

BREER ANANCY

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Activities from
"The most popular spider that has ever lived."



BREK ANANCY - KWEKÚ ANANSI

Anancy is the Ashanti (West African) Spider God, and the hero of Caribbean folklore. A cunning trickster, He is often depicted as a spider with a human head. Anancy owns all the stories in the world, a power he had to earn using his keen and cunning ways. Continuing to live by his wits, Anancy is well regarded as The Spider God - bringer of knowledge and stories, and the most popular spider that has ever lived.

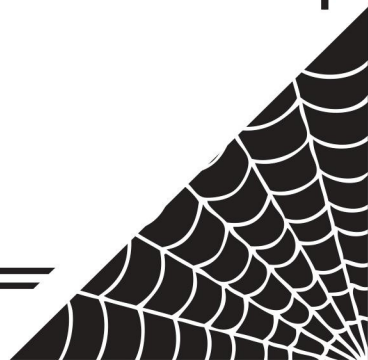
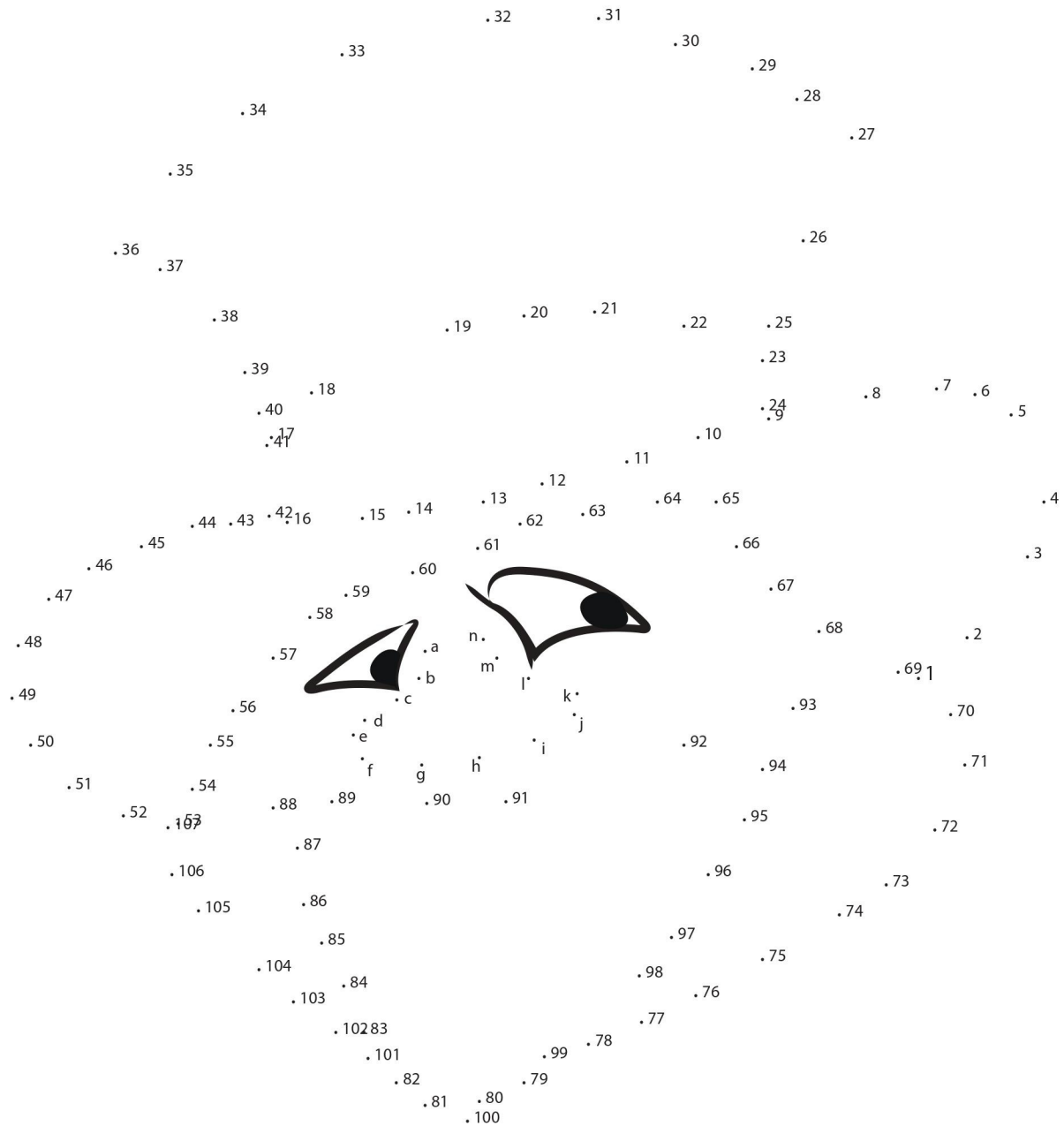
Given Name:	Kwekú Anansi
Alias(es):	Ananse or Anancy, (<i>Jamaica, Grenada, Costa Rica, Colombia, Nicaragua</i>) Anansi (<i>Trinidad and Tobago</i>) Anansi Drew (<i>The Bahamas</i>) Aunt Nancy (<i>South Carolina</i>) Cha Nanzi (<i>Aruba</i>) Hanansi, Kompa Nanzi (<i>Curaçao, Bonaire</i>) Ba Anansi (<i>Suriname</i>)
Gender:	Male
Race:	Black
Ethnicity:	Multi-Ethnic
Date of Birth:	unknown
Day of Birth:	Wednesday
Height:	Not too much.
Weight:	Varies
Address(es):	Ghana, Jamaica, other Caribbean territories, South Carolina (Gullah), Haiti, Belize, Central America.
Country of Origin:	Ghana
M.O.:	Outsmarts persons larger and smaller than himself. Often finds himself in a pickle, and in almost all cases he figures himself out.
Appearance:	Often depicted as a spider, human, or a combination thereof.
Main Enemy:	Himself

Mythology

Anancy is the spider god, who acts on behalf of Nyame, his father and the sky god. He brings rain to stop fires and performs other duties for him. His mother is Asase Ya. There are several mentions of Anancy's children, the first son often being named as N'tukuma. According to some stories his wife is known as Miss Anancy or Mistress Anancy but most commonly as Aso. In some beliefs, Anancy is responsible for creating the sun, the stars and the moon, as well as teaching mankind the techniques of agriculture.



Connect the dots. What do you see?







DO MEK MI
SEE!



Find each of the following words.

CHICKEN
KWEKU
ANANCY
BANANA
NYAME

POT
MAGIC
SPIDER
TUKUMA
GHANA

FOREST
WEB
FOOD
ACKEE
RIVER

H	K	A	N	A	A	F	T	M	T	N	B
O	I	A	W	E	B	O	U	A	C	S	N
G	H	A	N	A	S	O	K	G	B	P	R
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B	A	N	A	N	A	U	A	M	S	O	K
N	Y	A	Y	Y	I	K	N	A	T	T	E
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I	A	K	A	E	O	A	P	G	R	A	C



ANANCY STORIES

*"We Really do not mean that what we are about to say is true...,
it's a Story... a Story!
so let it come and please let it go."*



Brer Anancy & Brer Dog Why Brer Dog is Always Looking.

Once upon a time, Brer Anancy and Brer Dog set out on a farming adventure, searching for the perfect plot of land to rent. After much searching, they stumbled upon a beautiful piece of land that both of them instantly fell in love with. Brer Anancy couldn't contain his excitement and proudly exclaimed, "You know, Brer Dog, my father once planted yams on this very plot, and they grew so big, they were as big as my leg!"

Now, Brer Anancy's leg was as thin as a thread, but Brer Dog didn't know that. So he asked, "How big did they really grow?"

With a mischievous twinkle in his eye, Brer Anancy replied, "Oh, Brer Dog, they grew big, so big that they were as big as my leg!"

But Brer Dog wasn't convinced. He had heard enough tall tales from Brer Anancy before. "Before I waste my time planting yams that end up as small as your leg, I'd rather just walk around and keep an eye on things," he declared.

And that's why, my friends, whenever you're enjoying a meal, you'll always find a curious dog nearby, hoping for a tasty treat to fall their way.

Remember, it's of Anancy's making so, "Jackmandora mi no choose none!" - you never know what might happen, so it's best to keep a close watch on things, just like Brer Dog!



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Brer Anancy and Brer N'tukuma's Corn-piece

Once upon a time in a cozy little village, there was a mischievous spider named Brer Anancy and a hardworking farmer named Brer N'tukuma. Now, Brer N'tukuma had planted a special piece of corn, but when it was time to harvest, someone kept swiping it! Brer N'tukuma was sure it was Brer Anancy up to his tricks.

But Brer Anancy, being the smooth talker he was, said, "Brer N'tukuma, it's not me! You know I'm just a fiddler, not a corn thief!" Then he had a clever idea. "Hey, Brer N'tukuma, why don't you organize a big dance and have me play?" Brer N'tukuma thought it over and agreed.

On the night of the dance, Brer Anancy gathered his friends and whispered, "When I start playing, that's your cue to start 'harvesting' the corn!" And so, as Brer Anancy played his fiddle, everyone danced and broke the corn piece by piece, following along with his catchy tune:

 *"Two two grain, bruk dem one-by-one,
Everybody bruk, bruk them along,
Green and dry, bruk them two by two.
Everybody bruk, bruk them along."* 

When morning came and the dance ended, Brer N'tukuma rushed to his corn-piece. But to his surprise, not a single ear of corn was left! He cried out, "Lord! Brer Anancy, come here! Not even one left!"

Brer Anancy turned around with a grin. "Now, do you still think it was me stealing your corn? I was too busy playing at your dance all night! If all your corn's gone, it wasn't me!"

Poor Brer N'tukuma couldn't believe his eyes. He was so shocked, he fell to the ground with a big old buff! And that, my friends, is the tale of Brer Anancy and Brer N'tukuma's Corn-piece – a tricky fiddle, a dancing crew, and a corn harvest like no other!

GLOSSARY

Jackmandora - Doorman, Keeper of Heaven's door

Mi no Choose None - It's not of my choosing. (I take no responsibility for the tales that I have told)

Bruk Dem - Break Them (To break)

Books in the Brer Anancy Series

Brer Anancy and the Magic Pot

Brer Anancy and the Easter Egg Hunt

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