Anansi and the Visitor
One day, Anansi the spider was just sitting down to dinner when he saw hungry Turtle at the window. Anansi invited Turtle to share his food, but he had a trick in mind.

“Go to the river and wash your hands,” ordered Anansi. Turtle crawled to the river, washed up and crawled back on the dirt toad. Anansi ordered him to wash his hands again.
Turtle did as he was told and this time even crawled back on the grass to keep clean, but when he got to the table, Anansi had eaten every bite! Turtle went away hungry.

Not long after, Anansi came by Turtle’s pond. Anansi was tired and hungry after a long trip. Turtle politely invited Anansi to share a meal at his underwater table.
Anansi filled his coat pockets with stones so he could sink down to Turtle’s table for supper.

Turtle asked if Anansi would take off his coat before eating. It was the polite thing to do, so Anansi slipped off his coat and floated right back to the surface of the water.
Anansi had learned his lesson. The next time Turtle came by his house, there was plenty to eat for dinner, and there were no tricks.
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