Are You the Woodpecker?

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Killi and Killan were two parakeets who lived in a hole high up on a silk-cotton tree.

One day, a storm came and blew down their tree.

Killi and Killan cried birdy tears for their lost home. A passing crow heard the noise and asked why they were so sad.
“Our tree is gone, we have no home,” they sobbed.
“You need a bird who can peck wood to make a tree hole. Why don’t you ask the woodpecker to make you a new home?” said the crow.
So Killi and Killan set off to find the woodpecker.
Tiu Tiu. Killi and Killan heard a loud sound from the bushes below.

“Are you the woodpecker? Can you make us a new tree hole?” they asked.

“No, I’m the tailorbird. I stitch leaves together to make my nest.”
Pleased-to-meet-you! Killi and Killan heard a fluty whistle in the trees below.

"Are you the woodpecker? Can you make us a new tree hole?" they asked.

"No, I’m the bulbul. I bring twigs to build a cup nest."
Shichweee shichweee. Killi and Killan heard a screeching sound.

“Are you the woodpecker? Can you make us a new tree hole?” they asked.

“No, I’m the weaverbird. I weave grass together to make my hanging nest.”
Ti-tee-too-wit? Killi and Killan looked down in the grass.

“We’re you the woodpecker and can you make us a new tree hole?” they asked.

“No, I’m the lapwing. I make my nest on the ground.”

“We’ll never have a home again” said Killi.

“Don’t give up hope” said Killan.

“Let’s try a little longer.”
Toktok-toktok! Killi and Killan saw a bird hammering at a tree branch.

“Are you the woodpecker? Can you make us a new tree hole?” they asked.

“Yes, I am,” said the woodpecker, “but I'm busy making my own nest. You'll have to ask someone else.”

The parakeets looked at each other in despair.
**Tuk..tuk..tuk!** On a nearby tree was a round green bird.
“I can help you,” she said.

“Who are you?” sobbed Killi and Killan.

“I’m the **barbet,**” said the bird. “I make my nest in trees by pecking out a nice round hole. I can make a new tree hole for you.”
And so she did.
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**Are You the Woodpecker?**
(English)

Oh no! Killi and Killan the parakeets have lost their home. They set out in search of the woodpecker who can make them a tree hole nest. The birds discover many other nests, but will they find a new home?

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