LEAF (flashback)
I made the county finals in the spelling bee!

(Leaf’s family laughs.)

SCHWARZY as LEAF’S MOM (flashback)
Oh, sweetheart, no, you came in third, honey.

LEAF (flashback)
I know! But they just called and said the person who came in first has to go to their bat mitzvah, and the person who came in second… has to attend the bat mitzvah, so they want me to do it!

SCHWARZY as LEAF’S MOM (flashback)
You understand the other kids will have all won their district bees?

(Family laughs.)

Yeah but well but

PANCH
(calling Leaf’s attention back)
CAPYBARA.

What?

Your word is CAPYBARA.

Is that a word?

That’s a word, yes.

No way – what does it mean?

PANCH
“A tailless largely aquatic South American rodent often exceeding four feet in length.”

Awesome. What else can I ask?

PANCH
You’re allowed to ask for the word’s language of origin or to have the word used in a sentence…

**LEAF**

Oh – can you use it in a sentence?

**PANCH**

Yes. “Don’t look now, Pedro, but I think that tailless, largely aquatic four-and-a-half-foot rodent swimming next to you may be a capybara.”

**LEAF**

Wow, that didn’t help at all!

**PANCH**

Are you ready to spell the word, Mr. Coneybear?

**LEAF**

No, but it was fun to come here –

_(to family in audience)_

Hi guys – my whole family’s here which is really…

_(trance suddenly takes him)_


**PANCH**

That is correct.

**LEAF**

It is?
I can’t believe it.