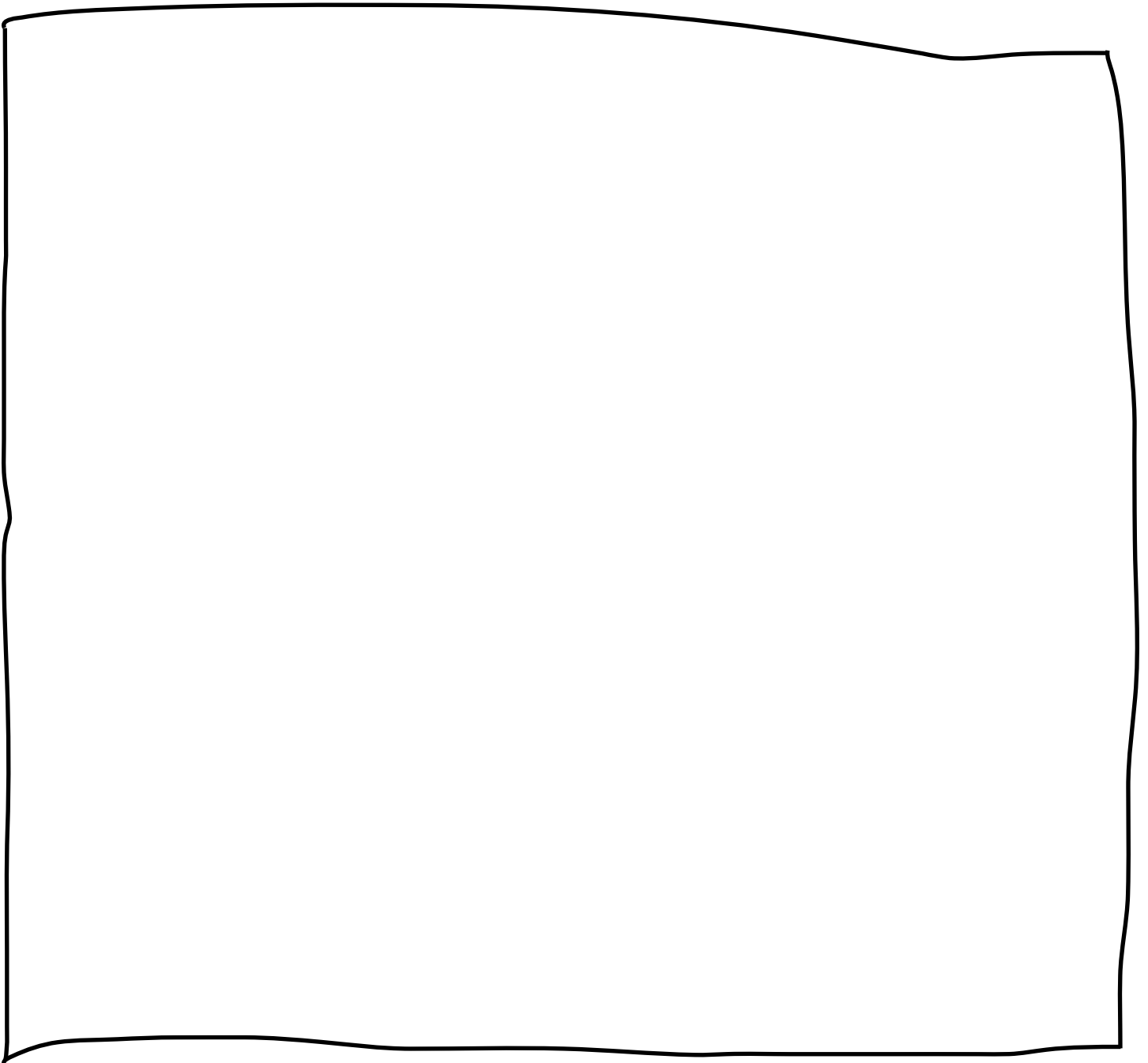
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*Anansi's Party Time* **NEW!**



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# Here's how to find my house!



**Help your guests find the party!** Draw a map to your street and your house in the box above. Don't forget the number of your house and the name of your street! Ask an adult to make photocopies of the map so that everyone coming will have one. You can also write directions under the map.

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# Choose Your Favorite Party Animal!

**Your guests are animals!** Use these animal plate covers to make different place settings for each person. Guests can choose where they want to sit by choosing which animal they'd like to be!

Have an adult print out the following pages and help you cut out the plate covers along the dotted line. You can color in the borders when you're done. Put a plate cover on each place setting and get ready to eat!



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TURTLE



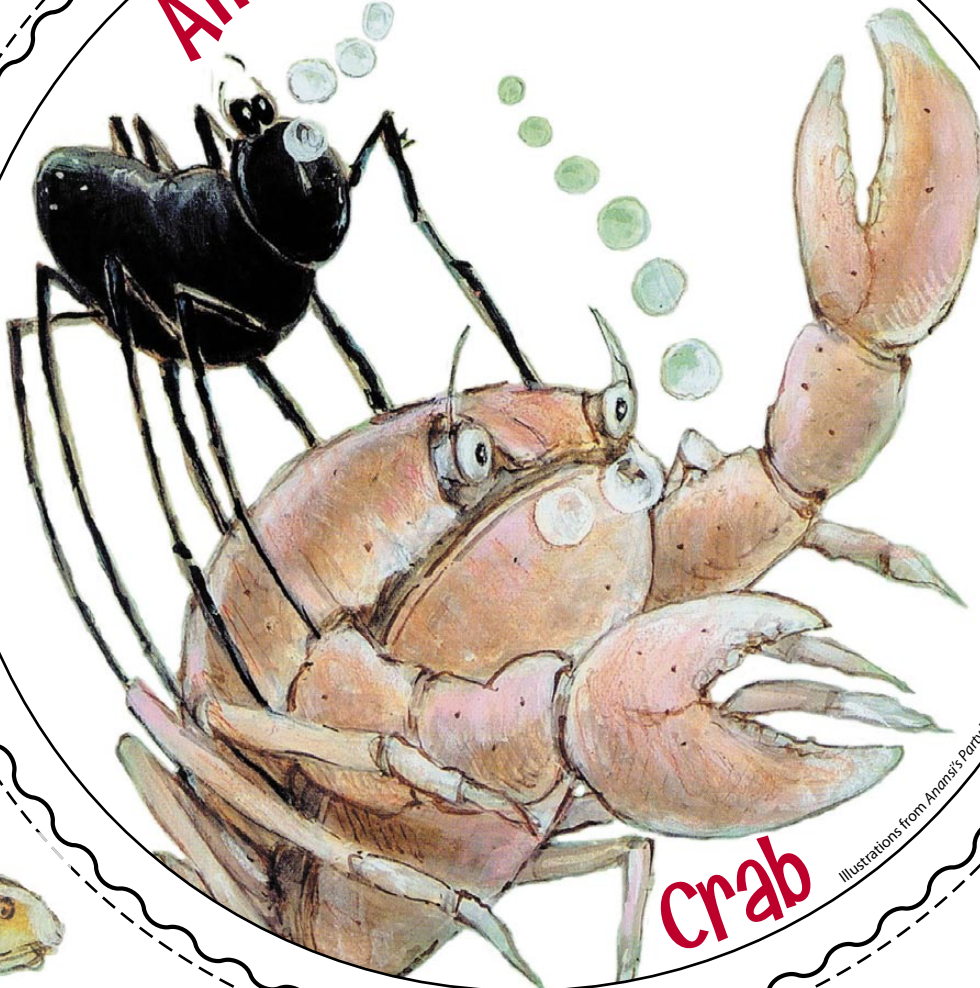
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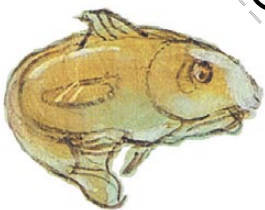


Anansi The Spider



Crab

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# Try these Anansi ideas for your party food!



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## Spider Cakes

**Spiders don't have to be gross!  
Make a spider cake or cupcakes  
for your guests!**

Use your favorite cake or cupcake recipe and have an adult help you make it. When you're done, use licorice, jelly beans, or chocolate candies to make spider decorations on the top! Your guests can eat the spiders before they eat the rest!

## Spider Trail Mix

**A healthy snack with chocolate  
spiders mixed in!**

Make a trail mix using your favorite recipe. You can use raisins, sunflower seeds, pumpkin seeds, pretzels, cereal, or anything else you really like. Mix in little chocolate candies. They will look like spiders in the bowl!



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## Spider Juice

**A fun and yummy drink people  
and spiders will enjoy!**

It's easy to make spider juice; you can even invent your own! Have an adult help you mix some fruit juices together. You can use cranberry, blueberry, grape, apple, or any kind you like. You can also use lemonade or iced tea. Be creative, but taste the Spider Juice before you serve it! Some combinations might only be for spiders!

**You can also try Turtle cookies or Turtle popcorn balls, or experiment with any other recipe you think would make a fun and yummy treat!**



# Mystery Animal Game

## What animal am I thinking of?



*From Anansi and the Moss-Covered Rock*

### Instructions

Take turns being the one who chooses the "mystery" animal. When it is your turn, think of an animal you really like or you think would make a good mystery animal. Whisper your animal's name to the grown-up in charge. He or she will help you come up with clues so that the other players can guess your animal.

Read the clues one at a time to the other players. After every clue, allow people to guess if they think they know the answer. The person who guesses the mystery animal first gets to choose a new mystery animal for the next round!

You can choose an animal from  
The Anansi books, or any other animal  
you can think of! There are  
LOTS to choose from!

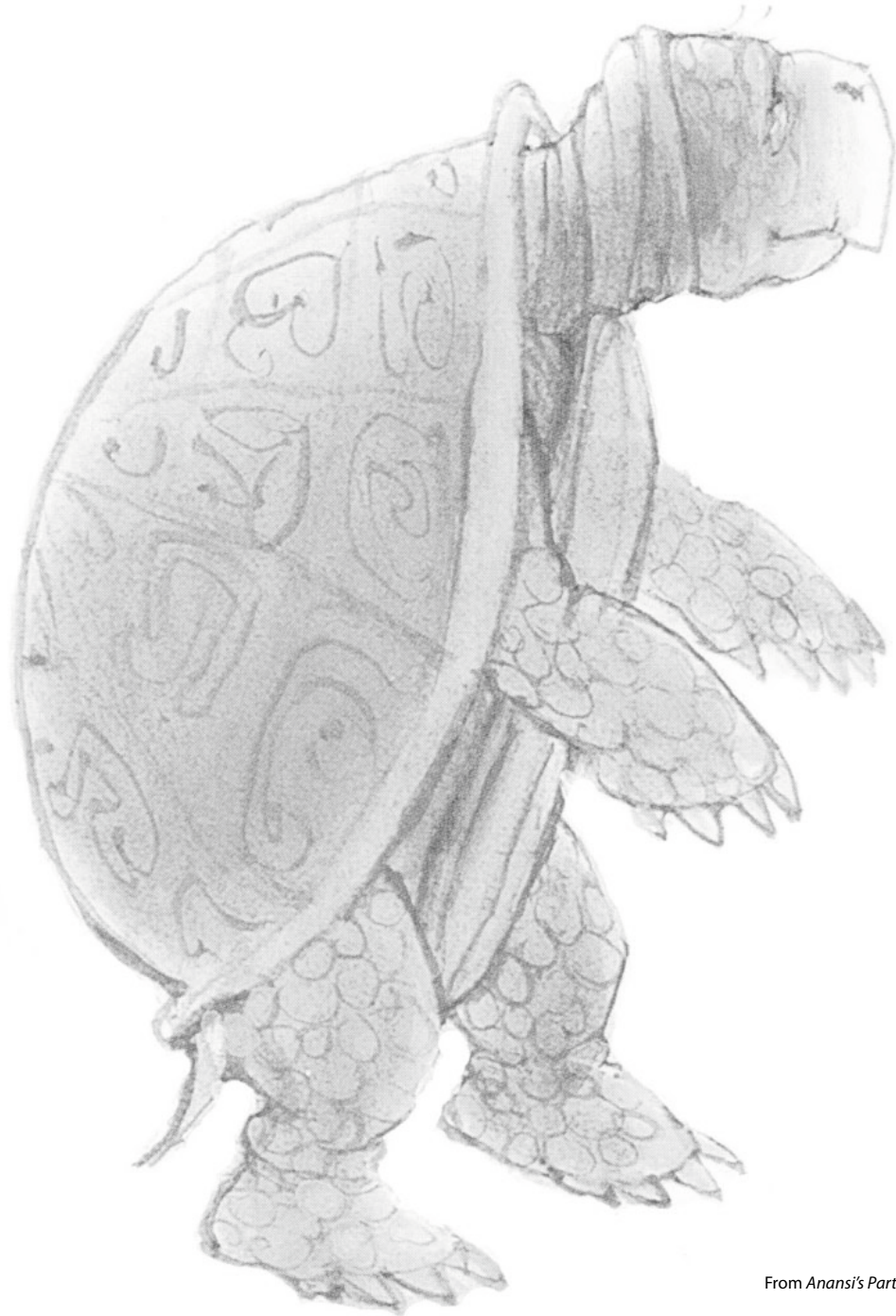


*From Anansi and the Talking Melon*

# Help Turtle Choose a Costume!

When Turtle went to Anansi's party, he had to wear a costume. But he didn't know which costume to wear! He tried on many different ones before deciding to go as a rabbit.

Will you help Turtle pick out a new costume? Think of costumes that Turtle could wear. They can be funny, scary, or silly. Draw Turtle's new costume on him. He can wear it to Anansi's next party!



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# Anansi's Party Time Word Search

y y j o l q c e e n x  
 e p o b a r c l r o z  
 a m c t v p t i f t o  
 d w u o t r k s p d p  
 n j o t u e t n a m p  
 n o i t s p r a r d i  
 c o v o h o l n t a h  
 s p i d e r c a y i k  
 x y v l z j b y p l s

Find and circle the words below in the puzzle above!  
 They can be forward, backward, across, down, or diagonal.  
 Happy hunting!



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|         |        |
|---------|--------|
| anansi  | otter  |
| costume | party  |
| crab    | spider |
| hippo   | turtle |
| lion    |        |

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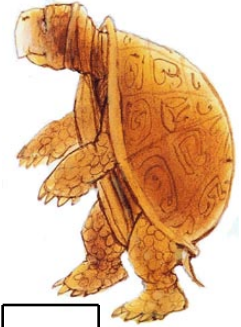


# Anansi's Party Time Maze

Help Turtle find Anansi's house!



From *Anansi and the Moss-Covered Rock*



From *Anansi's Party Time*

START



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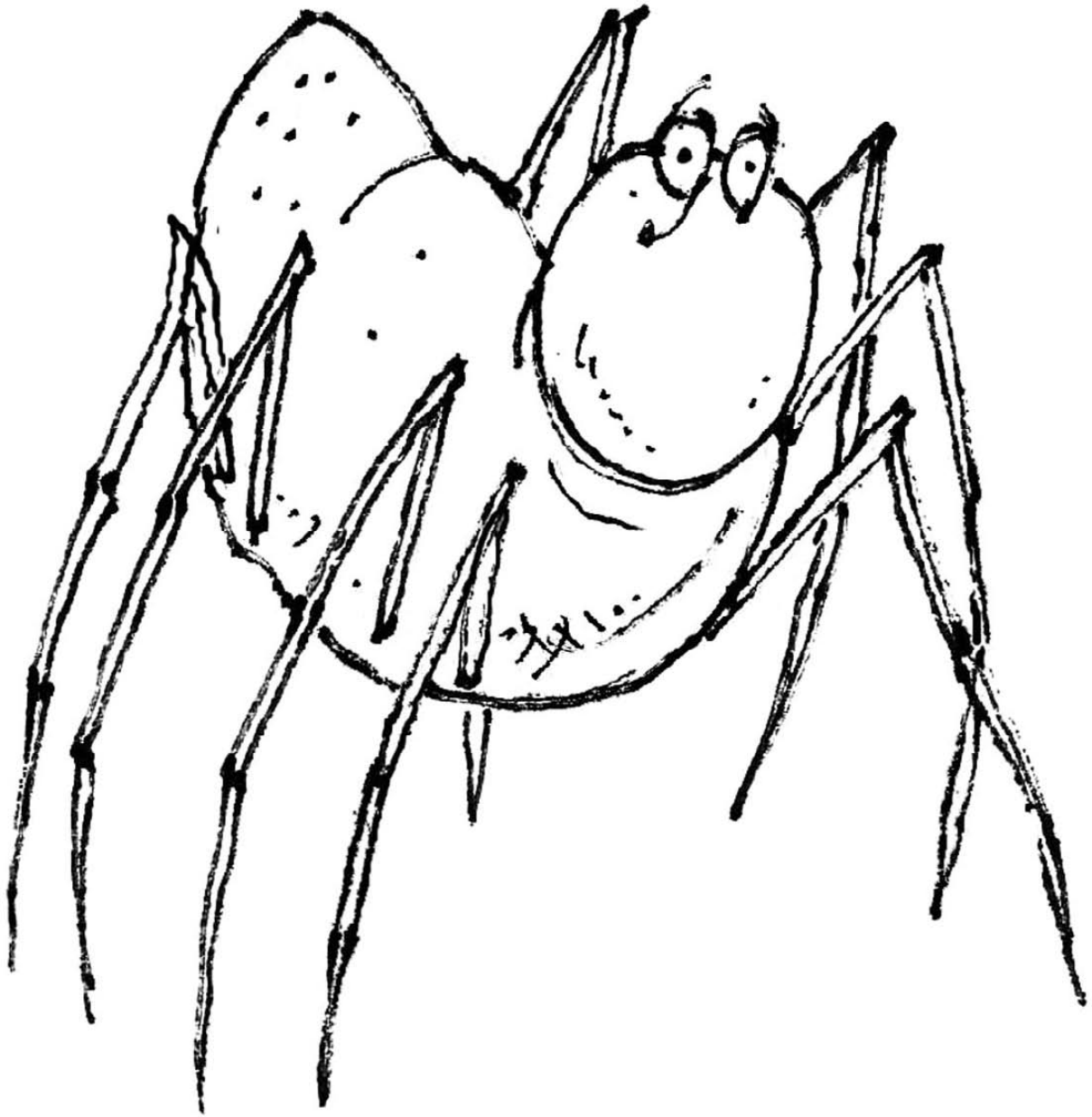
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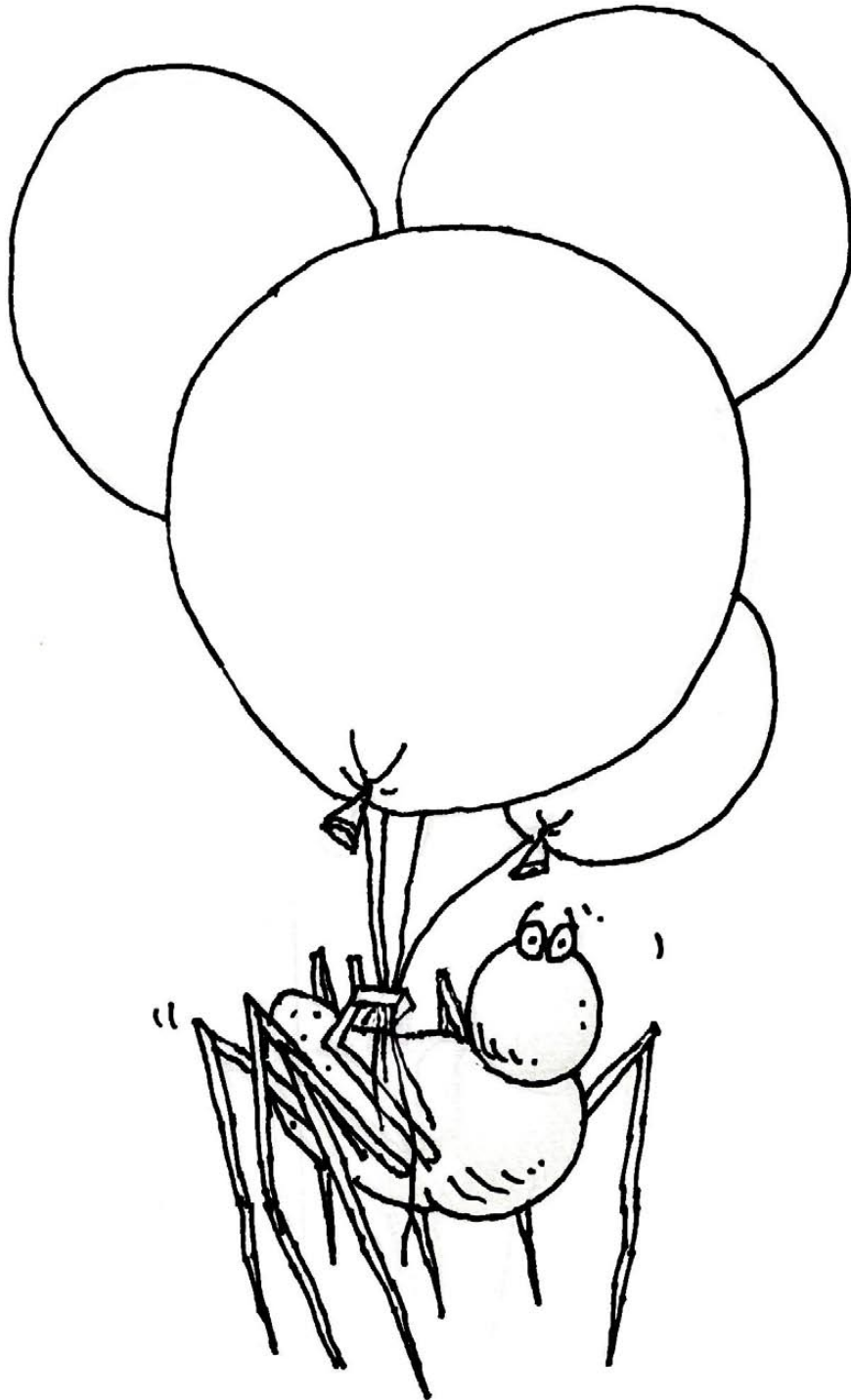


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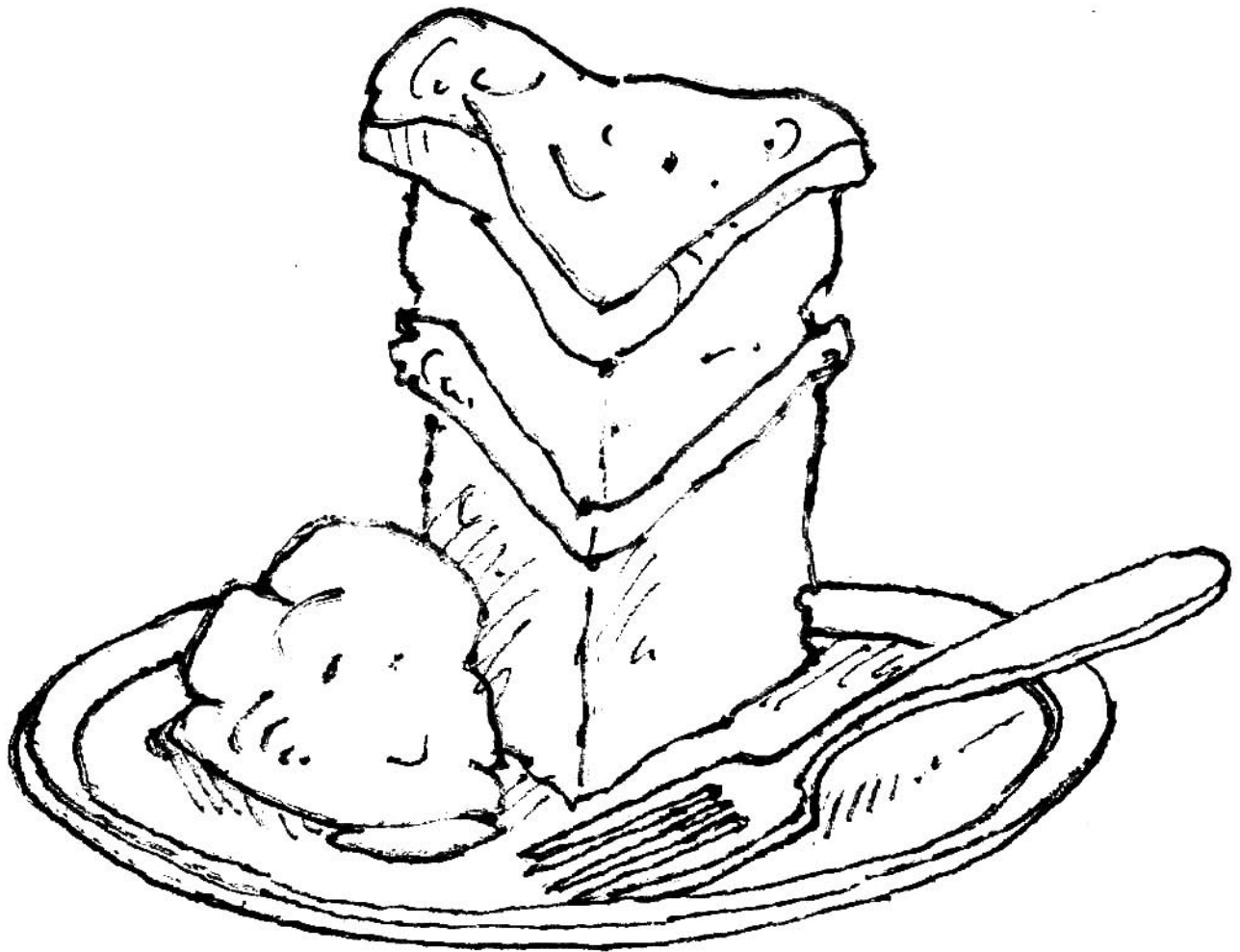
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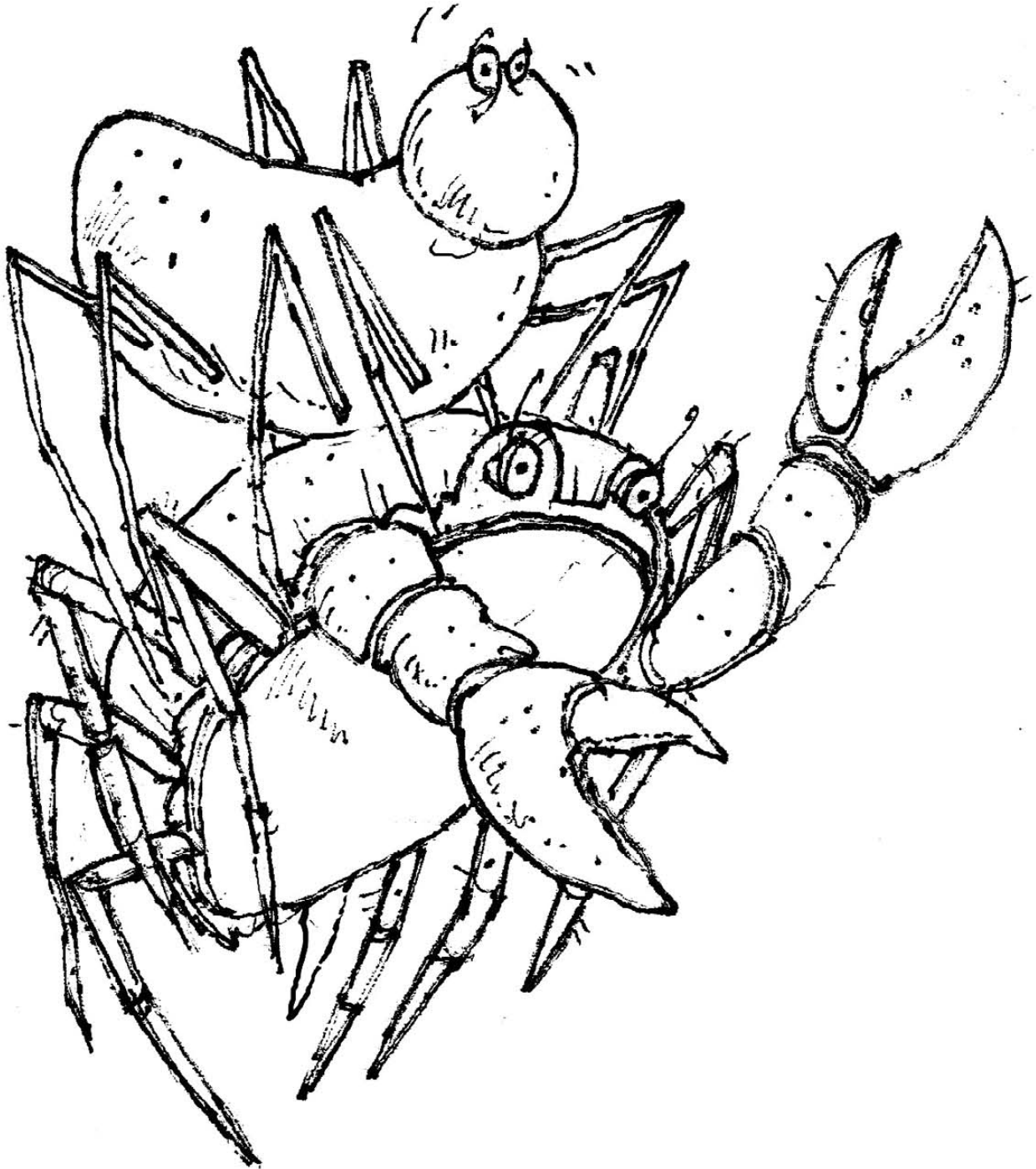


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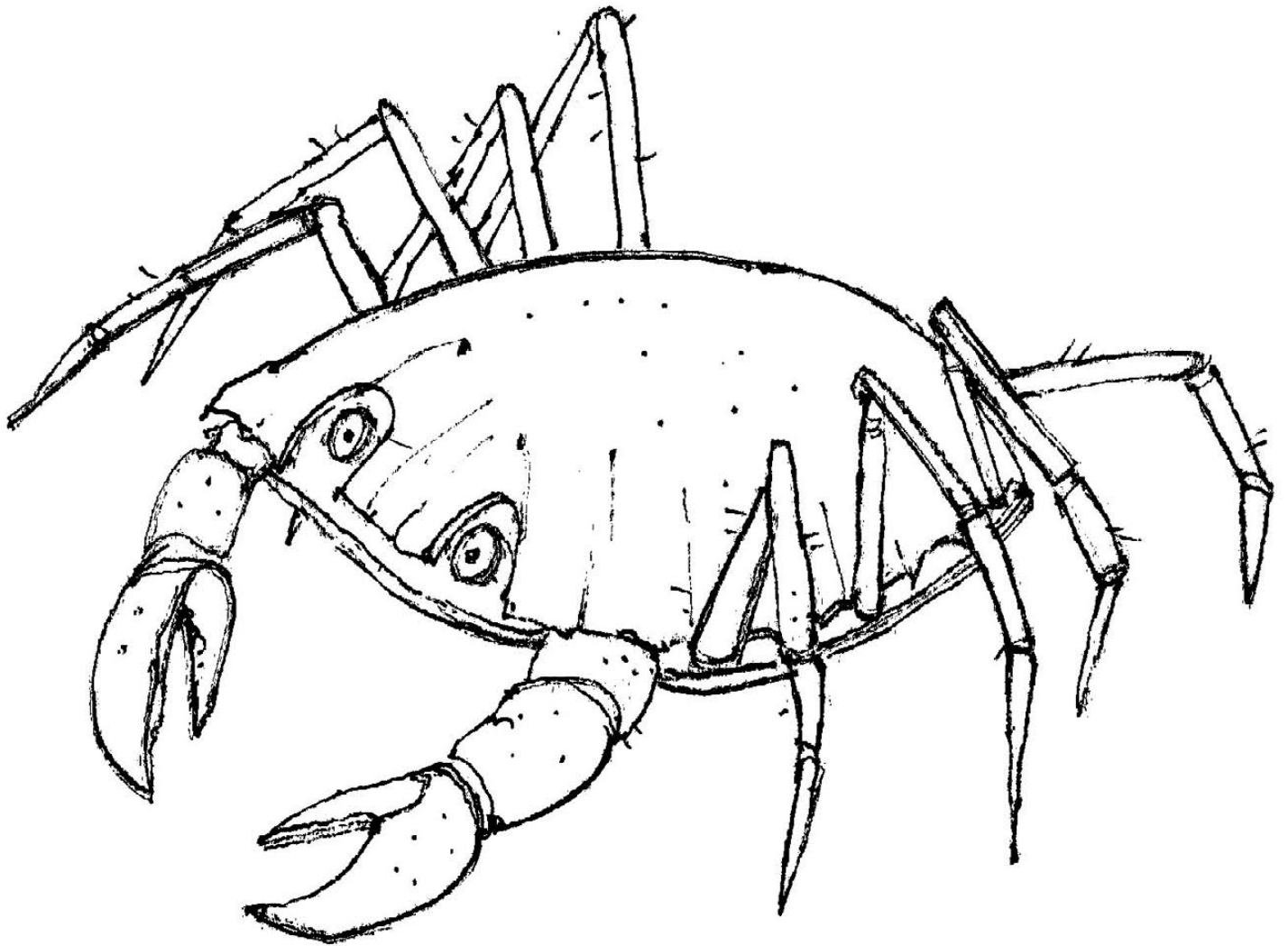
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# Gift Tags

You don't have to give out gift bags at your party—having a party is more than enough!  
But if you do, you can make fun tags so your guests will know which bag to take home.





To:

From:

**Thanks for coming to my party!**  
**It was fun!**

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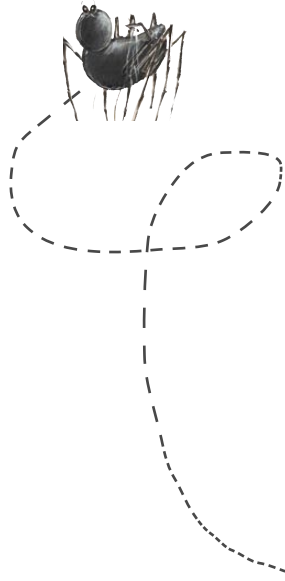
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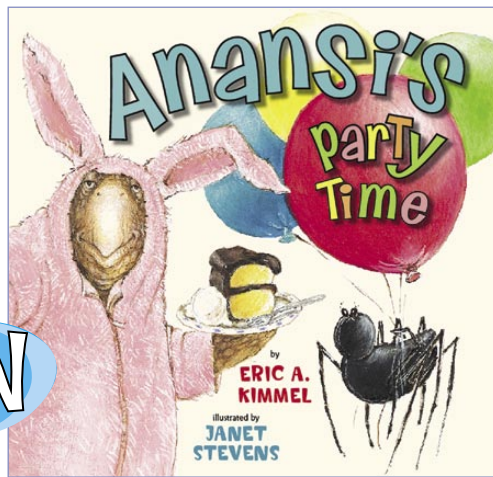


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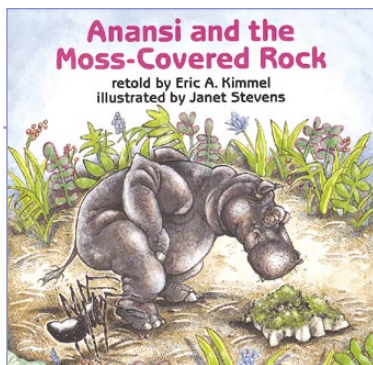
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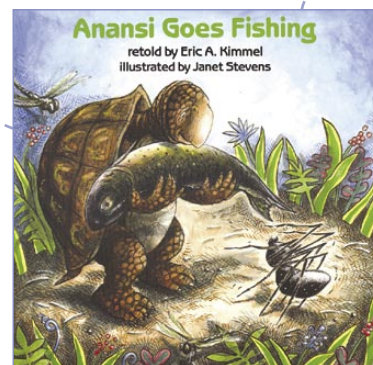
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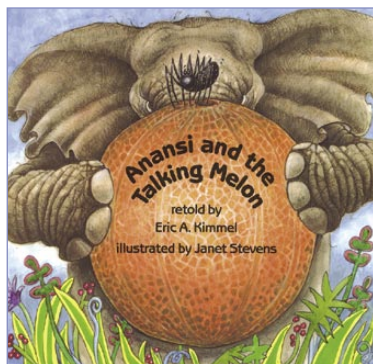
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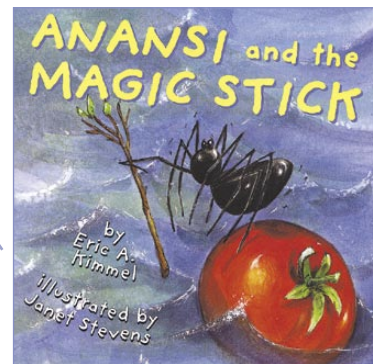
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