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1 This is the story of Turtle and Monkey.

2 One day, Turtle said to Monkey, <<Where are you, Monkey, my friend? Let's go and cut wood so that we will have firewood.>>

3 Monkey said, <<Yes, alright.>>

4 So Turtle and Monkey went together.

5 They set off to go to the mountain to cut wood.

6 They hadn't reached their destination yet when they saw a banana plant on another hill.

7 They said, <<Let's get that banana plant and plant it.>>

8 Then Turtle and Monkey were fighting over who would be the first to get the top part because there was only one plant so they had to divide it.

9 Monkey said, <<The top part is mine because it has leaves.>>

10 So Turtle said, <<Alright then, and I'll have the base.>>

11 So they cut down the banana plant and cut it in half, then each carried the part he was going to plant.

12 They took the parts to another hill to plant them, then they left.

13 After three days, Turtle said to Monkey, <<Let's go and see the banana we planted.>>

14 They set off and arrived at the place.

15 When they looked, what Turtle had planted had sprouted since it had roots.

16 But as for Monkey's banana plant, it had wilted because it had no roots.

17 So they went away.

18 After a month, they went to see if what Turtle had planted had any fruit.

19 And Turtle's plant did indeed have bananas and they were ripe.

20 So Turtle said, <<Ha, ha, ha! My bananas are ripe.>>

21 Monkey was crying because he had no bananas of course because his plant died.

22 Then Turtle said, <<Oh dear, I don't know how to climb! I am not able to get the bananas.>>

23 So Monkey said, <<I'll climb up because I know how to and I'll throw some down for you to eat.>>

24 And Turtle said, <<Yes please, go and get them.>>

25 Monkey climbed up and he said, <<Ha, ha, ha! I'm going to eat the bananas, just me!>>

26 Then he began to eat them. Turtle was watching and his saliva was flowing.

27 He said, <<Please throw some down for me to eat.>>

28 But Monkey said, <<I won't. I won't throw any down because I'll eat them all.>>

29 So Turtle said, <<Well just the skins, then, throw them down.>>

30 But Monkey said, <<I won't. I'm going to eat the peel as well!>>

31 So Turtle said, <<Well just the very end parts, throw them down so that I can eat them.>>

32 But Monkey said, <<I won't. I'm going to eat the end parts as well!>>

33 Turtle became angry and he said to himself, <<What shall I do to him? Why won't he give me some to eat as well?>>

34 So he went and sharpened some reeds, then he stuck them around the base of the banana tree, and went to hide under a coconut shell.

35 When the bananas were all gone, Monkey came down.

36 When he came down, his feet were pierced.

37 His feet were pierced so he was hopping around.

38 He went to sit on the coconut shell to remove the spikes stuck in his feet.

39 When he sat on the coconut shell, his tail poked into the hole and Turtle bit it.

40 When Monkey lifted up the coconut shell, there was Turtle hiding.

41 Monkey said, <<Why did you cause me to be spiked? Just wait until I remove these spikes and I'll kill you!>>

42 So while Monkey was removing the spikes, Turtle ran away.

43 He went to another mountain and then felt tired, so he stopped at the base of a bamboo.

44 In a little while, Monkey arrived and he said, <<Are you the Turtle who spiked my feet and even bit my tail?>>

45 But Turtle denied it, saying, <<It wasn't me! It must have been another turtle who bit your tail.>>

46 So Monkey said, <<Why are you here?>>

47 Turtle said, <<I'm here so that when the wind blows and the bamboo bends over, I'll put my neck underneath so that the dirt will be scraped off.>>

48 Monkey said, <<Me too, let me try it.>>

49 And Turtle said, <<Yes, of course.>>

50 So they waited for the wind to blow.

51 When the bamboo bent over, Monkey put his neck under the bamboo.

52 So Monkey's neck was pinched.

53 Then Turtle ran away.

54 Then Monkey said, <<Where is that Turtle who tricked me so that my neck was pinched?>>

55 He followed Turtle and went to the other mountain where he found him.

56 He said, <<You are the one who said I should put my neck under the bamboo so that it was pinched!>>

57 But Turtle denied it, saying, <<It wasn't me! It must have been another turtle because I'm just guarding these peppers which I planted because lots of people pass by and they take them.>>

58 Monkey said, <<What are these peppers useful for?>>

59 Turtle said, <<This is what people use as medicine for sore eyes.>>

60 Then Monkey said, <<Please give me some so that I can put it in my eyes because they are watery.>>

61 Then Turtle said, <<Yes, of course.>>

62 So Monkey took a ripe pepper and squeezed it into his eyes.

63 They began to sting and he couldn't see.

64 Then Turtle ran away immediately.

65 Meanwhile, Monkey was washing his eyes to stop the stinging.

66 Then he followed again to find Turtle.

67 He kept going to the mountain and he found Turtle again, sitting at the base of a tree near a river.

68 He said, <<Are you that Turtle who told me to put pepper in my eyes so that they stung?>>

69 But Turtle said, <<Not me, because I just came here to wait for the moon to come out so that I can get it from that pond.>>

70 Monkey said, <<I want to get it!>>

71 Turtle said, <<No because there is only one moon and I don't want anybody else to get it. That's why I am sitting here so that I will be the first to get it.>>

72 Monkey said, <<Where can one get the moon?>>

73 Turtle said, <<When it's night, the moon will come out in the river so one can get it in that pond.>>

74 Monkey said, <<Please let me get it because you aren't able to.>>

75 So Turtle said, <<Then we'll wait until the moon comes out, then you jump into the pond to get the moon.>>

76 When night came, the moon came out in the sky and was reflected in the pond.

77 So Turtle said, <<There's the moon, deep down. Jump in, Monkey, to get it but we'll both share it.>>

78 Then Monkey said, <<Alright.>>

79 He jumped into the deep pond.

80 So Monkey drowned and of course he didn't get the moon because it was just a reflection they saw.

81 Turtle was glad that Monkey was dead because he kept following him to kill him.

82 The end.