

# STORY: TROMOIMOI BY VICTORIA

Tromoimoi was a mischievous man in his village. He lived in a village near the ocean. The villagers decided to make a garden so that they had enough food to eat.

Early next day the villagers went to the forest and cleared a plot for their garden. They returned home after a long day at work. Darkness came and out came Tromoimoi.

He stood in the middle of the garden and started to chant "Tromoimoi Tromoimoi Tromoimoi". All the trees, plants and vines that were cut down started to grow back. The forest looked as if it was untouched.

The next day the villagers could not find their garden clearing, so they cleared a plot again, but the same thing happened. The villagers were very angry, so they made plans to see what happened to their garden.

As they hid in the dark, out came Tromoimoi. He walked to the centre of the clearing and started chanting "Tromoimoi Tromoimoi Tromoimoi". Suddenly the trees, plants and vines started to grow back but the villagers were quick and caught Tromoimoi.

They took him back to the village, tied him to a pole in the centre of the village and began their celebration. As they feasted the village leader spoke to Tromoimoi.

"You have no shame, our men have done a very big job, but you choose to play your tricks on them, tonight we celebrate your capture." With that being said, the feasting began. Tromoimoi thought hard about what the leader said.

One by one the villagers slept, he chanted to himself, and he turned into a Kabara'i tree, giving lots of shades and fruits to the villagers. When the villagers woke up, they could not find Tromoimoi. Instead, they saw the Kabara'i tree. They realized that Tromoimoi had helped them.

## CREATING YOUR BIG BOOK

### YOU WILL NEED

- 8 A4 sheets of paper
- Crayons or pencils

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Read the story
2. Follow the guidance below to create your big book
3. Read the big book to your child
4. Ask questions before, during and after the story is read.

## QUESTIONS YOU CAN ASK BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER READING

- a. What can you see in this picture? What do you think the story is about?
- b. What food do you grow in your garden? Do you think the villagers would have grown the same?
- c. Why do you think Tromoimoi used his magic to grow the trees again?
- d. Why do you think Tromoimoi was a good person?
- e. What is the moral of the story?

### COVER PAGE TITLE AND AUTHOR

Tromoimoi

### PAGE 1

Drawing of Tromoimoi with a mischievous grin.

### PAGE 2

Drawing of villagers clearing a plot, cutting down of trees.

### PAGE 3

Drawing of Tromoimoi waving his hand while chanting.

### PAGE 4

Drawing of villagers being very angry.

### PAGE 5

Drawing of villagers gather around Tromoimoi.

### PAGE 6

Drawing of Tromoimoi tied to a pole.

### PAGE 7

Drawing of village leader talking to Tromoimoi.

### PAGE 8

Drawing of a big tree with fruits (local apple fruit), with kids playing under its shade and eating the fruit.

### BACK PAGE

Drawing of a big tree with lots of fruit