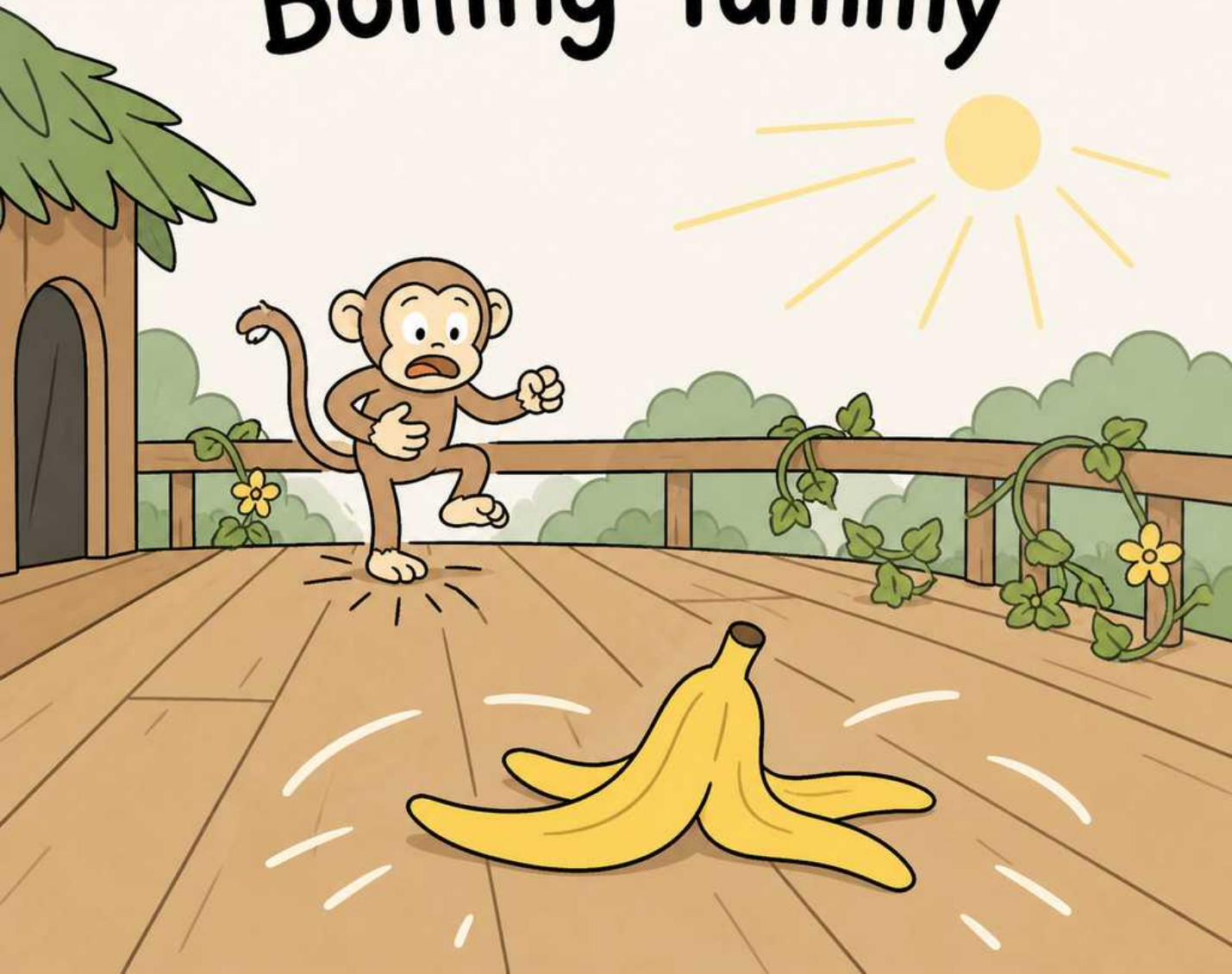


Monkey's Noisy Boiling Tummy





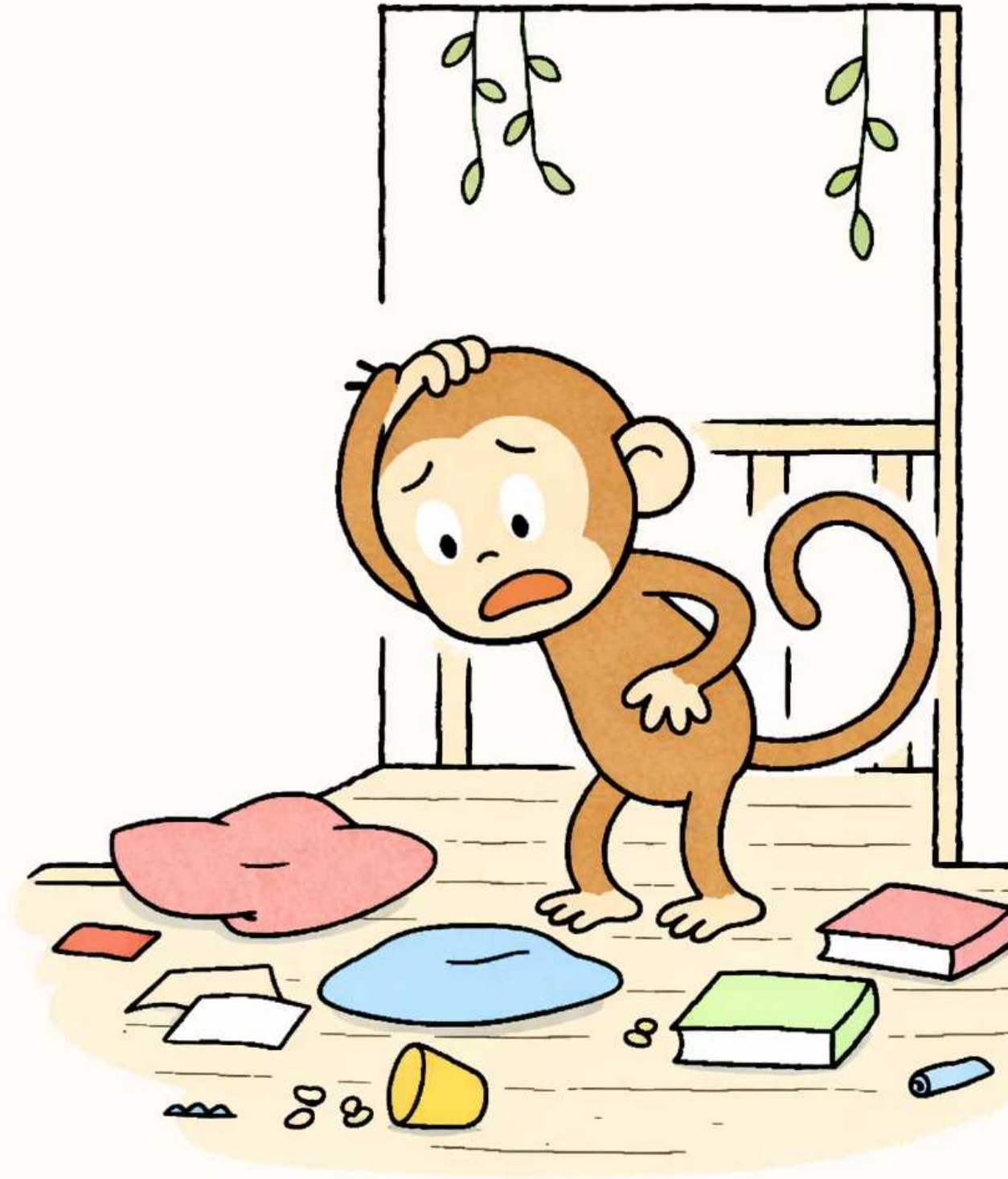
High up in a big tree,
hidden by vines and
yellow blooms, there is a
tree hut. And in that
tree hut lives Monkey.

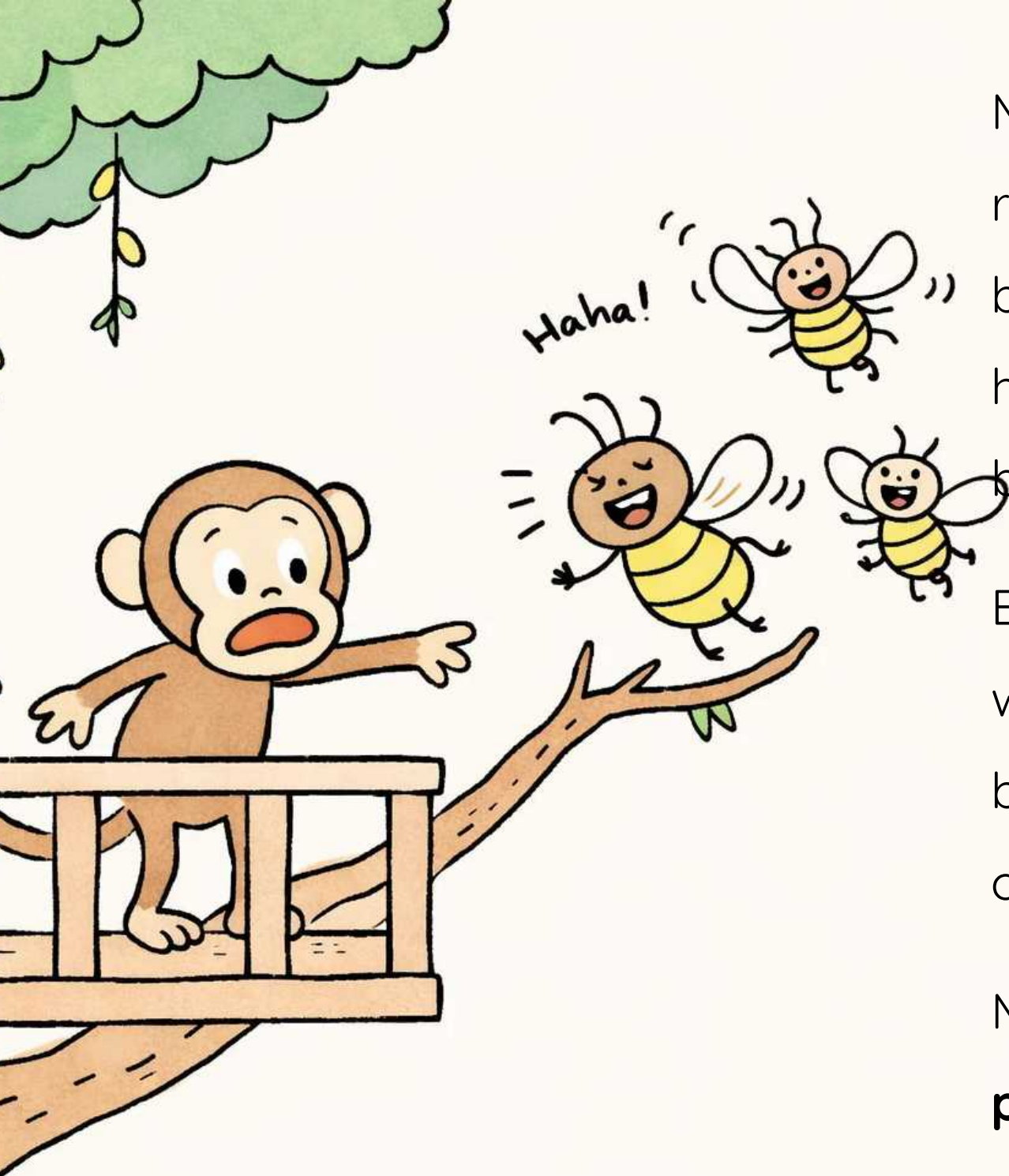
Monkey **enjoys** just one
food. Bananas! He eats
them for each meal. And
if his tummy gets loud
at night, he eats more.

One morning, Monkey wakes up with a big, **noisy** tummy. He smacks his lips. He rubs his belly. 'Time for my first meal!'

But his bunch of bananas is gone. He checks under his pad. He checks by his books. He tosses cups all over. Not one left!

'Who,' Monkey whispers, 'stole my first meal?'





Monkey leans on the railing and spots a little bee by the blooms. 'Bee!' he calls. 'Did Bee take my bananas?'

Bee is in such fits that her wings shake. 'Me? Lift a big bunch? I can just lift one drop of sweet goo!'

Monkey frowns. Bee has a **point.**

Then Monkey spots Snake, **coiling** round a branch up high. 'Did Snake eat my first meal?' he asks. He tries to sound nice, but his tummy is as loud as a storm.

Snake grins a slow, hissy grin. 'I eat rats, not fruit. Peel bananas? With what hands?' Monkey frowns more. Snake also has a **point**.





Monkey swings past the branches and hangs upside down from a vine. His tummy twists and **coils**.

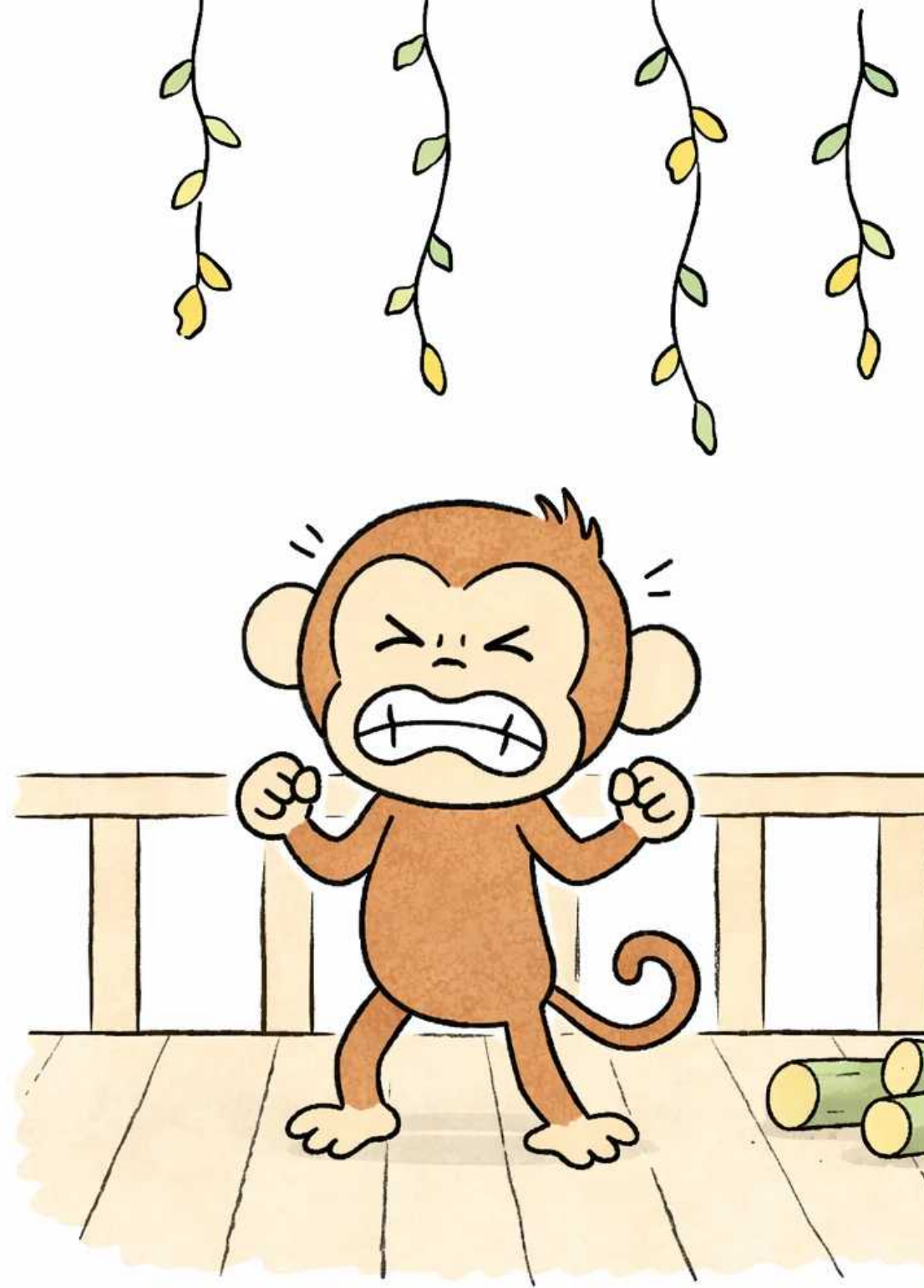
'A crook!' he wails. 'A bad crook stole my bananas! I will hunt that crook down!'

But it is very hard to spy on a crook when his brain runs on zero bananas.

Monkey stomps back to his deck. He grits his teeth. He clenches his fists. He is **boiling** mad.

'When I hunt down that crook,' he says, 'that crook is in for it.'

His tummy gets loud once more. It sounds like it agrees.





Then Monkey sees a
thing down on the grass.
A trail! A trail of bright
yellow bananas, one by
one, like little clues.

The trail **points** away
from the trunk. 'Aha!'
Monkey gasps. 'Now I
can hunt down that
crook!'

At the end of the trail sits a white rabbit. Rabbit **enjoys** a little feast on the grass. Bananas sit all round him! Monkey grabs the railing and leans out far, not quite tipping off. 'Crook!' he yells. 'Rabbit stole my first meal! Those are my bananas!' Rabbit looks up and blinks.





Rabbit is not upset. Not a bit. He lifts one of them up and **points** at a small plant just by him.

'These? These are mine!'

Rabbit says with a grin. 'I grow them all year in my yard. Come and see, Monkey!'

Monkey's mouth opens. Then it shuts. No sound comes out.

But then Rabbit does a thing
Monkey does not expect at
all. He smiles and ties a big
bunch of bananas to a vine,
so Monkey can **hoist** it up
to his tree hut. 'It was a big
harvest,' Rabbit says. '**Enjoy**
this bunch, Monkey!' Monkey
peeps down. He called
Rabbit a crook, and now
Rabbit gives him a gift. His
cheeks get hot.





Monkey holds the bunch and looks down. 'Thank you, Rabbit,' he says. 'But who took my bananas?' Rabbit smiles. 'Think back to last night. Do not let blame **spoil** the day.' Monkey thinks hard. Last night. It was dark. His tummy was loud. He got a snack, and then...

'Oh no!' Monkey looks down at
the peels all round his railing.
Peel after peel after peel.

'I got up at midnight! I ate
them all! Each one!' He claps
a hand over his mouth. Then
he is in fits, and he must grip
the railing. 'The banana crook...
was me!'

From down below, Rabbit **joins**
in, and their **joy** fills the whole
tree.





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High in his treehouse, Monkey wakes with the biggest, noisiest tummy rumble ever, ready for his favorite food: bananas! But his whole bunch has vanished without a trace. He blames the bee, then the snake, then follows a trail of peels straight to a rabbit having a picnic surrounded by bananas... but could this rabbit really be the sneaky thief? Written for Jolly Phonics classrooms (Step 3, Unit 10: /oi/ mixed), this book practices words like 'noisy', 'boiling', 'point', 'joy', 'spoil'.

Phonics Focus: <mixed>

boiling, coiling, coils, enjoy, enjoys, hoist, joins, joy, noisy, point, points, spoil

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