

# The Cooking Game

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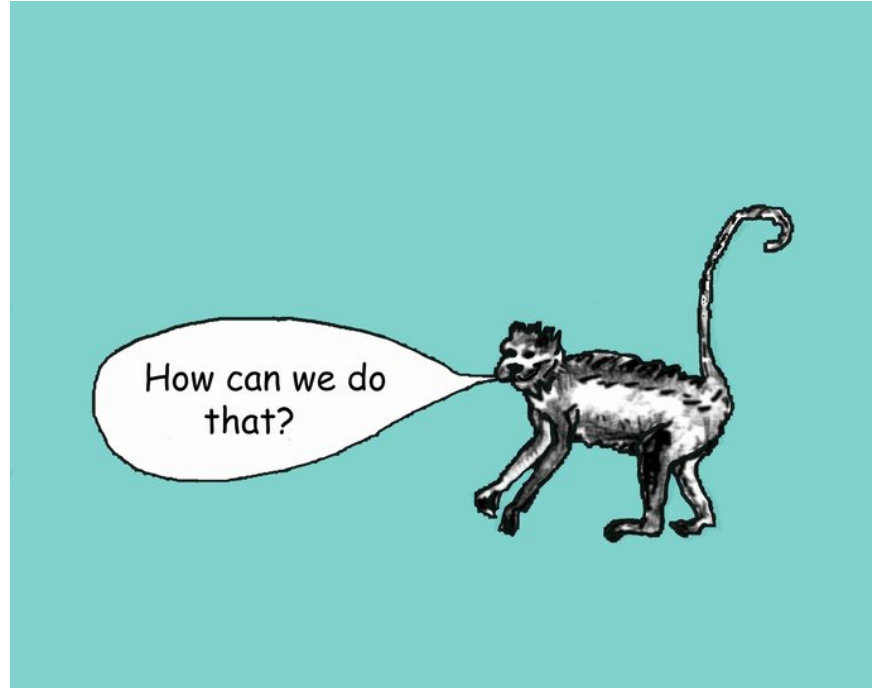


Once upon a time, the rabbit and the monkey were friends.

One day, in a time of famine, the rabbit invited his friend over to play.



The rabbit said: Let's play  
cooking each other!  
The monkey asked:  
How can we do that?



And the rabbit answered:  
We have to make a fire,



and fill a pot with water, and then put it on the fire.



I will get in first.  
When I beat on the lid  
of the pot, you open it.  
Then I will get out.  
And the monkey agreed.



So the rabbit got in the pot first, and the water started to warm up.



The rabbit knocked, and  
the monkey opened the lid.

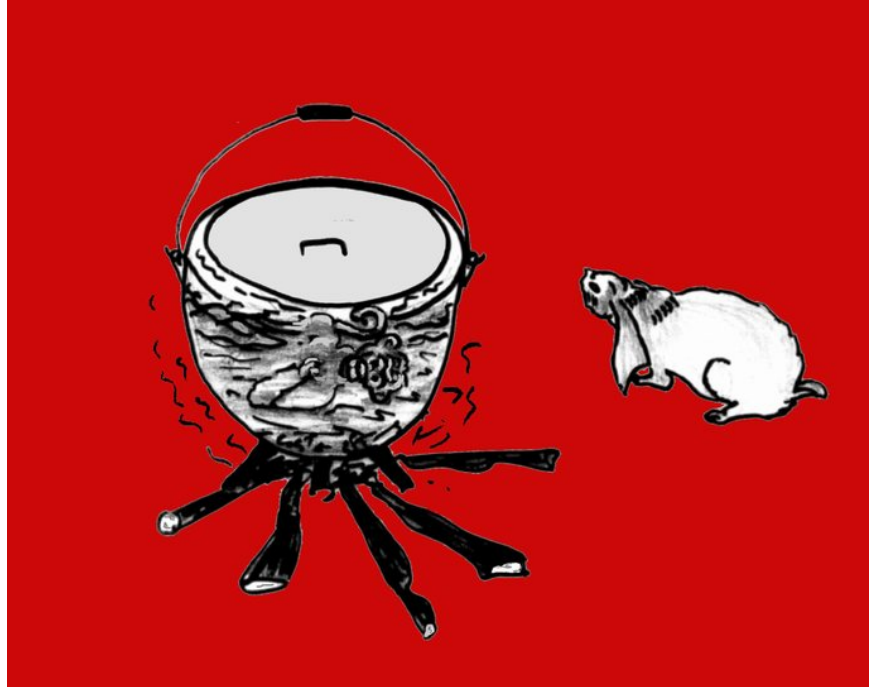




But when it was the monkey's turn, the rabbit took a big stone and put it on the lid of the pot and sat on top of it!



When the water started to boil, the monkey knocked, but the rabbit didn't open the lid.



So the monkey died,  
and the rabbit ate his  
best friend!



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