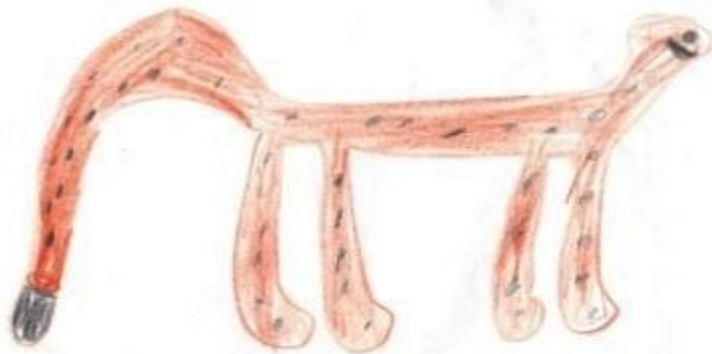


*How Cheetah Got Its Black  
Spots*

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Once when days were new  
cheetahs did not have spots. One day  
Lebra was jumping in tar in the  
savanna.

Cheetah said, "You look funny  
jumping in that tar. You look like a  
stupid horse with stripes."

"Stop teasing me, its really  
rude," said Lebra.

Cheetah kept calling her names.  
Lebra was so upset she shook her mane.  
Tar got all over Cheetah.

Cheetah said, "Hey what was  
that for?"

Lebra got upset, so she shook  
her mane so hard even more of the tar got  
on Cheetah. Cheetah tried to lick it off.  
But it tasted gross and the spots were  
still there. Cheetah ran to Bat for  
advise.



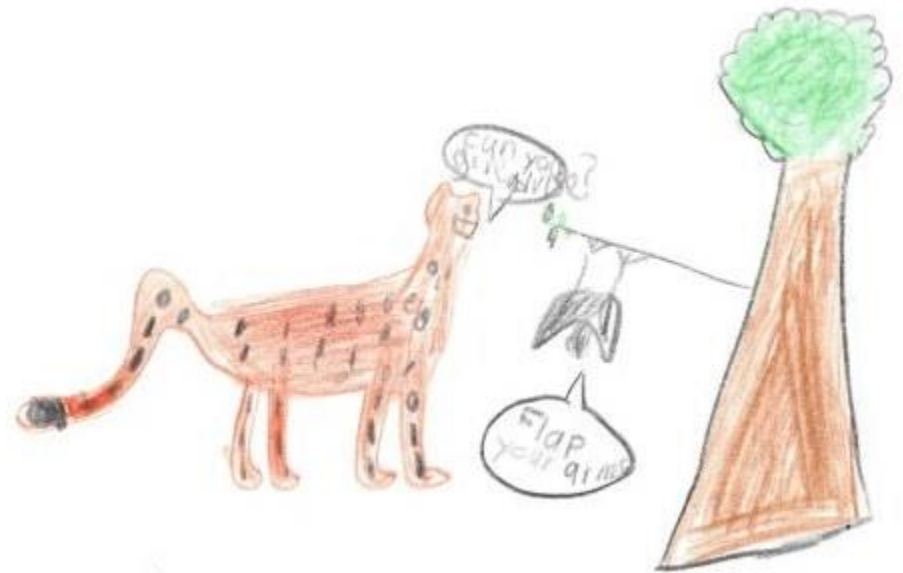
Cheetah asked, "Can you help me? Bat please I need your help to get this tar off my back."

"Ok," said Bat. "I will only help you if you let me sleep after I tell you."

"Ok," said Cheetah.

"Wave your arms and you will get all the tar off your back," said Bat.

Cheetah tried that but it didn't work at all. Bat fell asleep again.



Cheetah ran to ape.  
Cheetah asked, "Can you give  
me some advise to get this tar off  
my back?"

Ape said, "I can help.  
Here is some advice. Rub some  
leaves on the tar to get it off."

Cheetah tried that but  
it didn't work. "Thank you for  
the advice, but it didn't work."

"I'm sorry it didn't  
work. It seemed like a good idea,"  
said Ape.



Cheetah ran to honey badger and asked, "Honey badger can you help me get this tar off?"

Honey badger said, "I can only give you some advice. All you need to do is roll on the ground and I bet the tar will come right off that back of yours."

Cheetah said, "Thanks for the advise honey badger."

"Sure, Cheetah," said honey badger.

Cheetah tried to roll in the dirt to get the tar off. It didn't work.



*Cheetah ran and ran to find hyena.*

*Cheetah asked, "Can you help me get the tar off my back hyena?"*

*Hyena said, "Sure I have the way to get the tar off,"*

*Cheetah said, "Tell me please how to get the tar off my back."*

*Hyena said, "Ok all you need to do is run around and around and you will get the tar all off your back."*

*Cheetah knew he was really good at being fast. Cheetah started to run. It was a really windy day. Hyena started laughing and shook his fur. Some of Hyena's fur came off. The fur from hyena blew in the wind and went on to Cheetah. The fur stuck to the tar, and the tar started to dry.*



*The tar finished drying up.*

*Cheetah asked, "Is the tar gone yet?"*

*Hyena said, "No but let me feel the tar to make sure its wet so it will come off." Hyena feels the tar barely holding back his laughter. "Oh no its dry Cheetah."*

*Cheetah starts to run away and Cheetah hid from every one. Ape herd Cheetah.*



Cheetah said to ape when he got there, "Hyena made the tar on my back stay forever."

Ape said, "I'm sorry that hyena made all of the tar stick forever. The spots look good on you. I could barely find you. You really blend in"

Cheetah said, "Really because if that's true I would feel better"

Ape said, "Yes it is true. My family needs me I need to go now. I will see you in the morning."

"Ok," said Cheetah. "Bye."

From that day on cheetahs have spots.

