

(TEACHER/NARRATOR SITS IN LARGE CHAIR. CHILD READERS SIT IN CHAIRS PLACED ON BOTH SIDES OF THE LARGE CHAIR.

(IF YOU WISH YOUR READERS TO PANTOMIME SELECTED ACTION DURING THE READING, MAKE SURE THERE IS AMPLE SPACE IN FRONT OF READERS FOR THIS ACTIVITY. MORE SPECIFIC PANTOMIME DIRECTIONS CAN BE FOUND THROUGHOUT THIS TEACHER SCRIPT).

**NARRATOR:**

Long ago in the northern mountains of Japan on the island of Hokkaido, there lived two vain and jealous goblins. One goblin was the color of the summer sky. He was the color...

(READERS 1 THROUGH 6 HOLD UP SIGNS WHICH ARE PAINTED THE COLOR BLUE, OR HAVE THE WORD "BLUE!" PRINTED UPON THEM IN LARGE LETTERS. READERS SHOUT OUT THE FOLLOWING WITH ENTHUSIASM):

**1-6:**

BLUE!

(BLUE SIGNS DOWN).

**NARRATOR:**

The other goblin was the color of the setting sun. He was the color...

(READERS 7 THROUGH 12 HOLD UP SIGNS AS DIRECTED ABOVE, BUT THESE SIGNS ARE RED INSTEAD OF BLUE. READERS SHOUT OUT THE FOLLOWING WITH ENTHUSIASM).

**7-12:** RED!

(RED SIGNS DOWN).

**NARRATOR:** Day in and day out, the goblins argued about who was the most handsome. The blue goblin said, "I am the most handsome goblin in the world because I am the color...

(READERS HOLD UP BLUE SIGNS, AS BEFORE).

**1-6:** BLUE!"

(BLUE SIGNS DOWN).

**NARRATOR:** The red goblin did not agree. He argued, "I am the most handsome goblin in the world because I am the color...

(READERS HOLD UP RED SIGNS).

**7-12:** RED!"

(RED SIGNS DOWN).

**NARRATOR:** Both goblins were very proud. They were especially proud of their wonderful magic noses because, when each nose was properly wiggled, each nose could

(CHILD 1 STANDS).

**CHILD 1:** stretch...and stretch...and STRETCH!

**NARRATOR:** Each nose could

(CHILD 2 STANDS).

**CHILD 2:** grow...and grow...and GROW,

**NARRATOR:** until each nose could extend many leagues, many kilometres, many miles across the countryside.

(CHILDREN 1 AND 2 SIT).

Of course the blue goblin thought his nose was, by far, the most handsome because it was the color...

(READERS AGAIN HOLD UP BLUE SIGNS).

**1-6:** BLUE!

(BLUE SIGNS DOWN).

**NARRATOR:** And the red goblin thought his nose was the most handsome because it was the color...

(RED SIGNS UP).

**7-12:** RED!

(RED SIGNS DOWN).

**NARRATOR:** One day the blue goblin was resting on top of a mountain when he smelled a very sweet smell coming from - somewhere.

He said, "Ah yes! My wonderful magical nose smells something sweet. My nose can smell sweet smells from all over Japan. My nose is the most wonderful nose in the world because it is the color...

(BLUE SIGNS UP).

**1-6:** BLUE!

(BLUE SIGNS DOWN).

**NARRATOR:** The blue goblin wondered what the sweet smell was, so he wiggled his blue nose in just the proper way and his nose began to

(CHILD 3 STANDS).

**CHILD 3:** stretch...and stretch...and STRETCH!

**NARRATOR:** His nose began to

(CHILD 4 STANDS).

**CHILD 4:** grow...and grow...and GROW,

**NARRATOR:** until it was the longest blue nose ever seen in the country of Japan.

(CHILDREN 3 AND 4 SIT).

**NARRATOR:** The blue nose grew so long that it crossed right through the islands of Hokkaido, Honshu, Shikoku, Kyushu and back again! Finally the nose ended up at a lord's mansion.

(IF DIRECTOR WISHES MORE DRAMATIC ACTION, AND CHILDREN ARE OLD ENOUGH, THE FOLLOWING SEQUENCE MAY BE MIMED BY SELECTED READERS. CHOOSE SOME READERS TO PLAY THE PRINCESS AND A FEW FRIENDS. BLOCK ACTORS IN FRONT OF SEATED READERS, FACING AUDIENCE. YOU WILL NEED CARDBOARD KIMONOS WHICH HAVE BEEN COLORED BY THE CHILDREN. CUT LARGE HOLE IN TOP OF EACH KIMONO AND ASK ACTORS TO STRING KIMONOS ON A BLUE CARDBOARD TUBE "POLE" AS THE ACTION PROGRESSES).

Inside the mansion the lord's daughter, Princess White-Flower, was having a party. Many other princesses had come to the party to see Princess White-Flower's collection of rare and beautiful kimonos. The kimonos were of many colors and were packed in sweet-smelling incense.

At that very moment, the princess was looking for some place to hang her kimonos. When she saw the blue nose, she cried, "Oh look, someone's hung a blue pole for us. We'll hang the kimonos on it. It is a most wonderful pole because it is the color..."