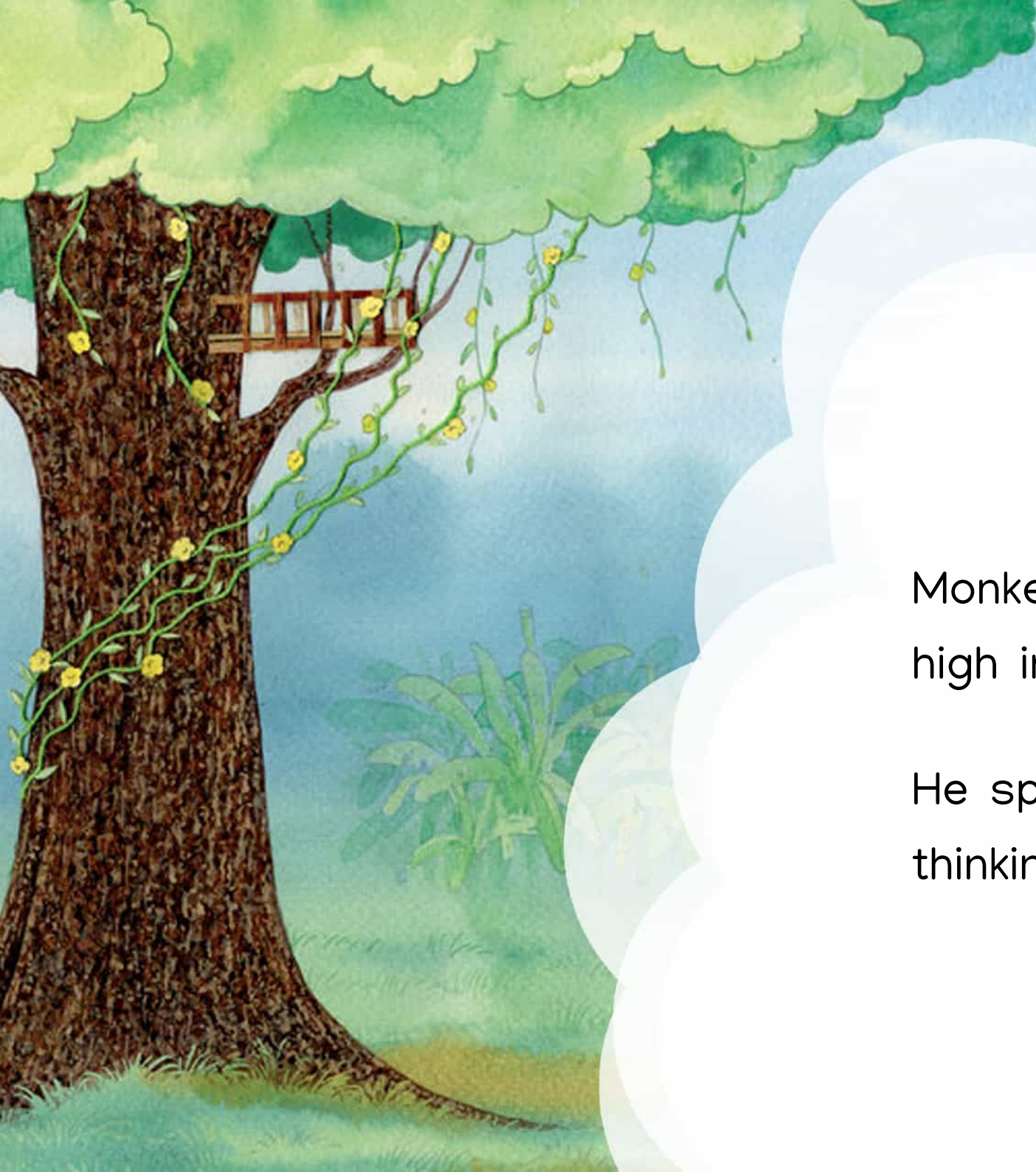


Banana Hunt



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Monkey has a great house,
high in a tree.

He spends a lot of his time
thinking about food.

It's time for his breakfast, and he looks around for the bunch of bananas he had planned to eat. But they are nowhere to be found.

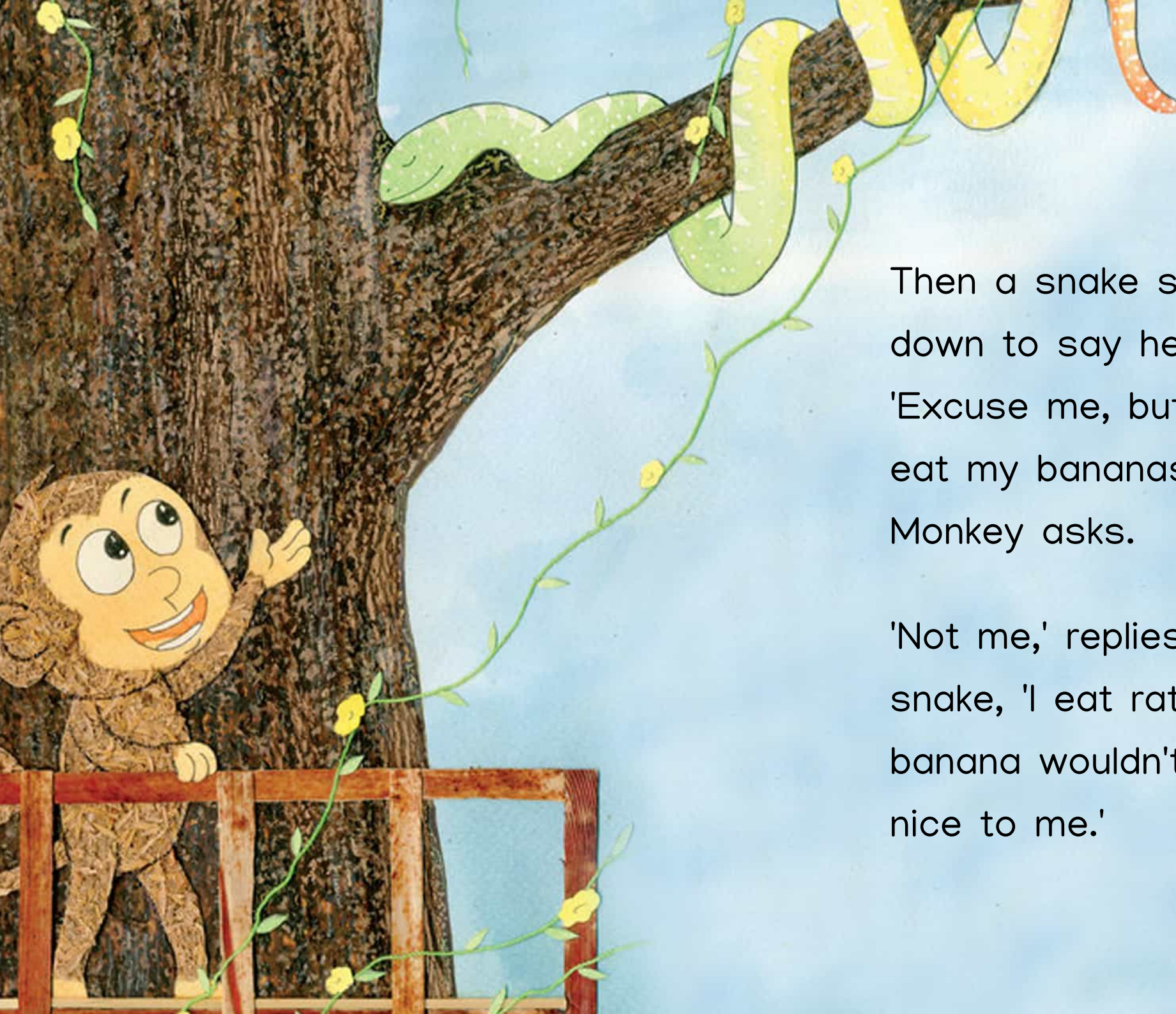
He turns his house upside down searching for the yummy treat.





A honey bee comes for a visit, and he asks her if she has taken his bananas.

'Of course not,' she replies, 'I eat nectar. A banana would be far too heavy for me to carry away.'



Then a snake slithers
down to say hello.
'Excuse me, but did you
eat my bananas?'
Monkey asks.

'Not me,' replies the
snake, 'I eat rats. A
banana wouldn't taste
nice to me.'



The monkey is so confused.

He looks high and low.

He looks in the tree and around the tree and still cannot find his breakfast.

He is angry now.

His tummy is growling from
hunger.

If he could just find where he left
the lovely yellow bunch and he
would be fine again.





Just then, something yellow catches his eye.

Down at the bottom of the tree is a trail of banana skins.

He looks at them sadly.

Who has eaten his breakfast?



At the end of the trail is a white rabbit having a picnic with a great big bunch of bananas.

'You stole my breakfast!' the monkey calls in a loud, angry voice.



'Oh, these are mine,' says the bunny, 'if you look over there, you will see that I grow bananas.'

He doesn't seem worried by the Monkey's complaint.



'It has been a very big harvest,' he says, 'here you go, have this bunch!'

The rabbit ties the bunch to a vine for Monkey to pull up to his house.

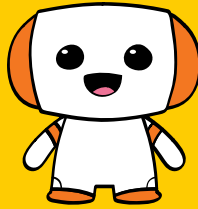


'Thank you very much,' says
Monkey, 'but I never found the
bananas I lost. I wonder what
happened to them.'



Then Monkey thinks back to the night before.

'Oh! Now I know! I ate them last night for dinner.'



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