

## Chapter 4

### Carried Away

The giant monkey held one of Banana Boy's feet between two of its fingers. It seemed to have forgotten about the little girl in the pink unicorn costume.

Banana Boy swung from side

to side in front of the monkey's face. Far below, he could see police officers hiding behind their cars. He could see people peeping out from shop doorways. Everyone was hiding from the monstrous monkey.

Everyone except the little girl in the pink unicorn costume. She was still skipping towards them.

Banana Boy didn't understand why she wasn't running away.

Then the monkey let go of his foot. A loud cry came from Banana Boy's mouth as he fell.

Banana Boy closed his eyes. He expected to hit the hard ground with a loud crunch. But instead, he landed on something soft and warm.

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Banana Boy opened his eyes. For a moment, he could not think

where he was. Then he saw the monkey's huge yellow teeth as they snapped together.

He was inside the monkey's mouth! It was dark. It felt hot and damp. It stank of smelly socks and mouldy old bananas. "Yuk!" he groaned. "Things cannot get any worse!"

Then he felt himself slipping. He was sliding towards the monkey's throat. He tried his best

to hold on, but everything was wet and slippery.

“Help!” he yelled. “I’m being swallowed by a giant monkey.”

He knew it was no good shouting for help. After all, *he* was the only superhero in town, and *he* was stuck.

Banana Boy was about to give up hope when he found himself flying through the air. The giant monkey had spat him out like a

cat spitting out a furball.

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Wasting no time, Banana Boy turned to face the giant monkey. He was covered in monkey slobber from head to toe, but he didn’t care. This might be his only chance to defeat the creature.

It was then that Banana Boy noticed something. While he had been inside the monkey’s mouth,

the huge creature had been busy. It had been busy climbing.

The monstrous monkey had climbed onto the roof of the town hall. Then it had climbed to the very top of the clock tower. And that's where they were now – hanging on to the clock tower. One slip and they would fall to the ground far below.

“Hey, Banana Boy,” shouted the monkey. “Why don't bananas

get lonely?”

Banana Boy groaned. “I don't know,” he replied.

“Because they come in bunches!” said the monkey with a grin. “They come in bunches. Get it?”

“That's not funny,” said Banana Boy.

“And neither are you,” replied the monstrous monkey. “And you are **all alone**. There's nothing you

can do to stop me now.”

As the monkey talked, Banana Boy saw the little girl in the pink unicorn costume. She had just come through the door at the top of the clock tower.

Suddenly, something surprising happened.

**And now you decide...**

What surprises Banana Boy?

**A)** The pink unicorn says, “Don’t worry, Banana Boy – I’ll save you!”

**B)** The monstrous monkey changes into something else

**C)** Mum appears on the roof of the town hall

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