



The Giraffe's Neck

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Once upon a time, there lived a very curious giraffe in a forest. He was so curious that he would stop all his work, cock his ears and strain his neck to hear what the other animals were talking about. He loved snooping so much that sometimes he even stopped munching his food to overhear conversations.

Now, in the same forest, there lived a group of powerful witches who sometimes held secret meetings at night. It

so happened that once, the news of the meeting was overheard by a cat. The cat ran into the forest and informed all the other animals about the secret meeting.

The very curious giraffe also heard about the meeting and wanted to find out what it was all about. So he went to the secret meeting place and hid behind a clump of trees. At night, the witches came and started talking. But the giraffe could not hear or see anything. He strained his neck and stretched his legs till his head was above the tree tops so that he could get a clear view. But out of curiosity he forgot to hide himself well.

The witches spotted him and cursed him to stay with the stretched legs and strained neck forever, so that he would be visible to everybody and not snoop anymore. And since then, all the giraffes have had very long necks and stretched legs.

