

Sniffer & Peeper

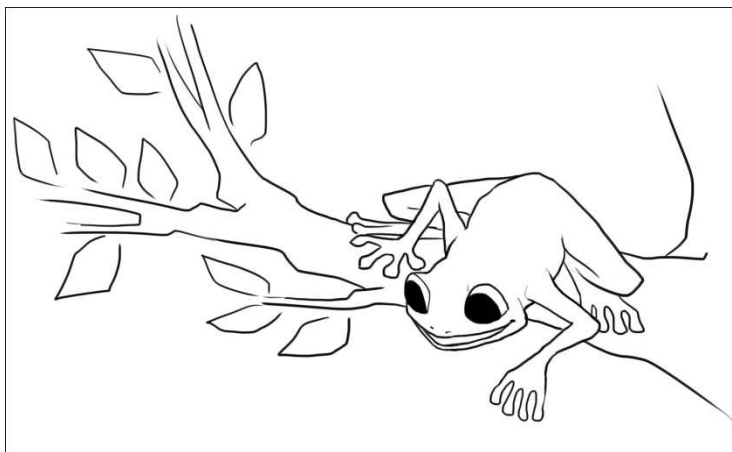
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One evening Sniff went rambling...
Sam said: "Be home by dark!
You know you are a bit too far,
When I can't hear you bark."

He SNIFFT at trees and bushes.
...For squirrels, 'coons and quails.
He went beyond the Bullfrogs' pond
And SNIFFT at bugs and snails.

Then Sniffer SNIFFT at SOMETHING,
A creature small and *green*....
To his surprise, it had *red* eyes
And a mouth he'd never seen.

He was so very tiny...
Didn't come to Sniffer's knee.
He flung his toes 'round Sniffer's nose,
And clung tenaciously!

Said Sniffer to that CREATURE,
(Each staring ‘eye to eye’)
“Just *who* are you, that clings like glue,
...That a big SNORT can’t make fly?”

“The Bullfrogs call me ‘Peeper’.
...They tease me ‘cause I’m *small*.
They’re *BIG* and *LOUD*, and CREEK so proud
That *I* can’t match their call.”

Then Sniffer said to Peeper:
“Being ‘different’ is not wrong.
For *you* can do things *they* can’t do.
Although they’re big and strong.”

“You, with your sticky toe-pads,
Can climb tall trees to see...
What’s far beyond the Bullfrog’s pond.
Why, that’s too hard for me!”

“The size of one who’s *thinking*,
Has nothing much to do
With *what* you know and *where* you go,
When all your thinking’s through.”

“Well, all this talk reminds me,
Sam always has a bone...
So take your toes from off my nose
And let me get on home.”

There was one other problem...
What could the answer be?
No moon shone bright to light the night,
The path was hard to see!

Then Peeper said to Sniffer:
“You helped *me*, I’ll help *you*!
Just let me think, and in a wink,
I’ll know just what to do.”



He thought, then said to Sniffer:
“I’LL light your path tonight.”?
For he’d surmised that Fire-flies
Would make his belly bright.

Those bugs were easy pickings...
Each time they flashed their ‘glow’
His whip-like tongue got every one...
That dared to fly too low!

Soon he was full and flashing...
(Like lighthouse beacons shone.)
Hung by his toes from Sniffer’s nose,
He saw his friend back home.

Sam’s Dad was waiting for him
When they got home that night.
“I worry when it’s after 10...
And *you’re* nowhere in sight!”

So, *you’re* what I saw blinkin’
And bobbin’ through the wood!
You picked a beaut’... he’s kinda cute,
But you weren’t very good!”

Though Sniff' was in the doghouse,
He smiled about his friend
And went to sleep to "peep, CREEK,
Peep-peep, KEREEK"



A Song for Peeper: I WISH, I WISH, I WISH !

Harrumph!

I'm a big fat bullfrog,

I'm a loud, proud leaper.

I got a log throne on which to repose

But I wish I could see where everyone goes.

.....I wish, I wish, I wish.

Peep-peep!

Im a little green frog

And my name is Peeper.

I've big red eyes and sticky little toes

But I wish I could croak like the big fellows.

.....I wish, I wish, I wish.

Ahhwoof!

Im a Basset Hound

And my name is Sniffer.

I've got long ears and a big black nose

And I wish I had your sticky little toes.

.....I wish, I wish, I wish.

CH: Everyone has longed to be like another...

If you could have just what you'd druther...

On any old day, if you'd ask any three,

Each one would say, "I would rather be me."