

Iroquois Pourquoi Tale: Why Owl Has Big Eyes and Rabbit Hops

2nd grade

Narrator: (Orange)

Raweno the Maker of all animals was making Rabbit.

Raweno: (Red)

What do you want?

Rabbit: (Blue)

May I have long legs and long ears, please? May I have sharp teeth and sharp claws?

Raweno: (Red)

Yes, I will make you the way you want?

Narrator: (Yellow)

He made Rabbit's long back legs.

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Owl: (Green)

Hurry up! You are going too slowly!

My turn is next. (3 times and a ding)

I want a nice long neck like Swan's (make a long neck gesture)

and (whispers) beautiful red feathers like Cardinal's

and a nice long beak (extend arms like a beak) like Egret's (2 claps)

and a (stand and shimmy) nice crown of plumes (shake the bells) like Heron's. (3 cymbal clangs)

(owl struts, runs and poses in a freeze) I want you to (strut) make me the most beautiful, (run) the fastest, (Pose) the most wonderful of all the birds. (Freeze in a pose on the ground)

Narrator: (Orange/Yellow)

Raweno had not made Owl yet. (3 times with an echo of say what)

Raweno got angry. (shakey, shakey, shakey shakey shake stop) (Rabbit exits)

He grabbed owl. (grabs owl)

He pulled Owl's ears (pulls Owl's ears) (whistle)

He pushed Owl's head down into his neck. (mime this 3 times)

(whisper) Owl's eyes grew big from fear. (on fear - clang)

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Raweno: (Red)

ALL: There, I have made you.

1. Maybe now your ears will hear me!
2. Now you can't stretch your neck to look at me.
3. Now you will sleep all day while I work!

Narrator: (Yellow)

Owl learned his lesson.

Owl: (Green)

Whoo! Whoo! (exit back to seat)

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Raweno went back to his work. He looked around for Rabbit. When Raweno got angry, Rabbit had hopped away.

Raweno: (Red)

Come back Rabbit! I have not finished making you.

Narrator: (Yellow/Orange)

Rabbit did not come back.

This is why Rabbit hops and remains afraid of most everything. He did not get sharp teeth or claws. As for Owl, he remained as Raweno had shaped him in anger.

Characters	Color
Narrators	Yellow - Orange
Raweno	Red
Rabbit	Blue
Owl	Green