



Story Guide

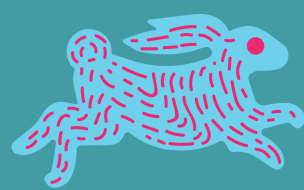
TROUBLE TALK

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Watch the video of storytellers Eth-Noh-Tec live at the 2019 National Storytelling Festival [here](#). (Right click on link to open it in a new tab.) All videos include ASL interpretation.

Story run time is 0:00 to 10:53.

Now, enjoy exploring the story with the activities outlined below.



explore it

- What phrase is found in every language that invites us into the magic of a story?
- How did Eth-Noh-Tec use music and pantomime to set the mood at the end of the story when Human's fire destroyed some of the earth?
- What are the advantages of having two people tell a story together?



think it

- This story is an origin myth that explains how things came to be. What special features of the elephant, deer, and tiger did fire create?
- Who won the contest between the tiger and the bird? Was the winner a surprise to you?
- How does Human try to prove its power? What devastating things happen?



create it

- Illustrate the challenge between the tiger and the bird.
- Give some examples of "trouble talk" in the story. Can you think of a time people around you used "trouble talk"? How did it make you feel?



tell it

- Write about a time when you won a contest. How did the loser of the contest feel?
- Create an origin myth to tell how a leopard got its spots.