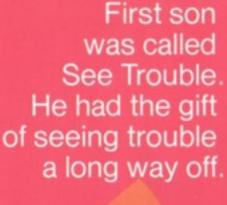


Anansi. He is "spider" to the Ashanti people.

In Ashanti land, people love this story of Kwaku Anansi.

Time was, Anansi had six sons....





Second son was Road Builder.

Thirsty son was River Drinker.





Anansi the Spider is one of the great folk heroes of the world. He is a rogue, a mischiefmaker, and a wise, lovable creature who triumphs over larger foes.

In this traditional Ashanti tale, Anansi sets out on a long, difficult journey. Threatened by Fish and Falcon, he is saved from terrible fates by his sons. But which of his sons should Anansi reward? Calling upon Nyame, the God of All Things, Anansi solves his predicament in a touching and highly resourceful fashion.

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