

CAST THE SPELL

Focus: Active Learning

Synopsis

Major, Kevwe, Ibrahim and Munira are given a group assignment to present a drama. They share stories they know and decide to make a presentation of the story about animals who want to defend their territory against human beings but who are hindered by fear and low self esteem.

There is panic in the animal kingdom in reaction to news of the planned invasion of human beings. Lion tells them bravely that they must fight against the humans to defend their territory. They beg the lion to give them of his might so that they will be able to face the humans. Lion in a dilemma decides to consult Tortoise. During consultation, Tortoise tells Lion to calm down as he will cast a spell on all the animals to increase their might but it will be on the battlefield. Whatever he commands, their might will increase. The animals are delighted.

In the battlefield, Lion issues out orders: "serpent spit your venom on that man's lip" serpent bites man, he groans. Lion tells soldier ant to surround some other humans. The men scream. He tells the eagle "pick up that fellow before he strikes the elephant down"; eagle obeys. He tells porcupine to shake his arrows, and they all obey. At last, the animals win and sing songs of victory. One of the animals suddenly realizes that the spell is off, that they are back to their shape. Tortoise tells them there was never a spell. He only made them use what they have.

The children present the drama to the class and are applauded for a wonderful performance.