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steaming hot pot of beans, despite her warnings to stay away.

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Early one morning, Anansi the Spider went to help Grandma Spider. He knocked on her door.  
“Grandson!” Grandma said as she greeted him with a hug.  
Anansi blushed, “Hello, Grandma.”

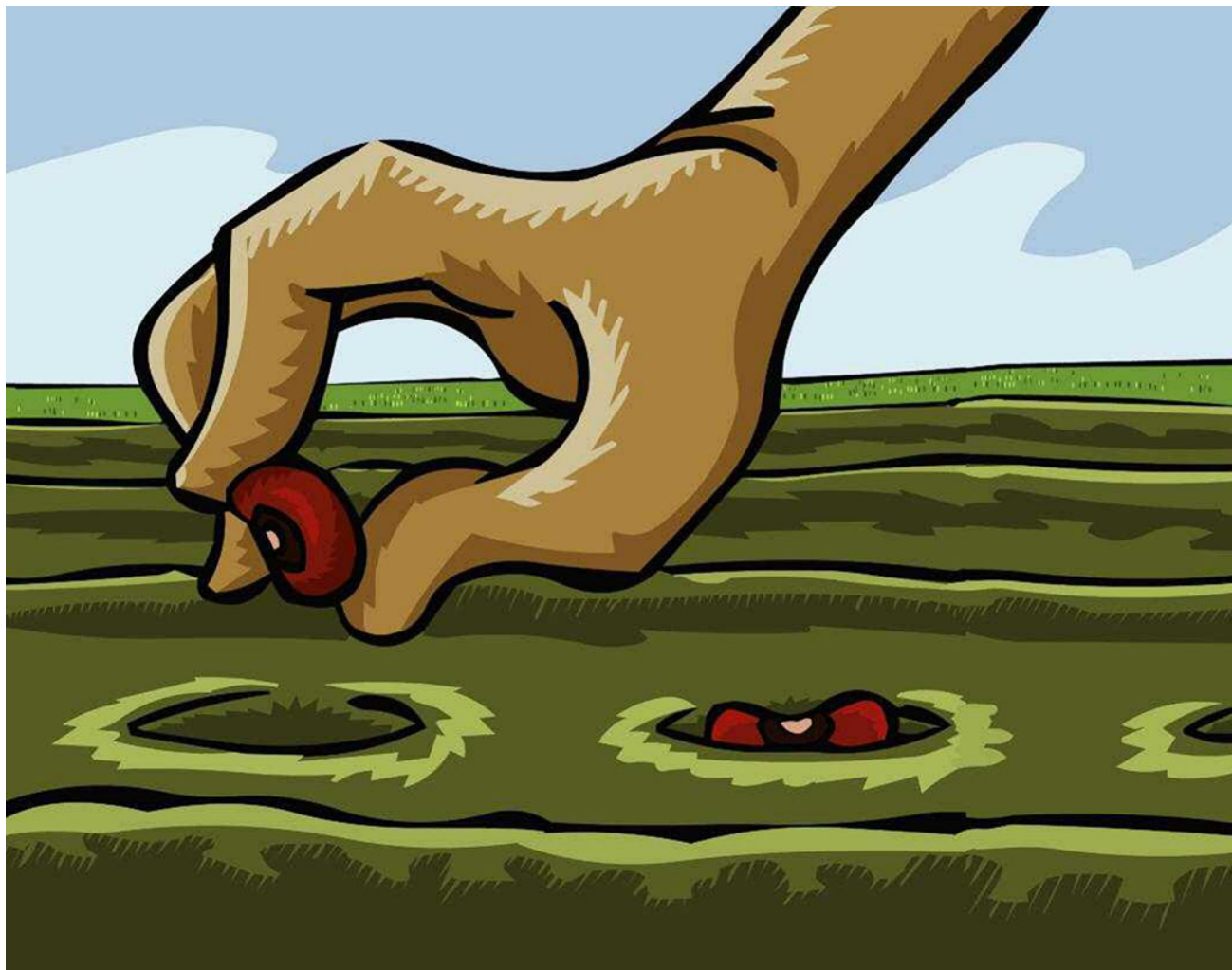


**“Grandma Spider,” said Anansi. “Do you have any work for me today?”**

**“Sure,” said Grandma Spider. “I want you to plant some beans in my garden.”**



**Grandma showed Anansi what she wanted done in the garden. Then she went back into the house to fix some lunch.**



Anansi dropped beans into the small holes in the ground. The sun grew warm, and then hot. By noon, Anansi was limp with the heat.



**“It’s hot and I’m getting thirsty.” Anansi pulled the brim of his hat down to shield his face from the sun.**



Grandma Spider came to the porch with a large pitcher of fresh lemonade and called to him, “Anansi! Here is a cool drink for you.”

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