

Chapter 3

Monkey Business

The monstrous creature was slowly turning into a monkey. A giant, banana-eating monkey. Ben heard himself scream in horror. His legs turned to jelly inside his banana costume.

Long-legged spiders with their icky sticky webs didn't bother Banana Boy. Fire-breathing dragons didn't make him sweat. Zombies dripping with slime didn't make him shiver.

In fact, there was only one thing in the whole world that frightened Banana Boy. And that one thing was monkeys – great, big, banana-eating monkeys.

You would be frightened of

them too if you looked like a big banana.

As the giant monkey towered above him, Banana Boy wanted to turn and run away like everyone else. But two things were stopping him.

The first thing was that he was a superhero. As a superhero, it was his job to save the world – or anything else that needed saving.

The second thing was that his

feet felt glued to the floor. He was so frightened that he could not move them at all. It was like being frozen to the spot.

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The giant monkey peered down at him with one huge eye. A toothy grin slowly spread across its massive face.

“Oh, look,” said the monkey. “It’s Banana Boy.”

“I’m not frightened of you,” shouted Banana Boy.

The giant monkey scratched its head and looked confused. Then it grinned again.

“Hey, Banana Boy,” it shouted. “Why did the banana go to the doctor's?”

Now it was Banana Boy’s turn to scratch his head. What was going on? Was this giant monkey trying to tell him a joke?

“I don’t know,” he replied. “Why did the banana go to the doctor's?”

The grin on the giant monkey’s face grew wider. “Because it wasn’t peeling very well,” it said.

“That wasn’t very funny,” Banana Boy replied.

A huge sigh came from the giant monkey’s mouth. Its face started to turn red with anger.

“Well, how about this?” it

growled. “What did the banana peel say to the banana?”

Banana Boy shook his head. He had no idea.

“I’ve got you covered,” said the monkey. “Get it? ... I’ve got you covered.”

“I get it,” Banana Boy replied. “But it’s not funny.”

Suddenly, the huge monkey let out an angry roar. It stamped on the ground with one huge, hairy

foot. As the ground shook beneath it, Ben spotted something.

A little girl in a pink unicorn costume was skipping across the road towards them. There was something familiar about the way the unicorn skipped. It reminded Ben of someone. But he couldn’t think who.

The giant monkey saw the little girl right away. It reached out to grab her with one huge hand.

Banana Boy knew he had to act quickly to save the little girl. Pulling back one fist, he used his Super Banana Strength and punched the monkey on the toe.

Ben had expected the monkey to go crashing backwards into one of the buildings. But instead, it picked him up and lifted him high into the air.

“Let me go!” Banana Boy gasped. “Or you’ll be sorry.”

And now you decide...

What does the monstrous monkey do next?

A) It stamps on the pink unicorn

B) It drops Banana Boy into its mouth

C) It tells one more joke

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