

Rabbit Dances with the People



Once a young man thought himself ugly, so he carved a handsome mask to wear. He wore the mask to all the dances and everyone thought it was his real face. There were seven young women who found him so attractive that they danced all their dances with him and talked only to him.

Rabbit, who was a nosy fellow, noticed all the attention the young man received and decided to find out why. It was not long before he found out the man's secret: the mask!

As soon as he could, Rabbit stole the mask and went to the next dance wearing it. The people thought he was the young man.

Later, as the girls talked with him, the mask slipped down and revealed his face! The girls were angry that Rabbit had tried to fool them and they chased him away. Rabbit threw the mask down and vowed never to dance with those people again!

Meanwhile, the young man had searched everywhere for his mask until he finally found it on the ground. He put the mask on and headed to the dance. When he got there he was shocked at the treatment he received from the girls. They thought he was still the rabbit up to his old tricks, so they called him names and ran away from him.

He could not understand why the girls who had once thought him so interesting now treated him this way. So he put the mask away and returned to the dance wearing his own face for the first time. To his surprise, the girls found him handsome and they all wanted to dance and talk with him.

The young man realized that he did not have to wear a mask to get others to like him and he could just be himself. And what of rabbit? He learned that sometimes you get caught playing tricks!