THE RACCOON, THE BEAR AND THE HONEY TREE



A Puppet Play adapted from a Cherokee folktale.

BEAR is chasing RACCOON. Raccoon acts scared and runs away, Bear chases after him, growling.

RACCOON

AHHHHH!! Stop chasing me!

BEAR

GRRRRR!!!! Stop running away!

Raccoon hides behind the a trunk of a tree.

BEAR

Huh? Where'd he go? (Bear exits.)

RACCOON

Bear was sure mean to me for no good reason! All of that running makes me hungry. I wonder what I can sniff out for breakfast?

He sniffs and smells something good, investigates, and finds a tree full of honey.

RACCOON

A honey tree! My favorite kind. Yummy!
(singing) Yummy Yummy Honey, Yummy Yummy Honey...Mmrph...

Raccoon climbs the tree and is greedily eating all of the honey he can get his paws on. He has honey all over his paws, face and it's dripping down his messy chin.



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RACCOON

Mmmm this is so, good. - Hey! (He swats at something.) OW!

(He swats his ears) Ow! (He swats his nose.) Ick, there's something crunchy in my mouth. (His voice is gruffer and hard to understand.) OWW!!! My tongue! The bees are stinging my tongue!

Raccoon falls out of the tree and into a pile of leaves. Since Raccoon is all sticky with honey, the leaves stick to him and completely cover him. Raccoon can't see! He flails around and bumps into Bear.

BEAR

(Startled) Hey watch....wha, what is this thing?

RACCOON

(Voice gruff and hard to understand) Help me Bear, it's me, Raccoon. (Sounds like HLLIPPP THEEE, BRRR, THIS MYRACCOO.)

BEAR

The scary creature speaks! --- Don't hurt me! Ahhhhh!!! (screams)

RACCOON

Help me! (Sounds like HLLLIPPP THEEE and sounds like he's making growly noises.)

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BEAR

Running away and whimpering.) The HLLIP THEE is trying to eat me! AHHH!!! Stop Chasing Me!

RACCOON

GRRR!!! Stop running away!