

"Don't like birds," sniffed the badger and continued walking along, while the rabbit continued to try and set the wood on fire. At last, the wood started burning, and as it started burning, it made a crackling sound.

Crackle, crackle, crackle...

"What's that sound?" asked the badger, a little afraid.

"Oh, don't be scared," said the rabbit. "It's just another bird, the Crackle Crackle Bird from Crackle Crackle Mountain. It always comes around here at the beginning of the winter, when it starts getting cold. Don't you think it's getting cold?"

"It's funny you should say that, because, actually, I think it's getting warmer. A lot warmer. Do you smell something burning?"



※sniff: 鼻であしらう、見下す ※try and ...: ...しようとする [try to ...と同じ意味]

※at last: ついに ※burn: 燃える ※crackle: パチパチ音を立てる ※scared: 恐れている ※come around: やって来る ※at the beginning of ...: ...の初めに

※it's funny you should ...: あなたが...するなんて奇遇だ [偶然を驚くときの表現] ※actually:

実際は ※a lot warmer: 一段と暖かい [a lotは比較級を強める]