



Lion sat down on his favorite warm rock and hummed.  
“Hmm hmm hmm HMMMM, hmmm hmm hmm HMMM.”  
He could hear them monkeys making the new noise.  
“Mmmmm, mmmmmm, mmmmm, mmmmmm,  
mmmmm”  
The two sounds, together, sounded just right.

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Lion and Elephant and Giraffe walked a long way together. Finally, they came to a very large grove of banana trees.

They picked 63 bananas.

They put the bananas in a large blue bag.

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## Lion's Problem



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Storyteller's Hint: Find your own special voice for the Lion's hum and the monkeys' chatter. Children love to hear funny sounds repeated. Enjoy!

Lion decided to ask for some help. He walked down the hill, away from his favorite rock. Eventually, he met Elephant.

"Elephant," asked Lion, "Will you help me scare away those noisy monkeys?"

Elephant agreed to help Lion.

When they returned to the lovely warm rock, Lion roared loudly and Elephant raised her trunk and trumpeted with all her might.

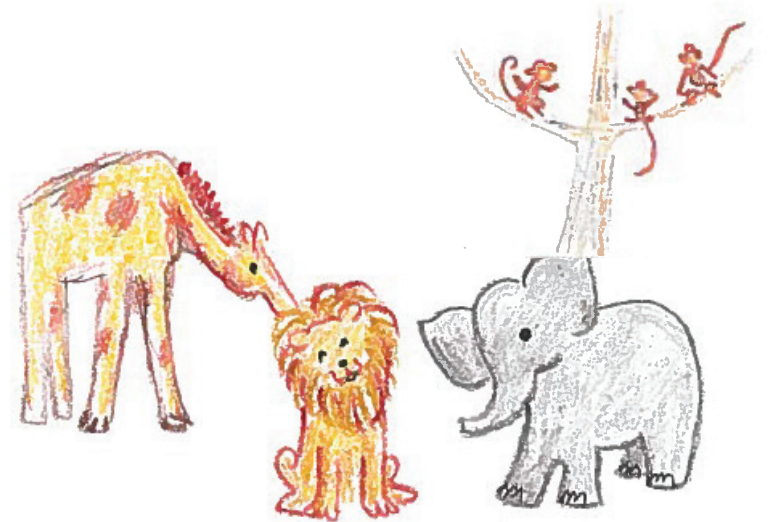
The two animals made a very big sound, but the monkeys were not frightened.

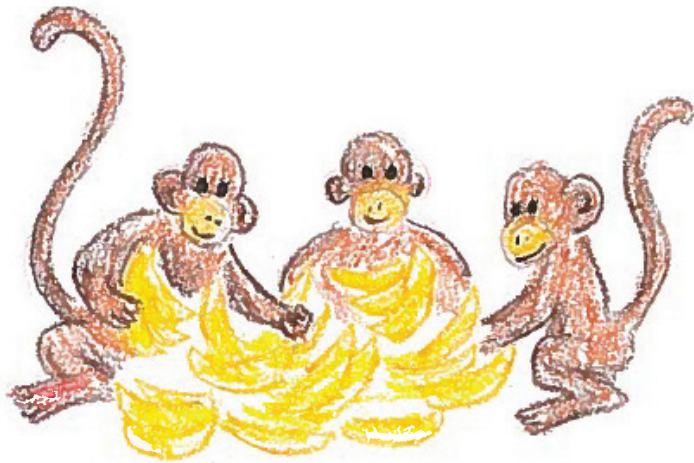
"Oo-oo-eee! Oo-oo-eee! Oo-oo-oo-eee!" cried the monkeys.

Then the monkeys saw the bananas. Each monkey grabbed as many bananas as he or she could grab.

Now the monkeys did not make any loud noises.

Now the monkeys went, "Mmmmm, mmmmmm, mmmmm, mmmmmm, mmmmmm, mmmmm."





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“Well,” said Giraffe. “Perhaps FRIGHTENING the monkeys is not a good plan. I think there is something else that we could try.”

Giraffe whispered in Lions’ ear. Lion smiled and said in a happy little voice “That just might work.”

“What might work?” asked Elephant.

Lion whispered the plan in Elephant’s ear.

“Oo-oo-eee! Oo-oo-eee! Oo-oo-oo-eee!” cried the monkeys.

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One day, Lion was walking through the jungle.

As he walked, he hummed a nice little hum.

“Hmm hmm hmm HMMMM, hmmm hmm hmm HMMMM.”

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Lion and Elephant wondered what to do next.

They sat down on Lion’s favorite warm rock and they began to think.

They thought and thought and thought, but they could not come up with a plan. It was hard to think while the monkeys made so much noise.

“Oo-oo-eee! Oo-oo-eee! Oo-oo-oo-eee!” cried the monkeys.

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Soon Lion arrived at his favorite warm rock.

In a tree nearby, he saw three monkeys. The monkeys were making a LOT of noise.

“Oo-oo-eee! Oo-oo-eee! Oo-oo-oo-eee!” cried the monkeys.

Lion did not like the noise that the monkeys were making. So he gave a great big ROAR.

But the roar did not frighten the monkeys.

“Oo-oo-eee! Oo-oo-eee! Oo-oo-oo-eee!” cried the monkeys.



The three friends dragged the big bag of bananas back to lion's favorite warm rock.

“Oo-oo-eee! Oo-oo-eee! Oo-oo-oo-eee!” cried the monkeys.

“Those silly monkeys,” cried Lion. “They are so loud that I cannot hear my own hums. A roar from a lion did not scare them. The trumpet of an elephant does not make them stop. I wonder what can be done!”

“Oo-oo-eee! Oo-oo-eee! Oo-oo-oo-eee!” cried the monkeys.

Just then, Giraffe arrived at the warm rock. Giraffe noticed that Lion looked sad, so she asked, “Why are you sad?”

Lion answered, “I am sad because these monkeys are making SO much noise! I am sad because the roar of a lion did not frighten them away. I am sad because the trumpet of an elephant did not make them stop.”

