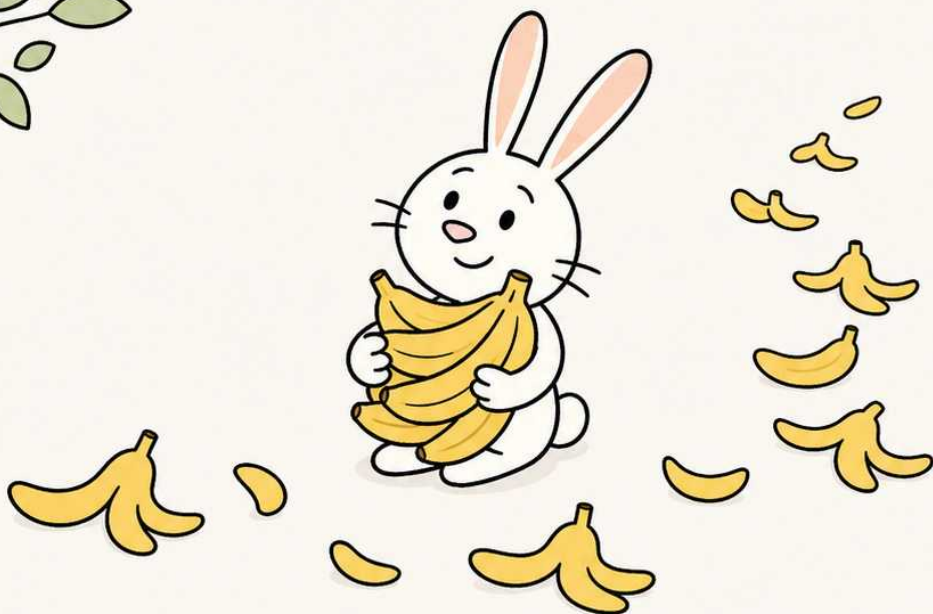




Monkey Catches a Culprit



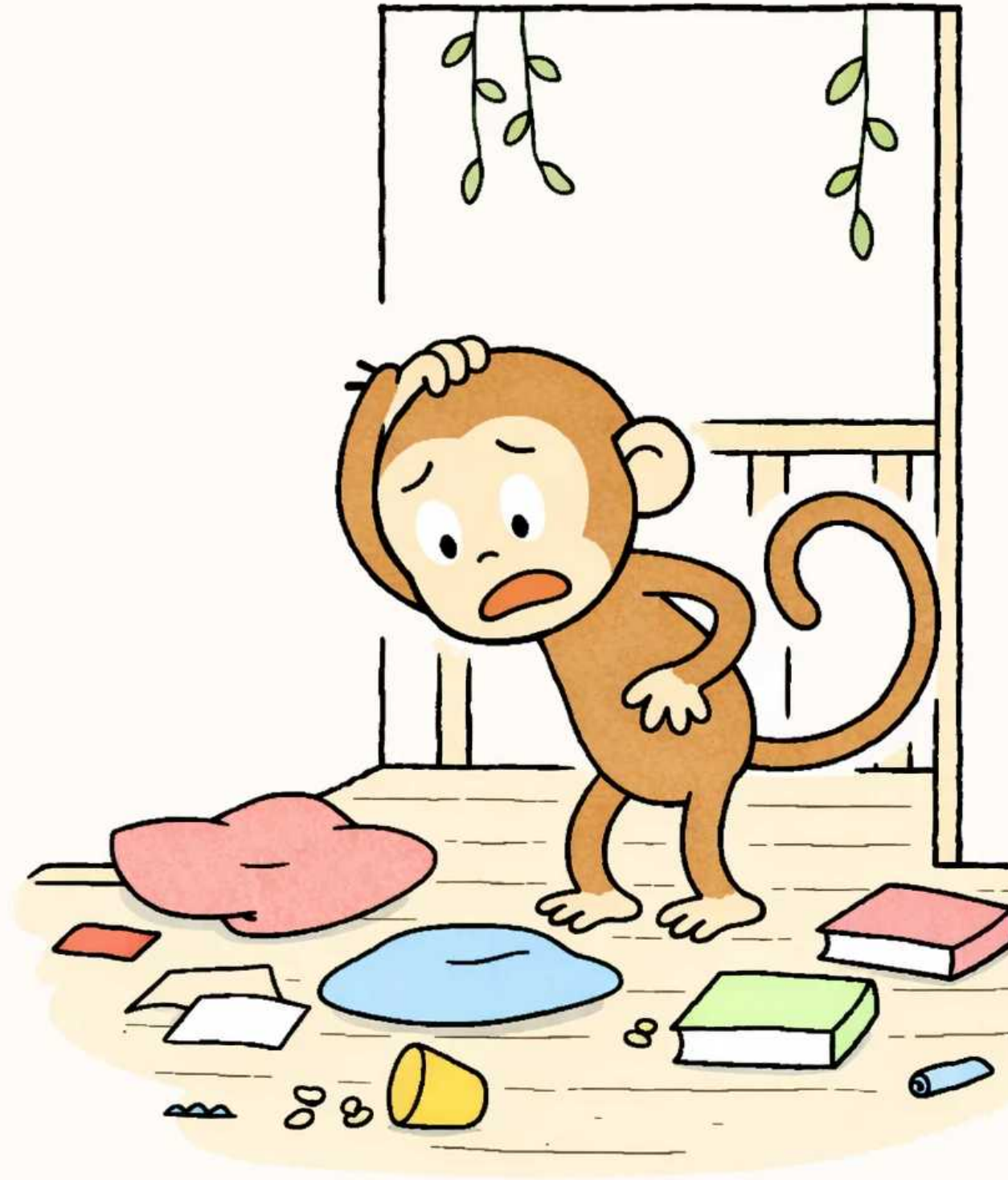


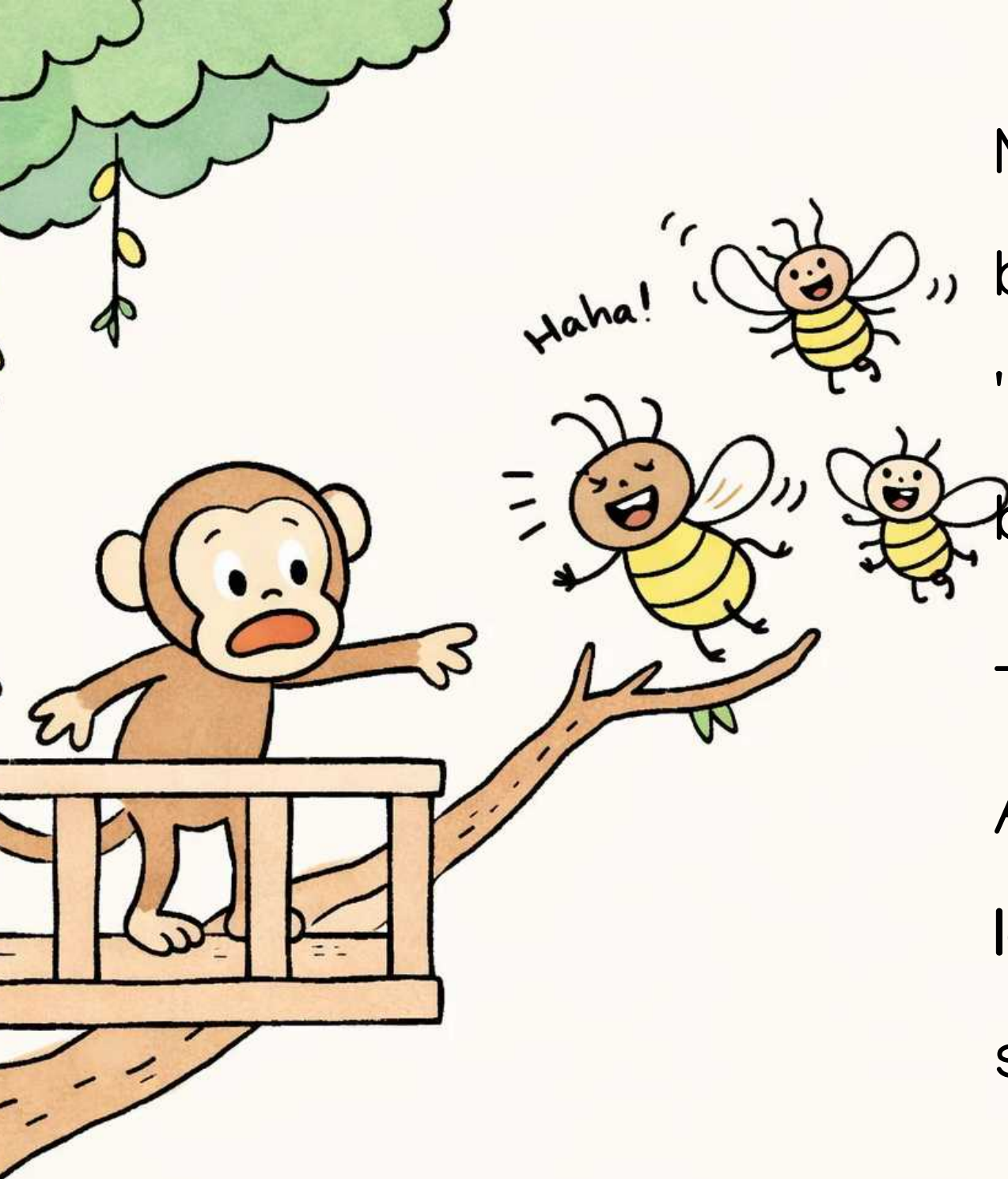
This is Monkey.

Monkey has a hut
far up in a large
plant.

Monkey likes
bananas. He likes
them a lot, a lot, a
lot!

Monkey wakes up. He wants a banana snack. But the bananas **are** not there! He looks **hard**. He checks his hut. No bananas. Not one. 'Who took my bananas?' says Monkey.





Monkey spots a little
bug by the blossoms.
'Did a bug take my
bananas?' he asks.

The bug giggles. 'No!
A banana is so
large, and a bug is
so little!'

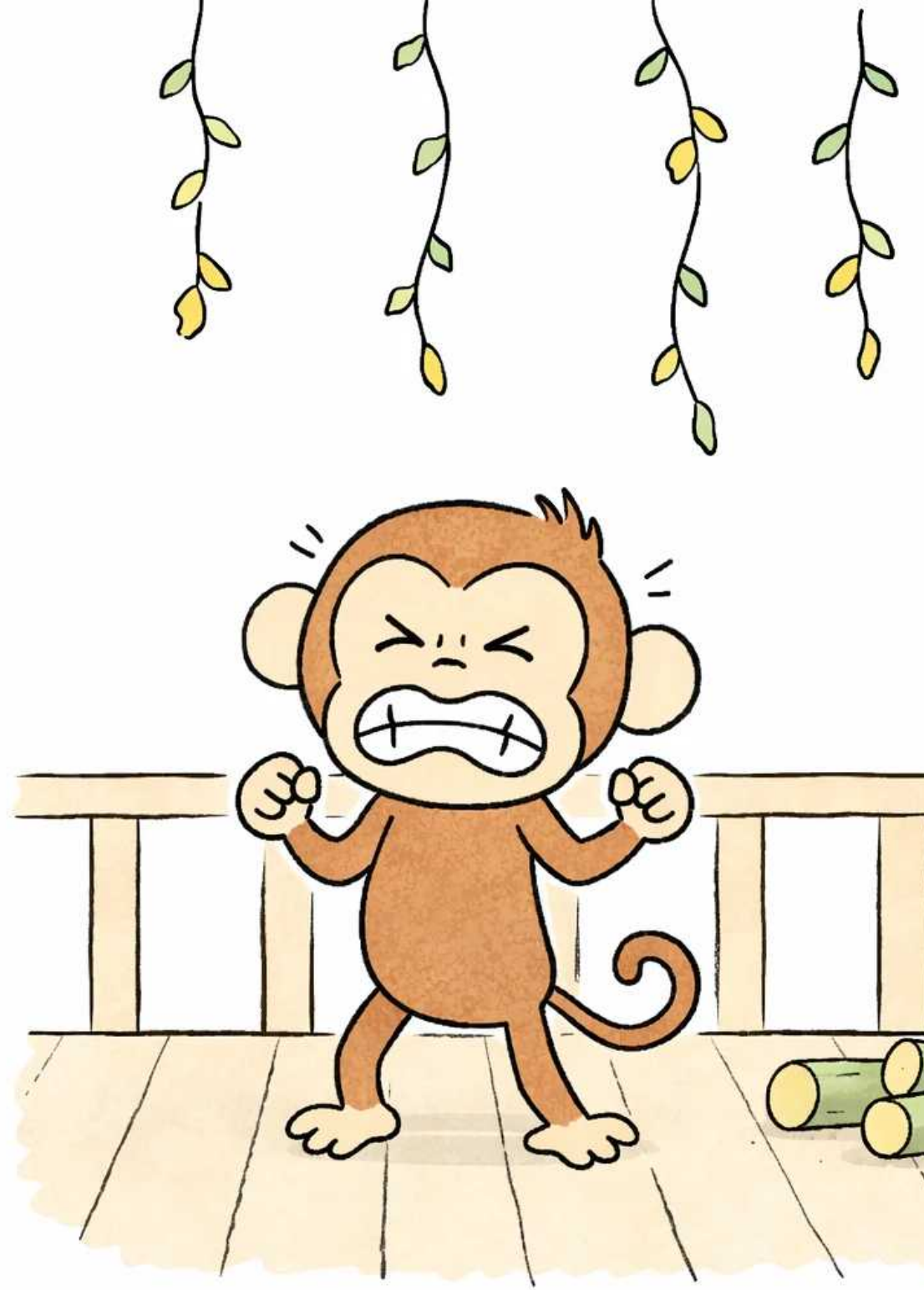
Then Monkey spots
Snake up in the plant.
'Did a snake munch
my bananas?' he
asks. Snake grins. 'I
munch rats, not
bananas,' says Snake.
'I have no arms!'





Monkey hangs
from a vine. His
tummy grumbles.
'Who took my
bananas?' he
yells. 'It is so
hard to find them!'

Monkey stomps back to his deck. He is mad. His hands are in fists. 'When I find who did it, they are in for it!' he snarls. His tummy grumbles and grumbles.





Then Monkey spots
it. A path of
bananas! It **starts**
at the base of his
plant.

'Ah-ha!' he gasps. 'I
can track that path!'

At the end of the path
sits Rabbit. Rabbit has
a **large** bunch of
bananas!

'Rabbit took my
bananas!' Monkey yells.
'Rabbit, those **are** my
bananas!' Rabbit just
blinks.





Rabbit is not upset.

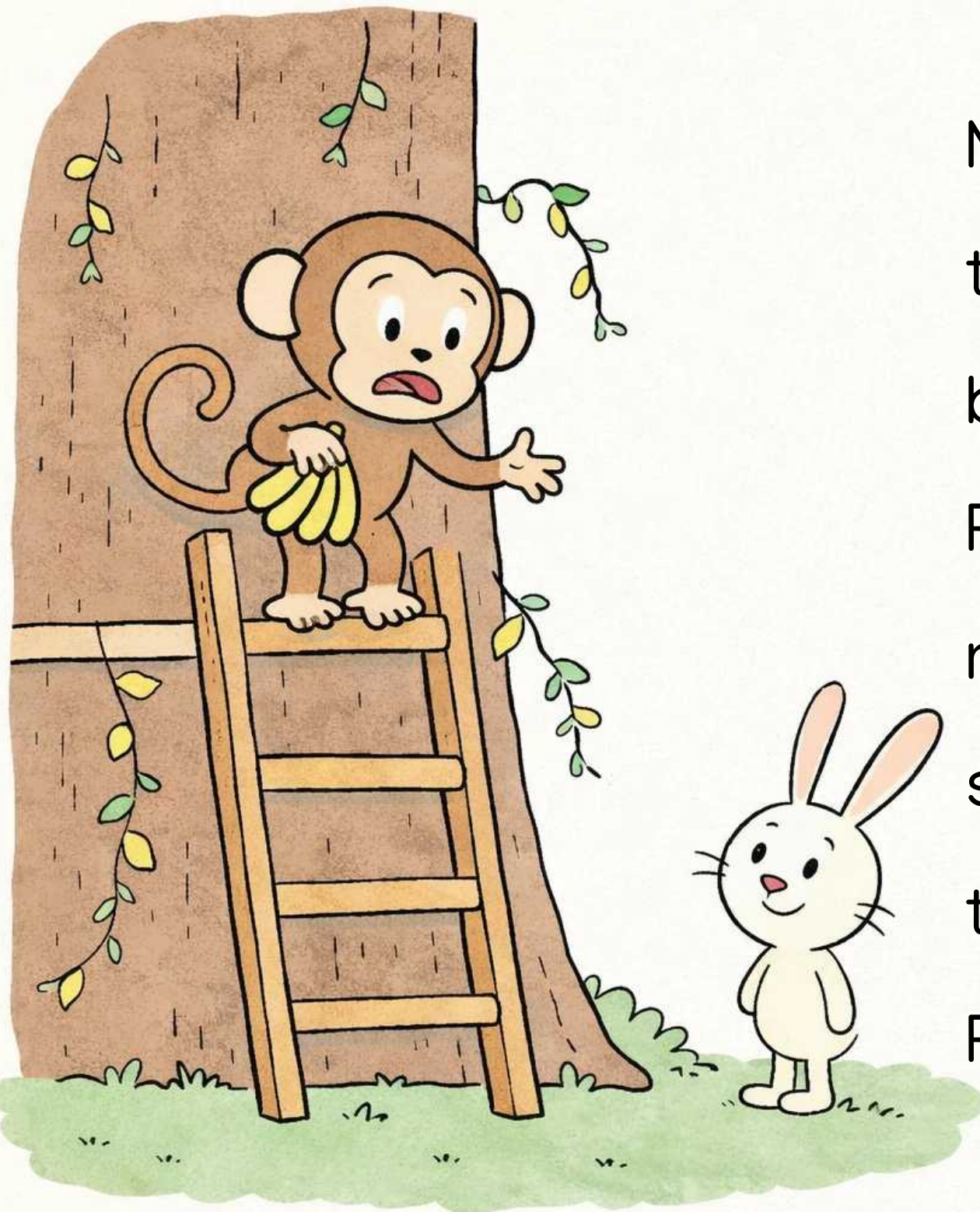
'These are my
bananas,' says

Rabbit. 'I grow them
in my garden, in my
backyard.'

Monkey can not think
of a thing to say.

Then Rabbit grins. He hangs a big bunch of bananas on the vine. 'It was a big **harvest**,' says Rabbit. 'Take this bunch!' Monkey blinks. His face gets hot, but he is glad.





Monkey stands on the steps with the bananas. 'Thanks, Rabbit. But who took my bananas?' Rabbit smiles. 'Think back to the dark,' says Rabbit. 'Think hard.'

Then Monkey spots the
banana skins on his deck.
Skin after skin after skin!

'It was me!' he yells. 'I
got up in the dark and
ate them all!' Monkey
giggles and giggles.
Rabbit chuckles in the
yard.





Monkey Catches a Culprit

Monkey wakes up craving his favorite breakfast, but every last banana has vanished from his treehouse. He grills a bee and a snake, stomps around in a huff, and finally spots a telltale trail leading far across the yard to a rabbit's garden. Could the culprit be closer than Monkey thinks? Created to align with the UFLI Foundations scope and sequence (Lesson 77: ar /ar/), this book practices words like 'hard', 'dark', 'backyard', 'garden', 'yard'.

Phonics Focus: ar /ar/

are, arms, backyard, dark, far, garden, hard, harvest, large, snarls, starts, yard

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