

All the giraffes were gathered around that tree. Every single giraffe was pulling on one of Tim's legs. Poor Tim was being pulled so much! The whole family of giraffes were pulling and pulling and pulling! While they were pulling, something very odd was happening. Tim's neck was getting longer and longer and longer. Finally, after a few hours of pulling, Tim's head slipped through the branches. All of the giraffes looked at his odd looking neck.

Suddenly out came Tumble's nose from between the branches. He came tumbling from the trees hitting his head as he reached the ground rubbing his aching head. Slowly he opened his eyes Tumble looked incredulously at his nose. It was long, grey and wrinkly. With a loud note of rage and anger Tumble bellowed "What happened to my nose?" The other animals began to point and laugh at Tumble's nose.

When Koala heard this, he jumped down and rushed to the hole. He pushed Tree Kangaroo out of his way and Koala stuck his head into the water and began to gulp it down. Tree Kangaroo was furious. He called out "Save some for me!"

But Koala kept on drinking and drinking and drinking. Tree Kangaroo grabbed Koala's tail to pull him out of the hole. He yanked and yanked. At last Koala's tail broke off!

Finally the animals grew tired of battling each day. The Chiefs held a meeting to make peace. They were all so exhausted, that it did not take long to reach a truce -- but during the process the mammals and the birds began to talk about Bat.

"It doesn't seem fair that he just switched sides whenever he wanted," squawked Crow.

"No, not fair at all," growled Bear, "Bat has wings but he did not stay with the birds."

"And he has teeth but did not always help the mammals," added Crow.

All of the animals nodded and looked at Bat, "Because you could not choose your friends during war, you will not have them during peace. From this point forward, you will only fly at night when everyone else is sleeping. You will have no friends among the mammals or the birds."

Leopard had to do something. He asked his human friend to help him. So the Man carefully dipped his five fingertips in black ink and painted spots all over Leopard's fur.