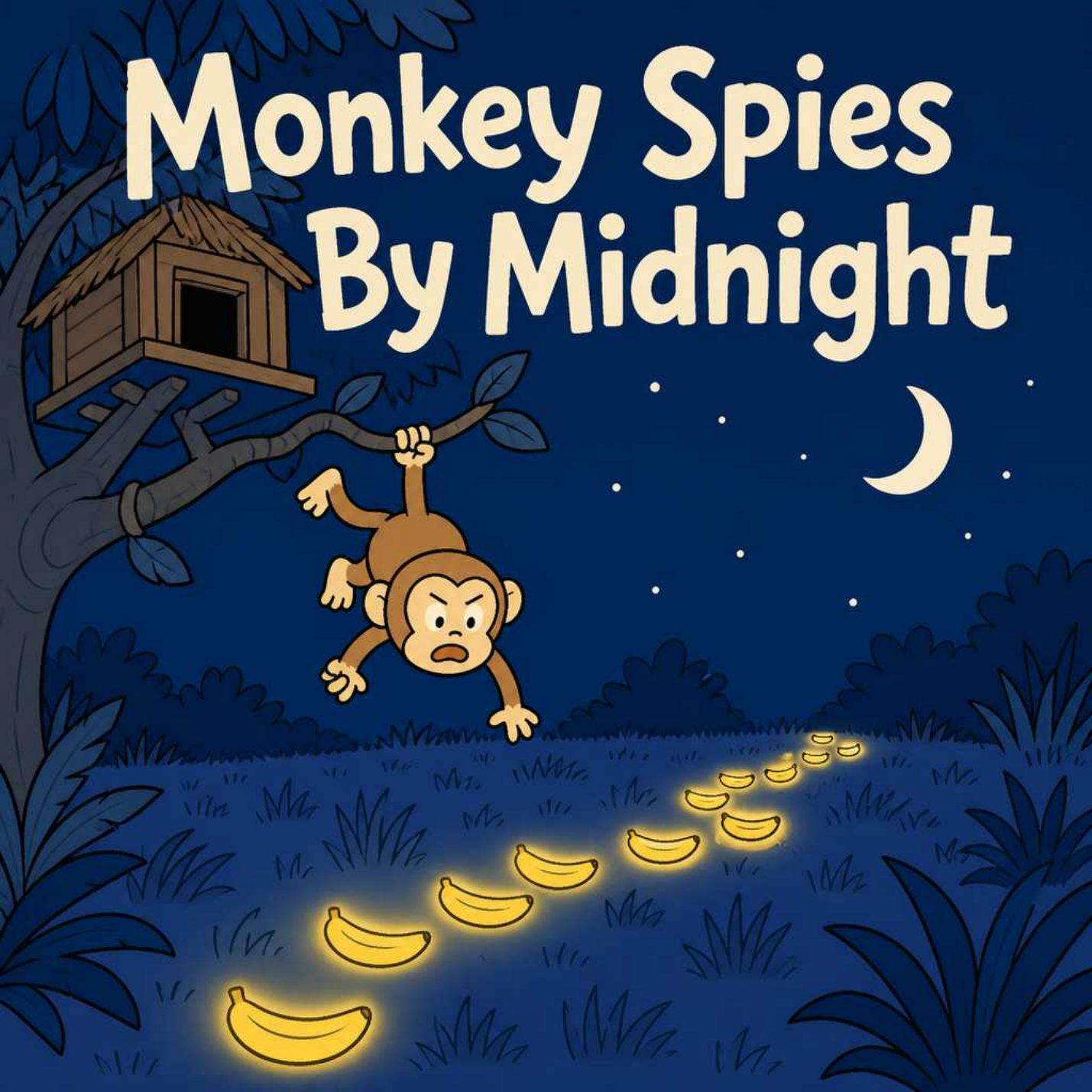


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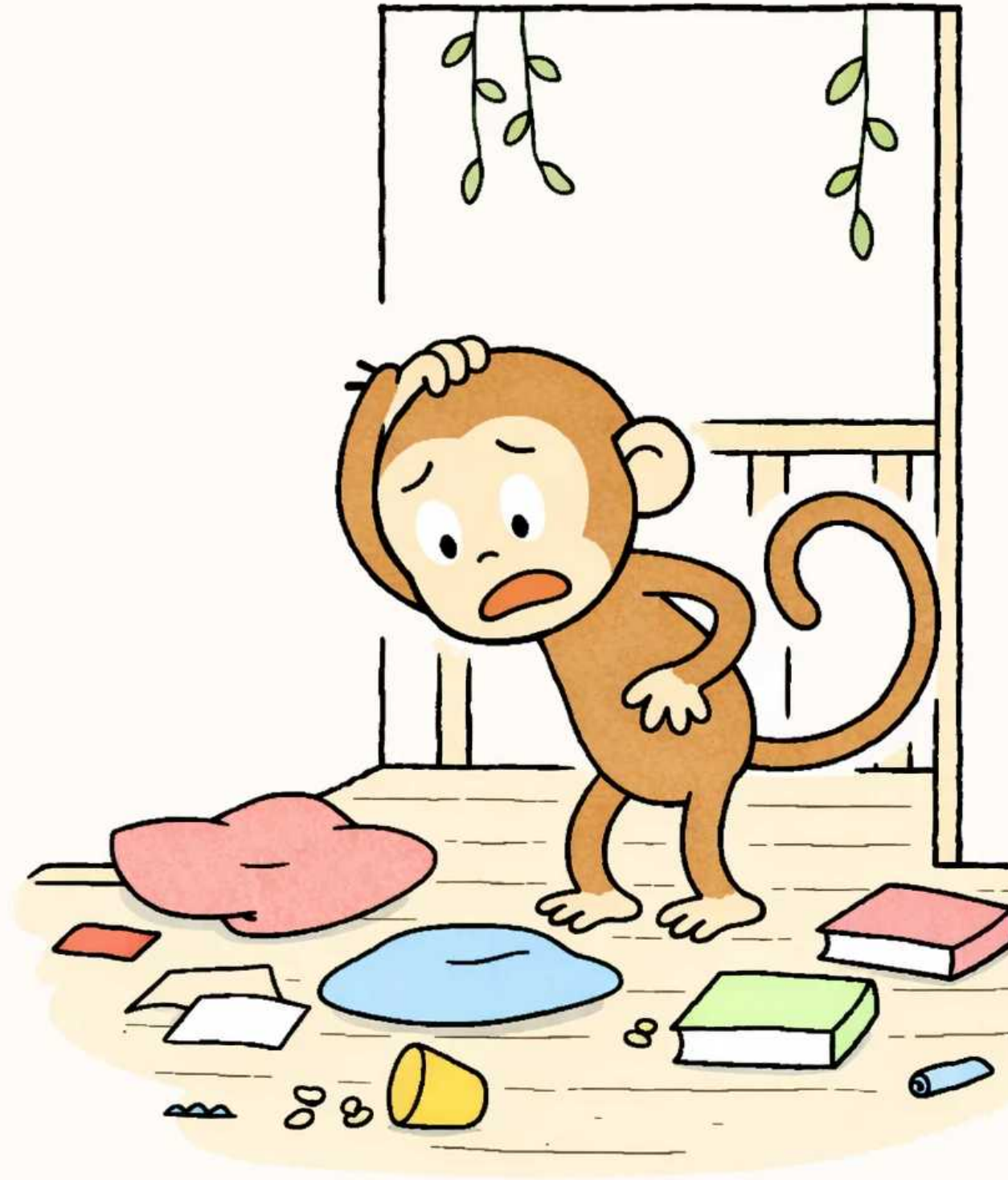


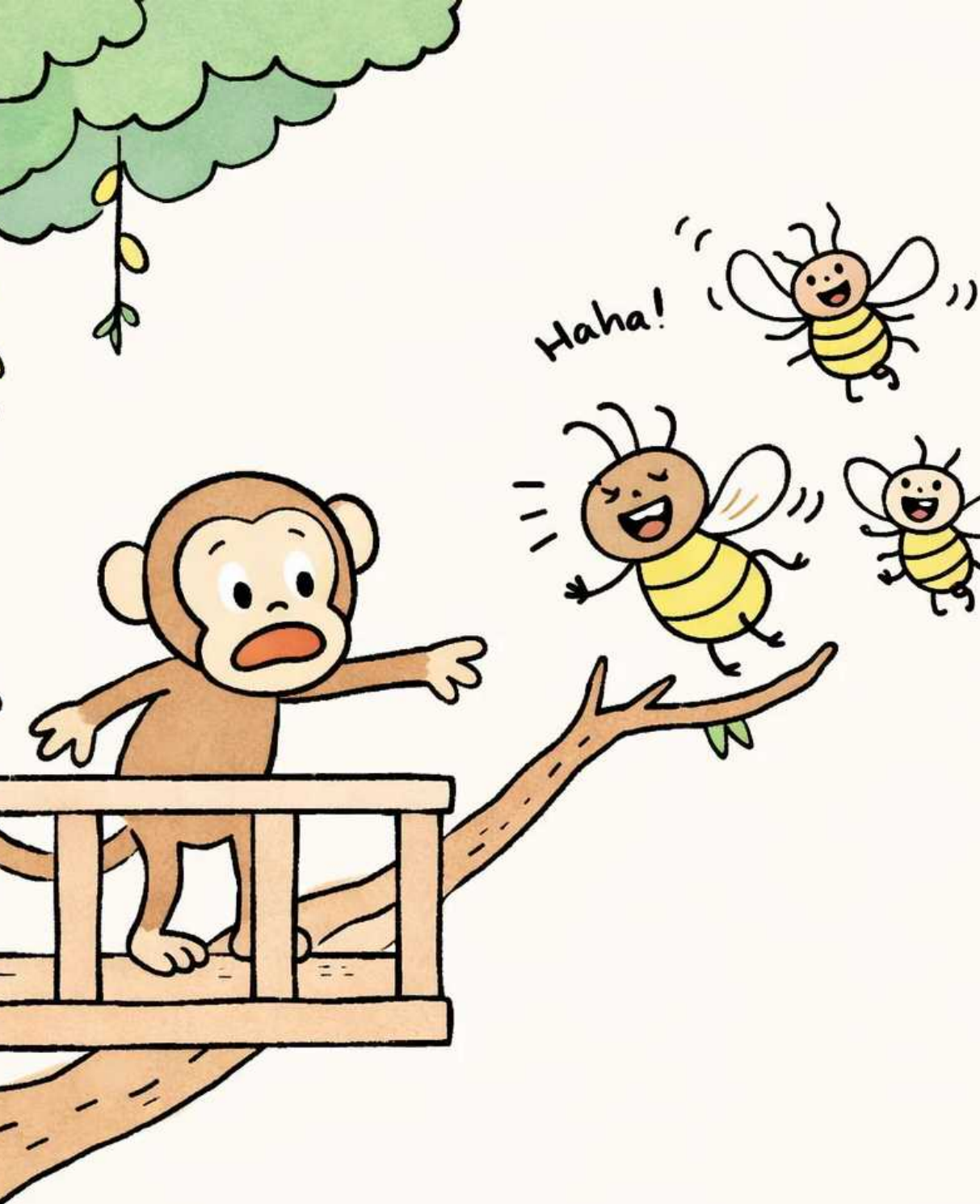


High in a tall tree
there is a tree hut.
Monkey lives there.

Monkey hangs by
one hand in the
bright sunlight. He
likes bananas so
much!

Monkey wakes up.
His belly is loud. But
his bananas are not
there!
He looks and looks.
No bananas in sight.
'A crook took my
meal!' Monkey cries.





Monkey spots a
wee bee by the
vine in bloom. 'Bee!
Did you take my
bananas?' he calls.
The bee just grins.
'Not me! I am too
slight to lift them!'

Then Monkey sees
Snake, up **high** on a
branch. 'Snake! Did
you take my
bananas?' he asks.
'No,' Snake hisses.
'I eat rats, not
bananas.'



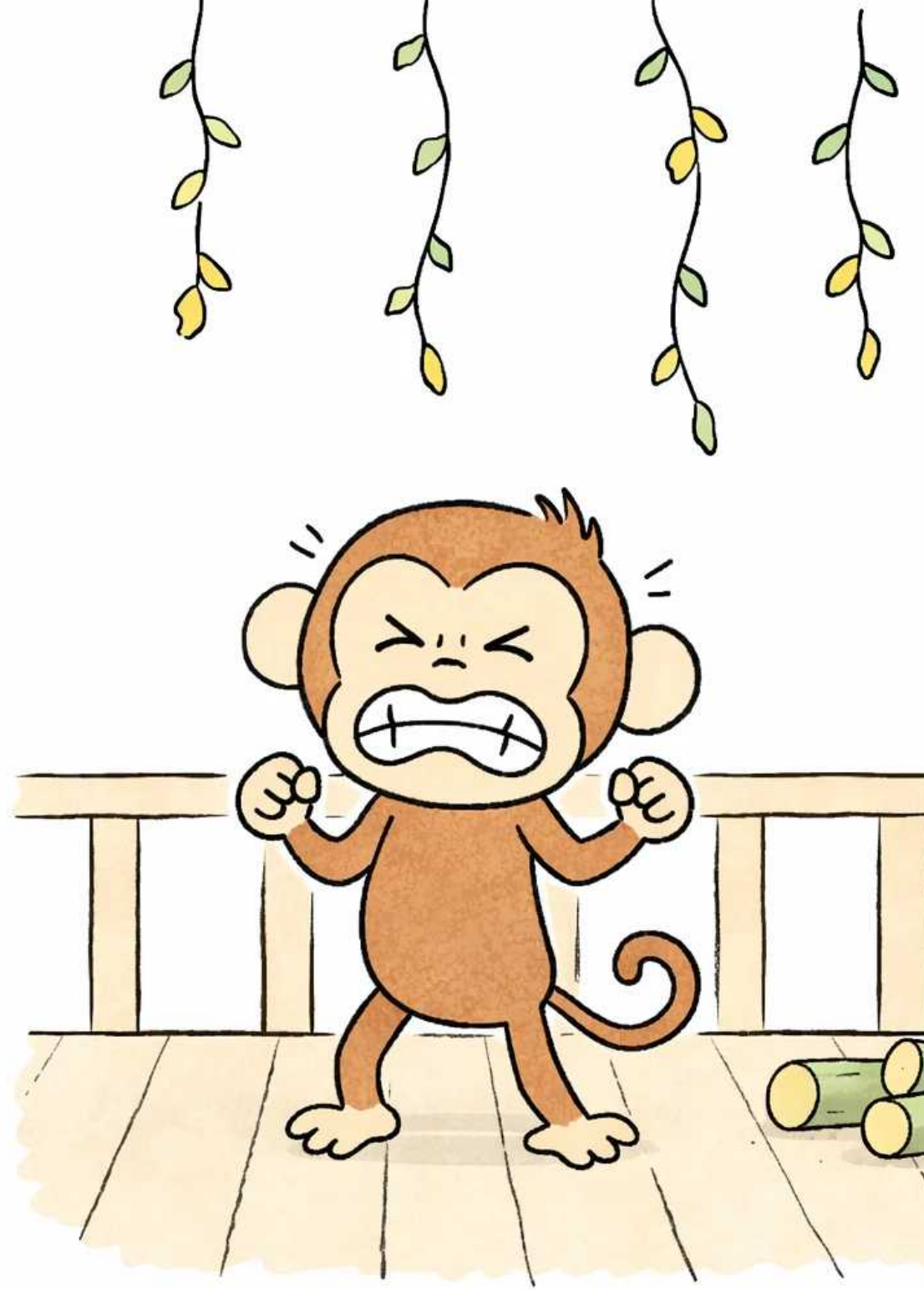


Monkey swings on
a vine. He is not
upright at all! His
belly groans.

'I will try to spy
the crook,' he
cries.

Monkey stands on
his deck. He
clenches his fists
tight.

'The crook will get
a fright tonight!' he
shouts.





Then Monkey **spies** a trail on the grass. A bright trail in the sunlight! Bananas, one by one.

'I **spy** a clue!' he calls. 'I have got the crook!'

The trail ends at
Rabbit. Rabbit sits
on the grass with all
the bananas. What
a sight! 'Rabbit!'
Monkey shouts. 'You
stole my bananas!
You are the crook!'





Rabbit just grins and
points at a plant.

'No, no. This is my
banana plant. The
bananas are mine.'

Monkey sighs.

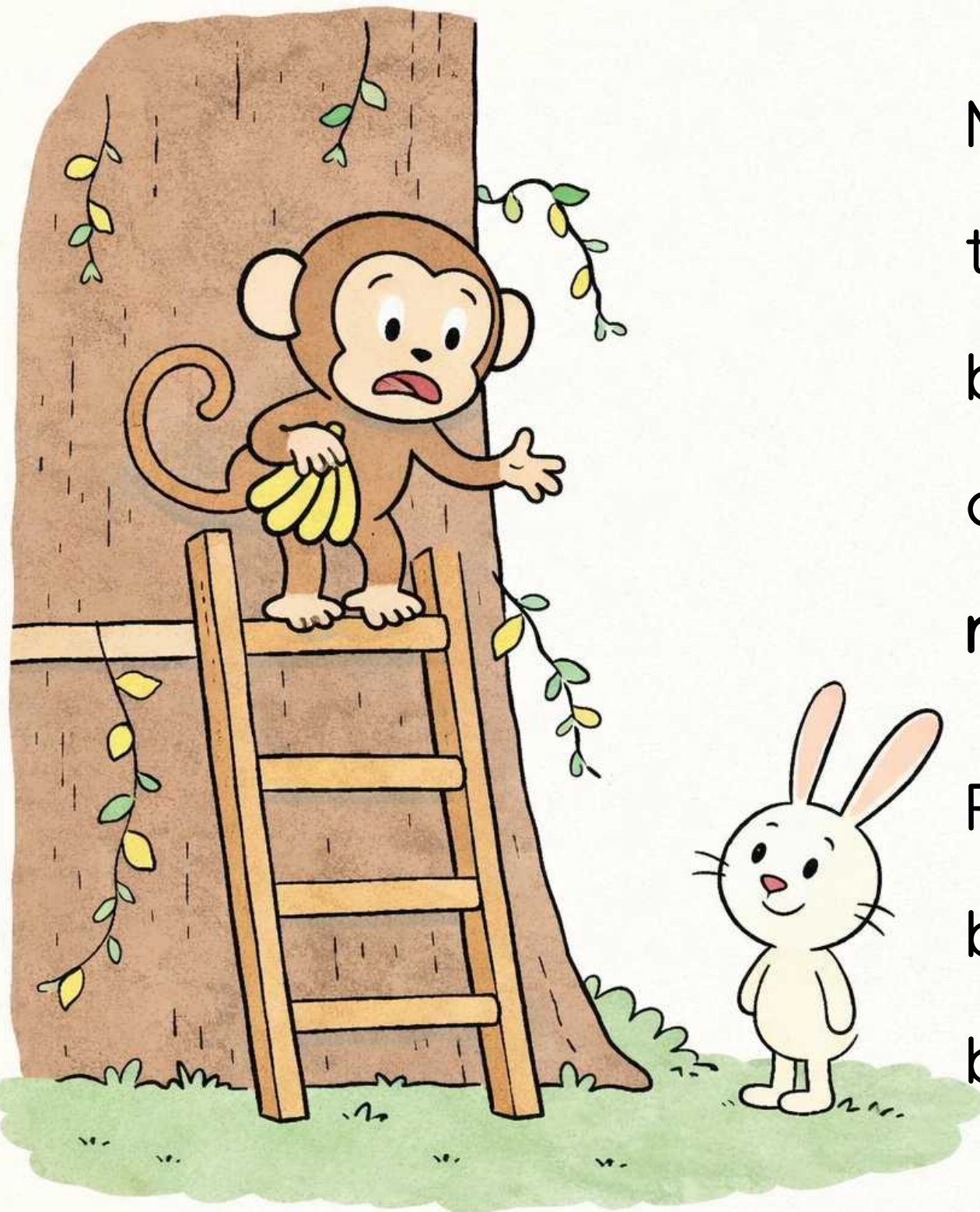
Rabbit is right!

Then Rabbit **ties** a
big **bright** bunch to
the **vine**. 'Take this
bunch, Monkey!'

Rabbit says with a
smile.

Monkey grins. Rabbit
is so sweet!





Monkey stands on the ladder with his bunch. 'But did a crook come in the night?' he asks.

Rabbit smiles. 'Think back, Monkey. Think back to last night.'

Then Monkey sees
the peels. Peels all
by the rail!

'It was me!' he cries.

'I ate them all at
midnight! I am the
crook!' Monkey grins
a big grin.





Monkey Spies By Midnight

Monkey wakes up hungry, and his bananas have vanished without a trace! A trail of clues leads him straight to a surprising suspect, but is this sneaky spy really the thief? Written for Jolly Phonics classrooms (Step 2, Unit 9: y and igh as in fly & high), this book practices words like 'spy', 'cries', 'night', 'sight', 'tight'.

Phonics Focus: <y> <and> <igh>

bright, by, cries, cry, fright, high, likes, midnight, mine, my, night, right, sighs, sight, slight, smile, spies, spy, sunlight, ties, tight, tonight, try, upright, vine

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