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Chapter 1



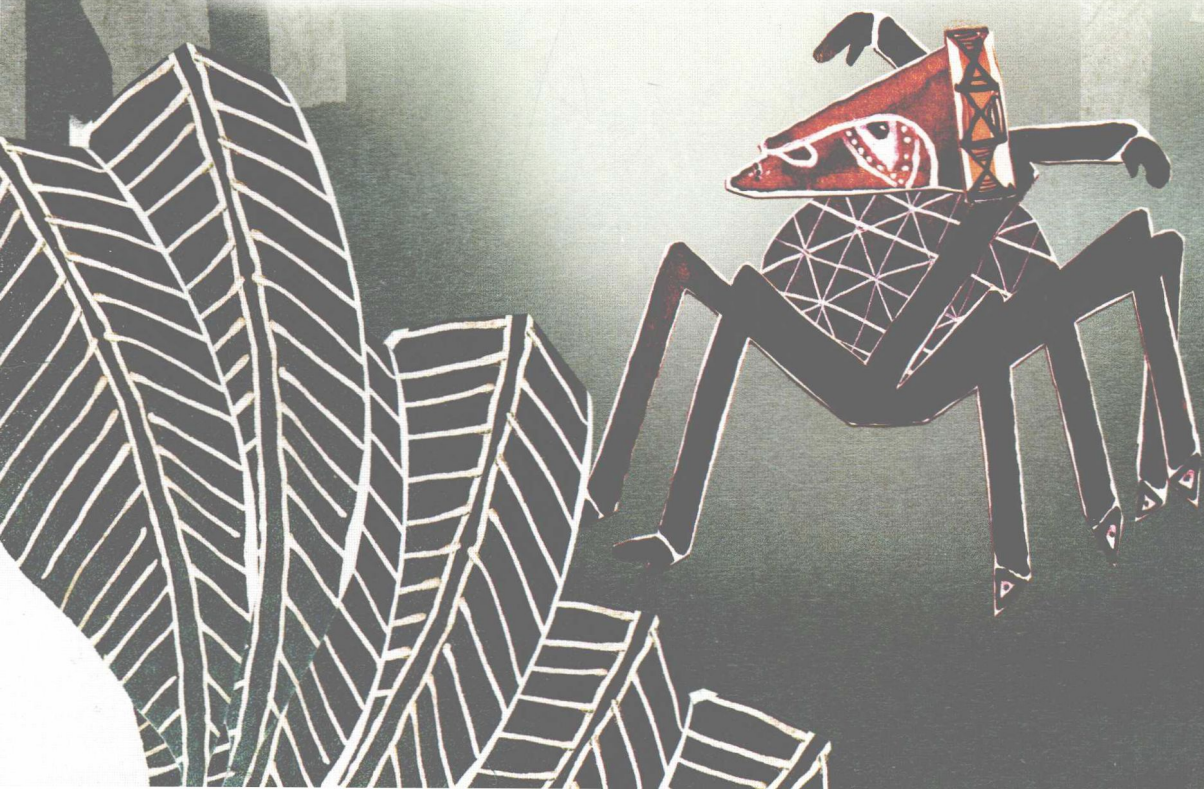
A long, long time ago, all stories belonged to Nyame, King of the Sky. All day long people would gather around him and listen to what he had to say. Anansi the spider was jealous of Nyame. He wanted people to come and listen to him instead.

"I want to own all stories," said Anansi. "I want to be King of Stories!"

☞ “OK,” said Nyame. “You can be King of Stories if you bring me the Hornets with their sting like fire, and Leopard with his big sharp teeth and Snake with his poisonous bite.”

Anansi knew that the Hornets, Leopard and Snake were the most dangerous creatures in the forest and they would be difficult to catch, but Anansi wanted to be King of Stories so badly that he agreed.

“OK, I’ll do it!” Anansi said.



☞ Anansi was afraid. "How am I going to catch those three and bring them back to Nyame!" he thought. "I am not the strongest or the most fierce animal and I am not very brave ..." he said to himself.



Chapter 2



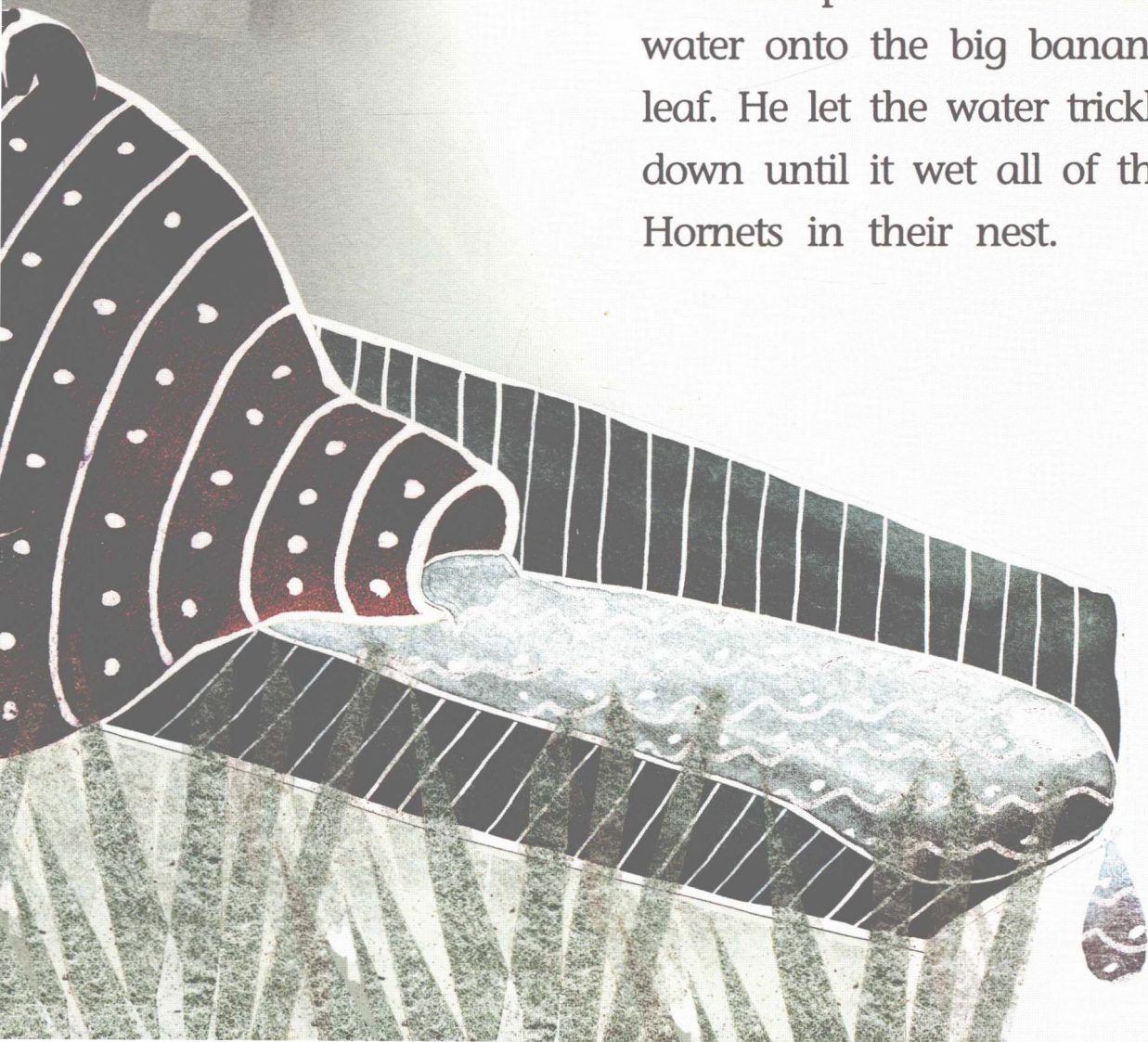
Anansi had an idea. "I will just have to use my skill, my wit and my cleverness to catch them out!" Anansi laughed and he went to fill a calabash with water. Then he made his way to the big tree where the Hornets live.

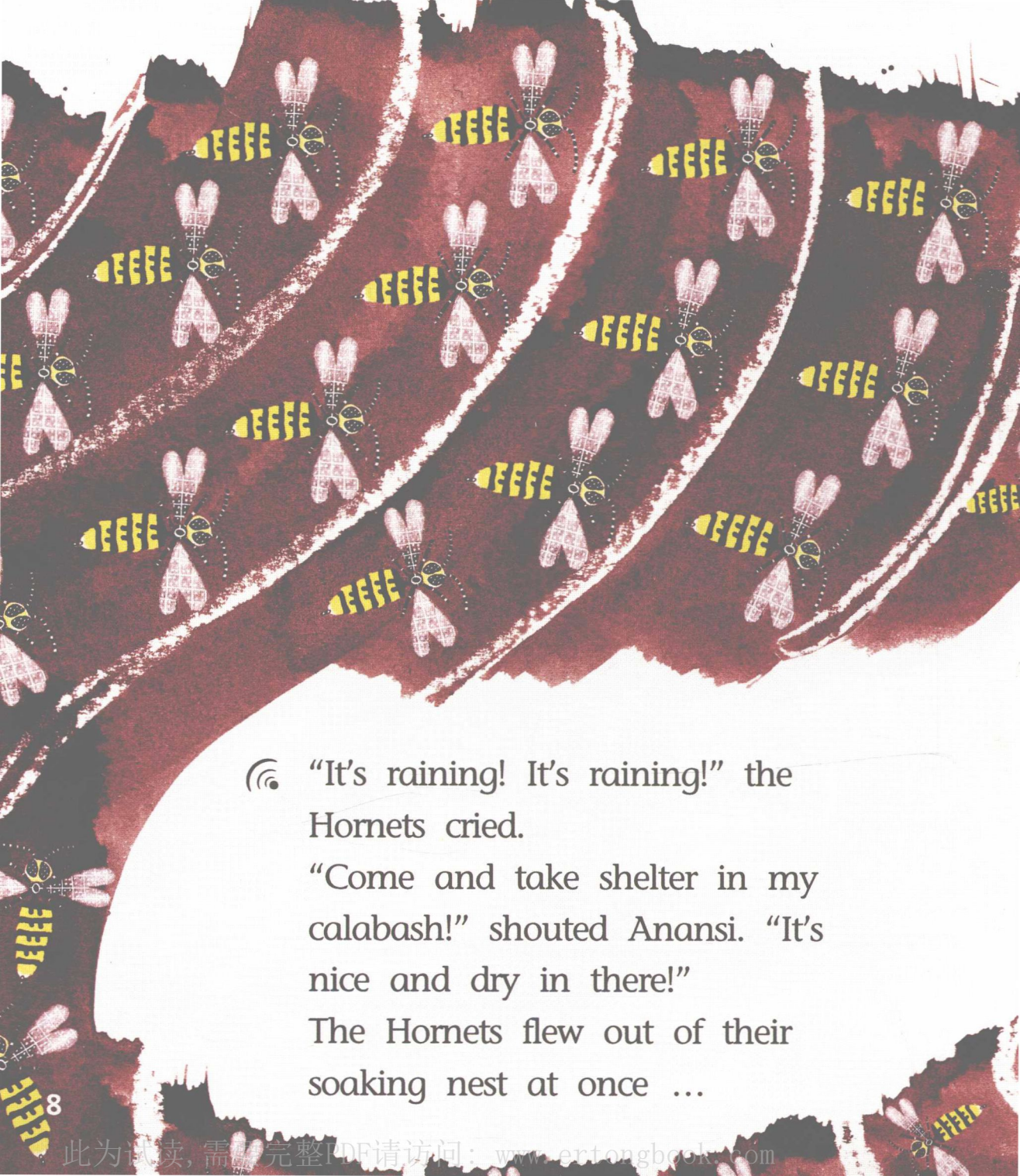
☞ Anansi poured some of the water from his calabash over a big banana leaf and he held the leaf over his head to let some water splash over him.





When he was dripping wet, Anansi climbed up the tree and sat above the Hornets' nest and poured some more water onto the big banana leaf. He let the water trickle down until it wet all of the Hornets in their nest.

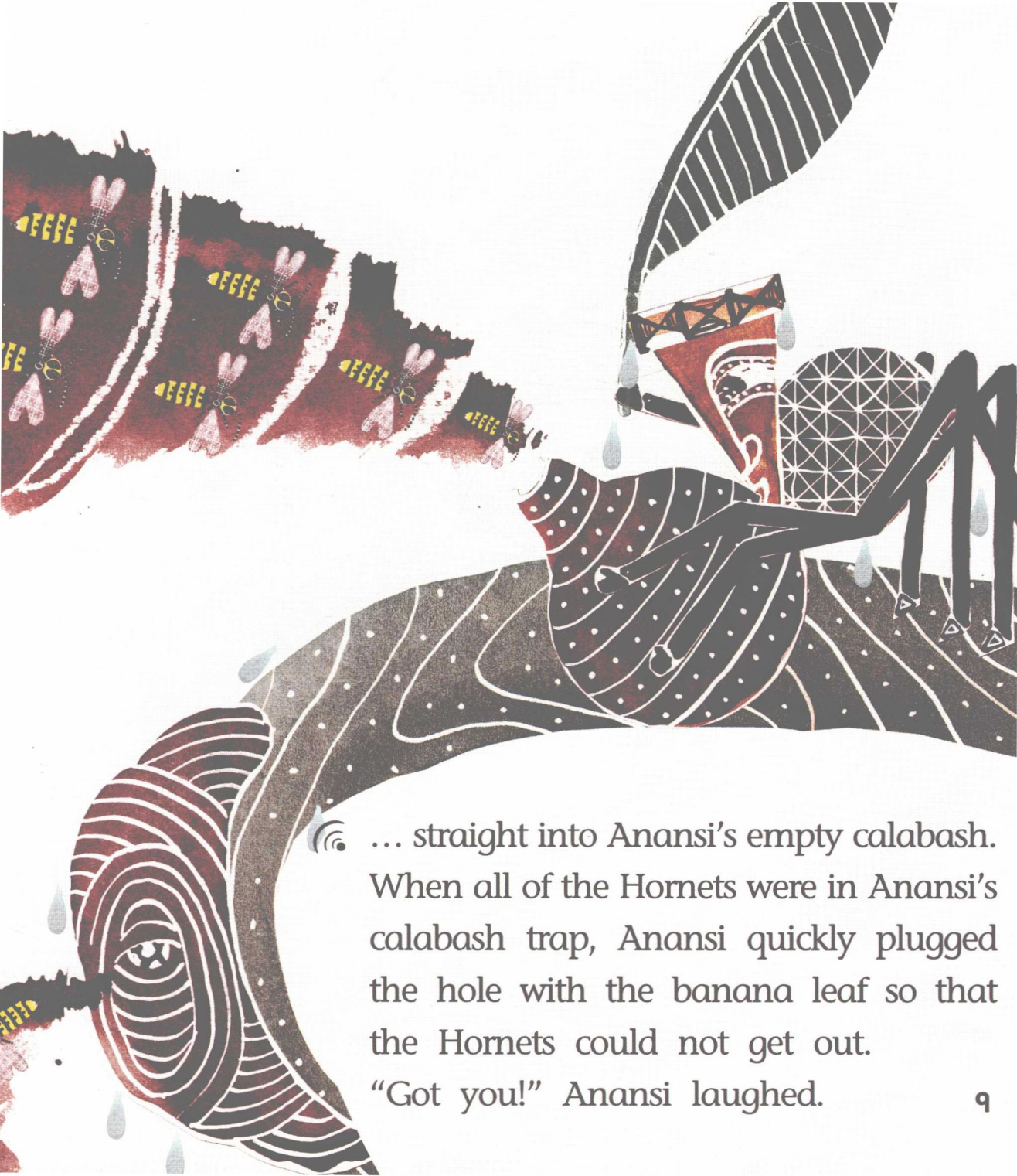




☞ “It’s raining! It’s raining!” the Hornets cried.

“Come and take shelter in my calabash!” shouted Anansi. “It’s nice and dry in there!”

The Hornets flew out of their soaking nest at once ...



... straight into Anansi's empty calabash. When all of the Hornets were in Anansi's calabash trap, Anansi quickly plugged the hole with the banana leaf so that the Hornets could not get out. "Got you!" Anansi laughed.

Chapter 3



Anansi ran all the way back to see Nyame.

"I have them!" Anansi sang, "I have the Hornets! I used my skill to catch them. I deserve to be King of Stories."

"But you do not have Leopard or Snake," said Nyame.

"So you cannot have my stories."

☞ “Oh no,” thought Anansi. “I had almost forgotten. I still have Leopard with his big sharp teeth and Snake with his poisonous bite to catch. What am I going to do? I am not the strongest or the most fierce and I am not very brave ...” he said to himself.

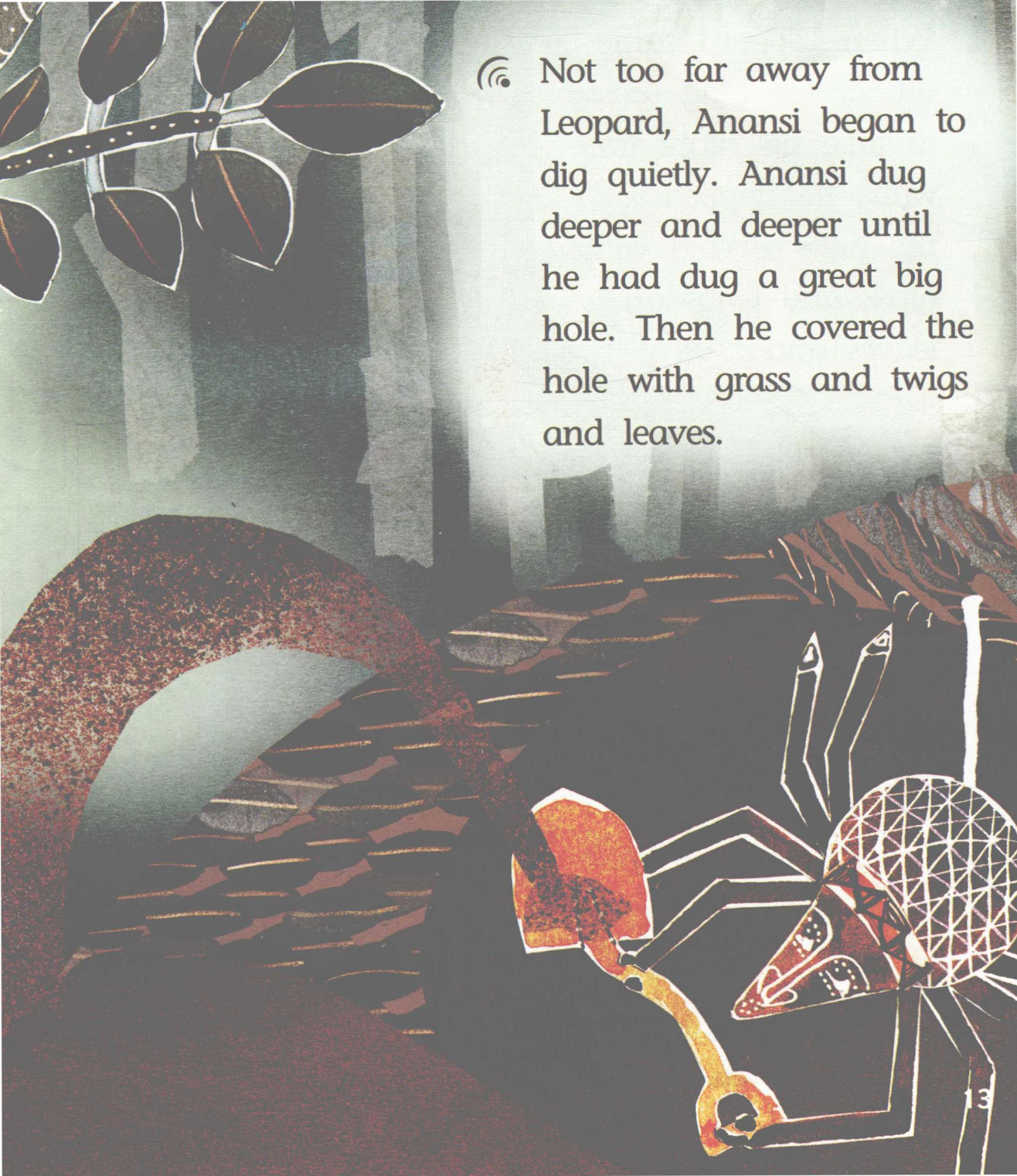




Chapter 4



"I will just have to use more of my skill, my wit and my cleverness to catch them out!" Anansi chuckled. Anansi went to get a big shovel and he found the tree where Leopard likes to take his afternoon nap.



☞ Not too far away from Leopard, Anansi began to dig quietly. Anansi dug deeper and deeper until he had dug a great big hole. Then he covered the hole with grass and twigs and leaves.

When Leopard came out of the long grass to take his night time walk, he stepped on the hole covered with grass and twigs and leaves and ...

