

BO NANCY AND TAR BABY

One day, an old man who was once tricked by Bo Nancy decided to take revenge on him.

The old man built a tar baby and put it to stand up at a road junction where he knew Bo Nancy used to pass. In the right hand of the Tar Baby he stuck a piece of bread. Then he went home.

In a little while, Bo Nancy came whistling down the road. He saw the Tar Baby and thought that he would take away the piece of bread.

He went to the Tar Baby and said, "Tar Baby, Tar Baby, give me piece of bread."

But the Tar Baby did not answer.

Bo Nancy said "If you do not give me a piece of bread I will hit you."

But the Tar Baby did not answer.



Then Bo Nancy slapped the Tar Baby with his right hand and this hand got stuck. He shouted, "Tar Baby, Tar Baby, give me piece of bread or I will hit you with my left hand."

But the Tar Baby did not reply and Bo Nancy was so vexed that he slapped Tar Baby with his other hand. And this hand also stuck.

Bo Nancy said "Tar Baby, I only asked you for a piece of bread and you holding my two hands. Why you holding me? Let me go or I will kick you!"

But the Tar Baby said nothing.

Then Bo Nancy kicked Tar Baby and his right foot got stuck. He said, "Let me go I tell you. You really making me vex-vex. Let me go or I will kick you again."

The Tar Baby did not answer and Bo Nancy kicked him with his left leg and this got stuck.

Now, Bo Nancy felt he should try a new tack so he said "Tar Baby, man you are my friend. I was only making joke with you. Let me go, man."

But the Tar Baby could not let him go so he shouted, "If you don't let me go I will whip you with my tail."

Tar Baby did not reply so Bo Nancy whipped him with his tail and the tail got stuck.

Bo Nancy was very angry but he begged, "Tar Baby, let me go, man. I like you man. I was only making joke with you. Why you holding me? Let me go, man!"

But Tar Baby could not answer and Bo Nancy said "Tar Baby, if you don't let me go I will butt you, you know."

He butt the Tar Baby and his head got stuck. Now he was well caught.

By now, the old man was returning with his poui stick in his hand. He came up to Bo Nancy who begged, "Old man, look how this scamp, Tar Baby, holding me and wouldn't let me go. I am your friend. Help me, man."

The Old Man said, "Yes, I will help you. Remember how you helped me when I was planting the yams in my garden?"

And the Old Man started to let him have the poui stick. He gave him blows like fire and Bo Nancy bawled and cried like a child until the tears helped to release his body from the Tar Baby and he crawled away.

By now, a crowd had gathered and they all joined in laughing at Bo Nancy for he deserved what the old man had given him.

(Crick-crack, the wire bend, and so the nancy story end)