The Hat Seller

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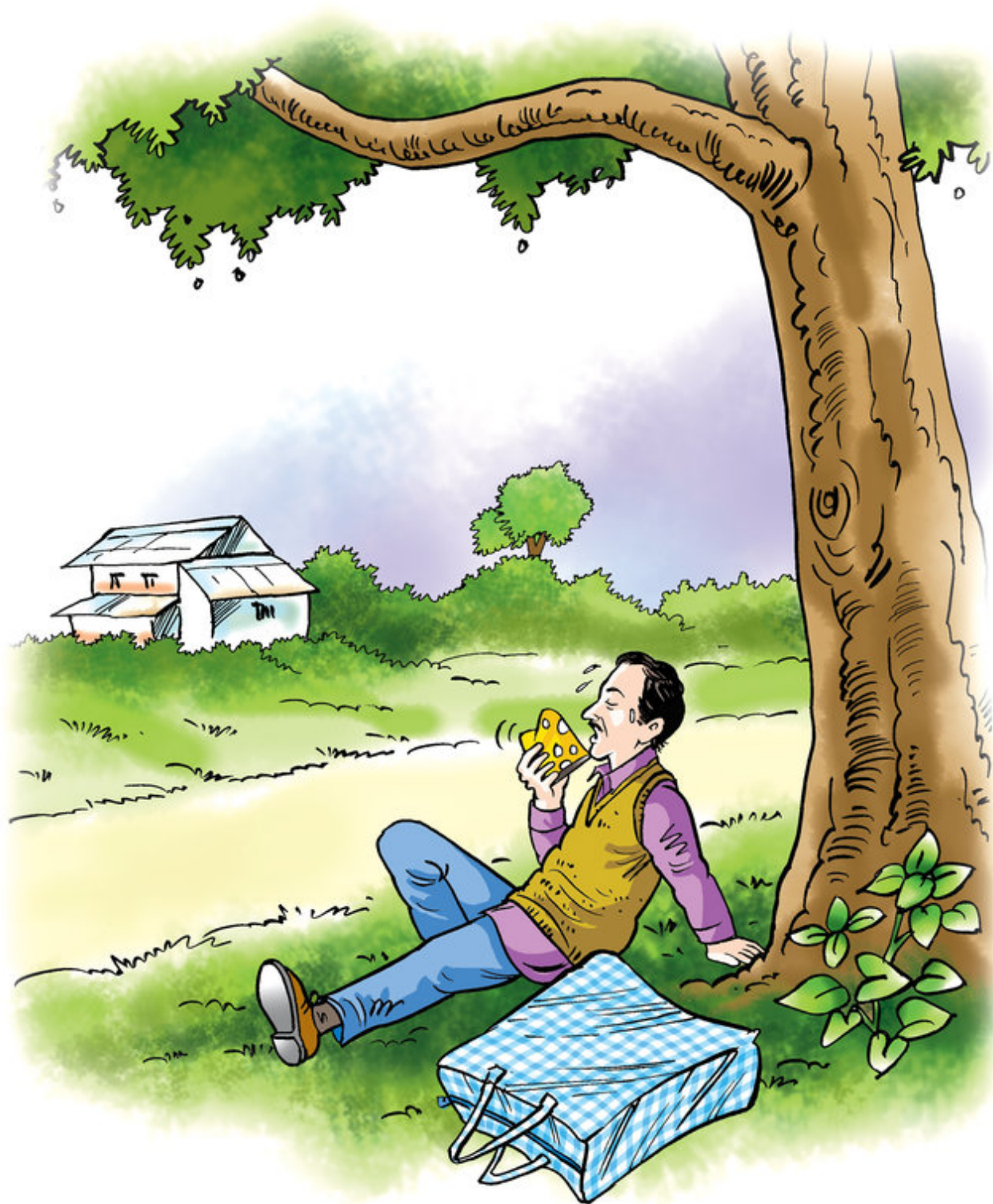**Translator:** Shannon David

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One day, a hat seller was travelling to a village to sell his hats.

After walking for a long time, he got tired.

So he sat under a tree to rest.

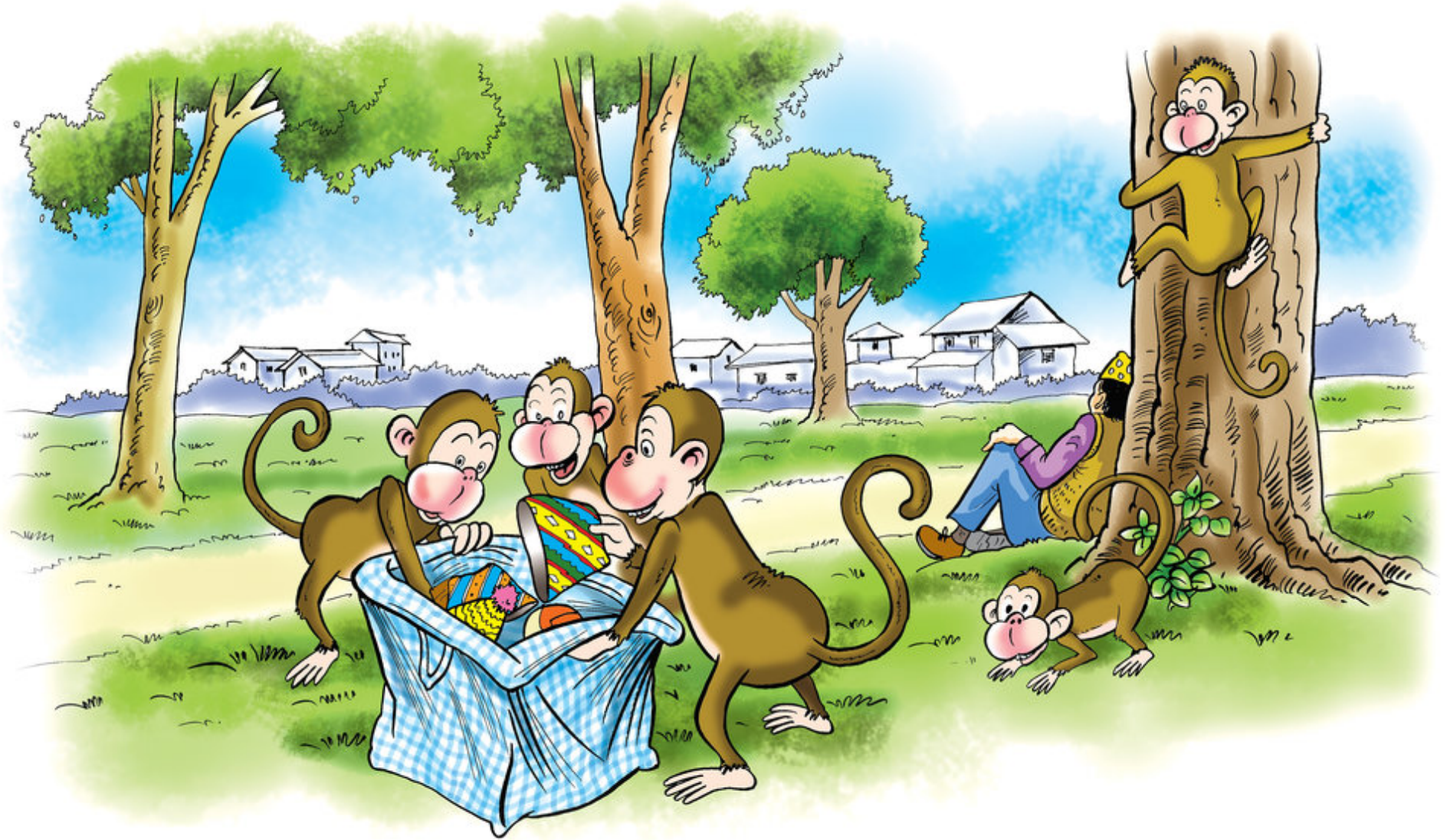He was so tired that he quickly fell asleep.

While he slept, a group of monkeys looked down on him from the tree.

They climbed down the tree to get a closer look.

They opened his bag and looked through it. They were excited to find many hats of different colors, just their size.

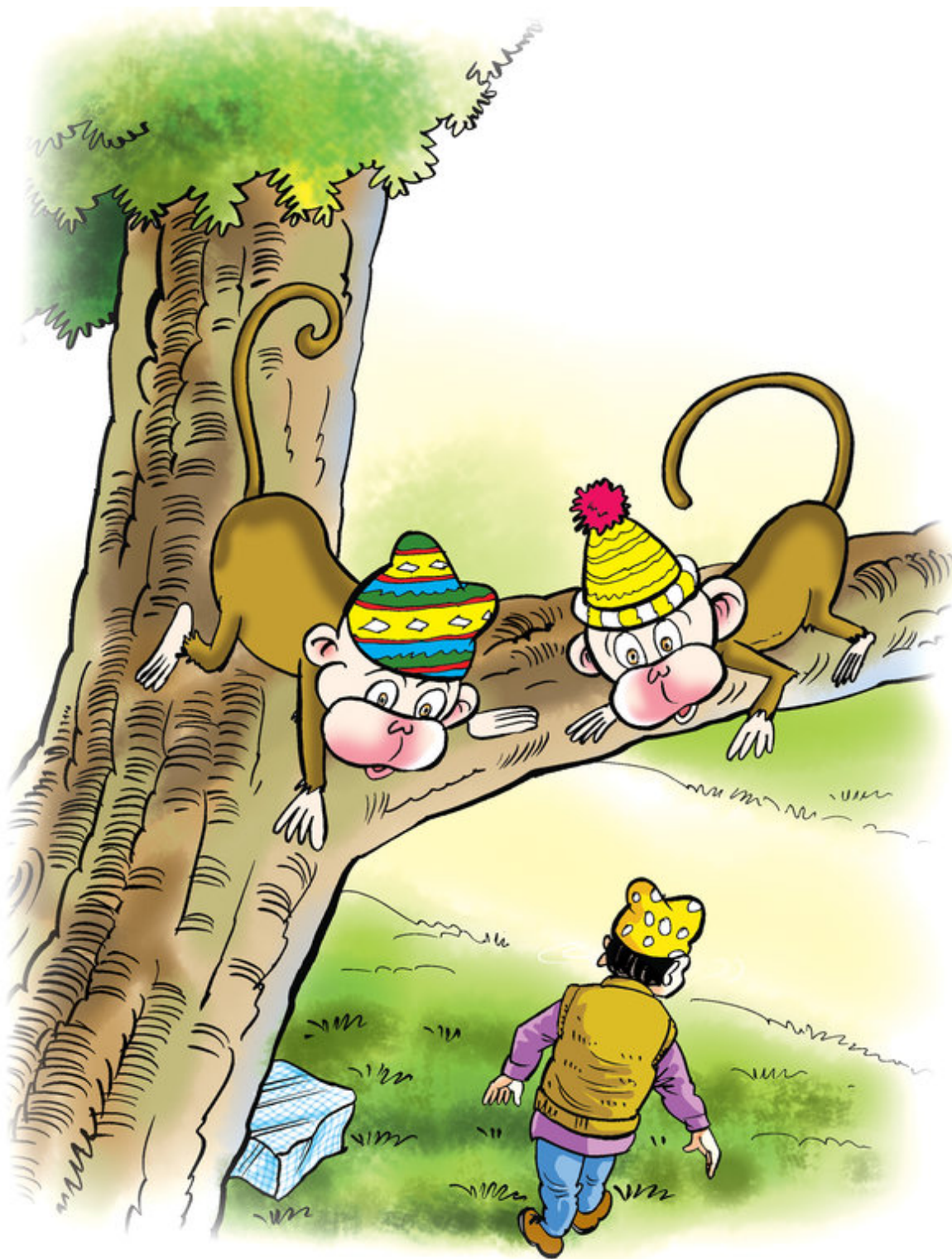Soon, each monkey was wearing one of the hats!

The monkeys danced
merrily wearing hats
of red, blue, green,
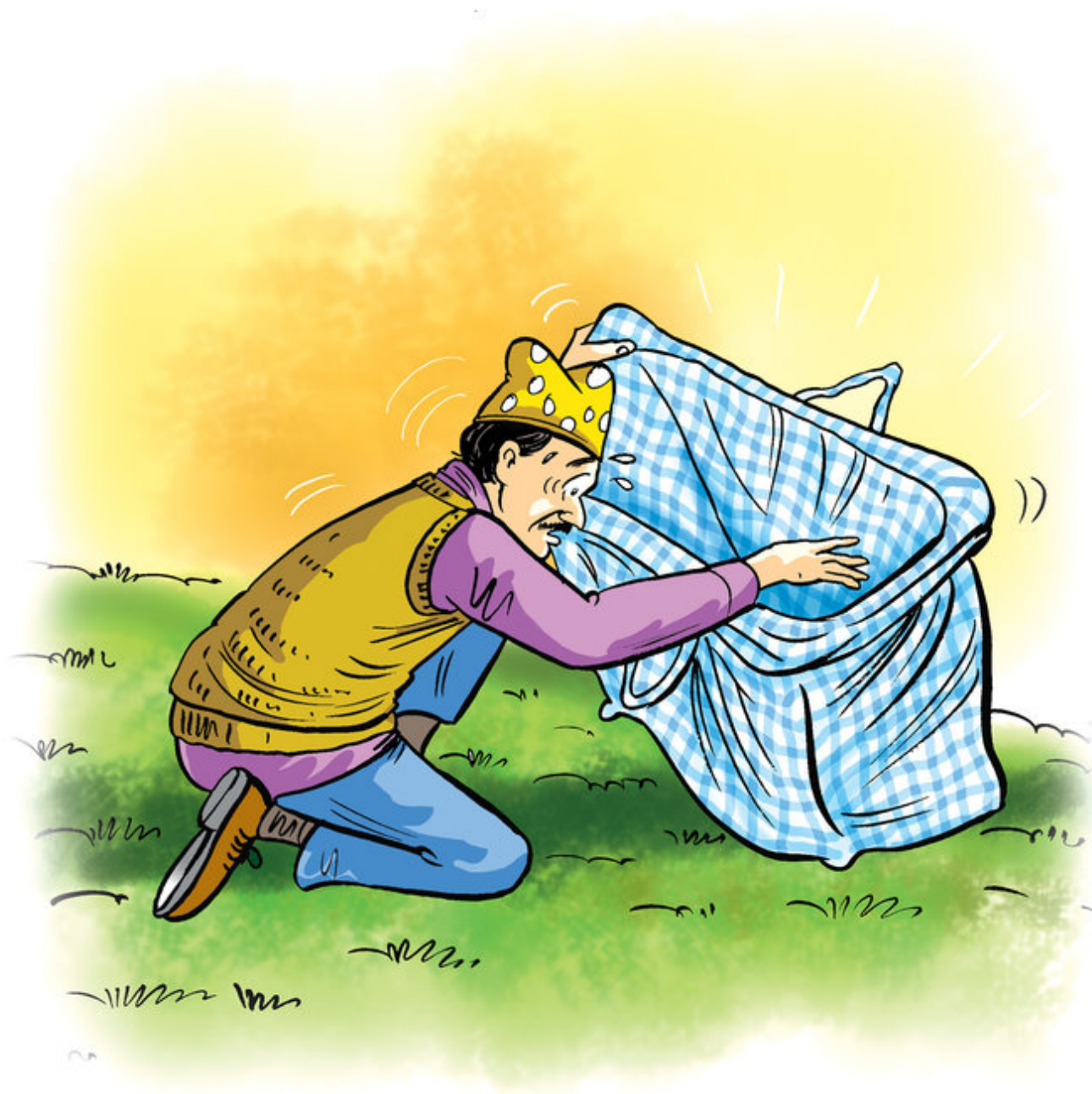yellow, orange, purple
and pink.

Suddenly, the hat seller rolled over in his sleep and all the monkeys ran up the tree.

When he woke up a few moments later, the monkeys watched and waited.

The hat seller checked his bag. He was very sad to find it empty. All his hats were gone.

Then, he looked up and saw the monkeys wearing his hats!

He was surprised at first. But then he grew angry.

He thought hard about how to get the hats back from the monkeys.

Then, he took off his own hat and threw it right at the monkeys.

The monkeys thought the hat seller was trying to hit them, and they were angry.

So, the monkeys took off the hats they were wearing and threw them at the hat seller one by one.

The hat seller collected all his hats and put them into his bag.

The monkeys looked at the hat seller in wonder and he walked off to sell his hats, laughing as he went.

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(English)

On a long day's work, a hat seller rests under a tree without realizing that a family of monkeys are living in its branches. Curious as ever, the monkeys come down from the branches and take all of the hats from the hat seller's bag. Join the hat seller as he tries to trick the monkeys into giving him his hats back.

This is a Level 2 book for children who recognize familiar words and can read new words with help.