

Gus. The Snake Who Wanted To Have Legs.

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“I want legs! liiiiii waaaaant leggggggs!!! Screamed Gus as his throat fluttered like leaves in the wind. Other members of his family just rolled their eyes and waited impatiently for his mom to talk some sense into the little brat.

“Cut it out, Gus! Have you ever seen a snake with legs? Utter nonsense! Stop messing around or you will be late for school.”

“But mom, all the other animals at school have legs, except me!”

“And that’s exactly how it should be!” said his mom, and the discussion was over.

However, Gus was still not satisfied. He grabbed his school bag filled with books and left for school, crying. As he slithered along, his tears kept pouring out like a river and the screams grew louder and louder.

“liiii waaaaaant leeeegggggs!” He kept screaming until the trees shook. He didn’t even notice when he trekked off the path and found himself in an unknown part of the forest.

“Who is screaming there?” a deep, rumbling voice interrupted him. Upon hearing the noise, Gus came to his senses a bit. Right in front of him, he noticed something strange. Something thick, long, and gray that reminded him of a snake. He followed this peculiar thing with his eyes and then he noticed something even more strange. He quickly realized that what he was looking at was not a snake at all, but an elephant trunk. And so, he began to cry again.

“liii waaaant leeeggsss! Tell me, why don’t I have legs?” he asked the elephant who looked like he was smiling underneath his big trunk. Gus did not wait for his answer and continued to whine. “If only I could have legs like you!”

He barely finished what he was saying when, all of a sudden, he found himself up in the air. He was now looking at the world from two meters up; his snake body supported by two pairs of massive elephant legs.






“Legs! Look, I’ve got legs!” screamed Gus in delight as he observed a whole new world that was all new to him. He could see far past the grass and the flowers – not an obstacle in sight.



However, as he tried to take his first step on his new legs, he realized he could not lift them up at all. He had to engage all of his muscles to take even the slightest step. The elephant legs were simply too heavy for Gus and he was not able to control them. He dragged them clumsily, stepping over flowers, bugs, bushes, and really anything and everything that found itself in his way.

Soon, he found himself exhausted. He could barely catch his breath, and the forest behind him looked like a bulldozer had cleared it out. Gus tried to move his legs one last time, but he had no strength left and he almost stepped on another little creature's toe.



Little snake Gus is the biggest grouch in the forest. There is always something bugging him, but this time he invented something really peculiar. He would like to have legs. After all, almost all the animals in the forest have them!