

Tales of the Purple Sagebrush

As told by "Cookie"

AS THE SUN SETS, and the owls start a-hootin, the five cowboys like to play a game they call *Winkin' and Yankin'* around the campfire. Each cowpoke can secretly wink at another cowpoke, and if ya see it, you can *yank yer ear* in return! If neither of you get caught, you get to share a blanket! And blanket sharin' is awful swell on those chilly desert nights!



Curly didn't wink none cause of the paralysis. Everyone else got some winking in, but each winked a different number of times. Also each cowboy received a different number of winks. Nobody winked at the same person more than once cause that would be flirtin'!

Three of the cowboys yanked their ear, in response to winks but one of 'em got caught! Nobody yanked more than once, which surprised me, cause I could yank my ear all day!

At the end of the game, two couples had gotten away with it and got to share their blankets and tents! The remaining cowpoke slept in his own lonely tent.

Spin loves his cousin Marty and pitched him a wink. I wonder what happened next?

Rosie winked at everyone except stinky Burly. Neither Burly or Rosie yanked for anybody. Boo hoo!

Marty's terrible at this game and kept getting caught. When he winked at Curly, he got caught. When he yanked his ear at Rosie, he was also caught!

Curly did not return Burly's wink cause he could see that Burly was eatin' my beans all night and was liable to raise a stink!

Did stinky Burly sleep alone? Who got the most winks?



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	Rosie	Curly	Burly	Spin	Marty							
Rosie	Wink											
Curly		Wink										
Burly			Wink									
Spin				Wink								
Marty					Wink							
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