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Sringeri Srinivas was having a very bad day. Nobody wanted the sweet, ripe bananas he was growing on his farm.



Not his family. Not his neighbour. Not his friends.



Not the traders who could sell the bananas in far away markets. And not even his cows!



“No, thank you,” they all said. “The bananas are very sweet but we have had too many. We cannot eat any more!”



Poor Sringeri Srinivas! What was he to do now with his rich harvest of bananas?



He decided to seek help from the Farmer's Centre in Doddooru, a big town near his village.



Off he went, carrying the best crop of bananas. Surely someone there would have a good idea for him.



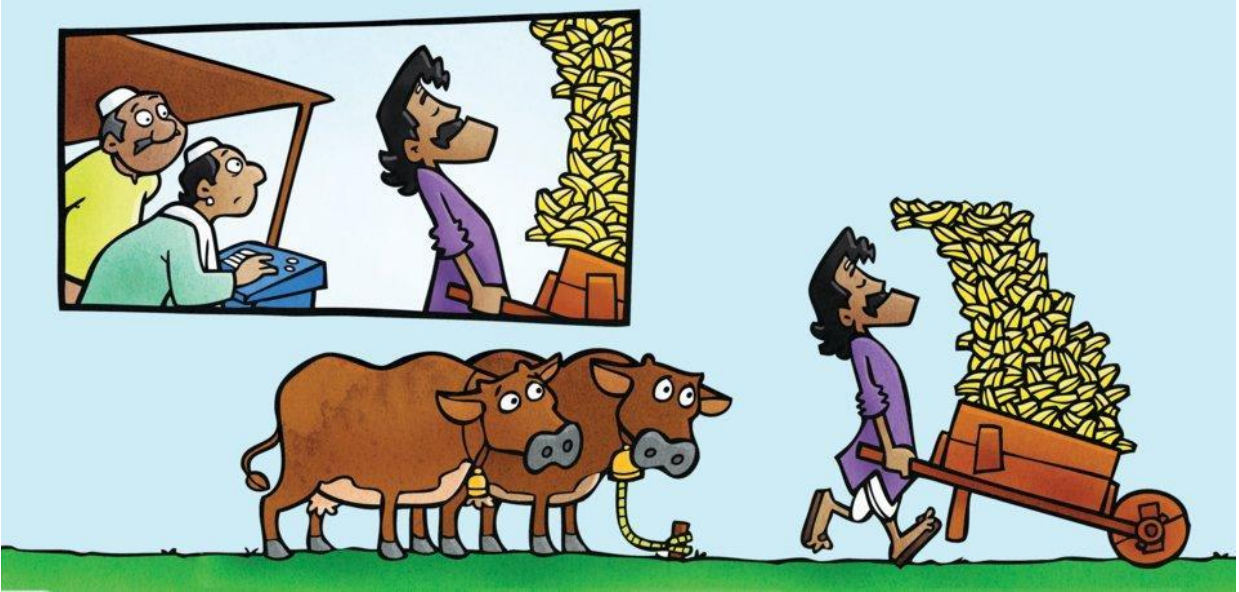
A few days later, Sringeri Srinivas returned home looking very happy. He went back to growing bananas on his farm.



But he did not offer the fruits to anyone anymore.



Not to his family. Not to his
neighbour. Not to his friends.



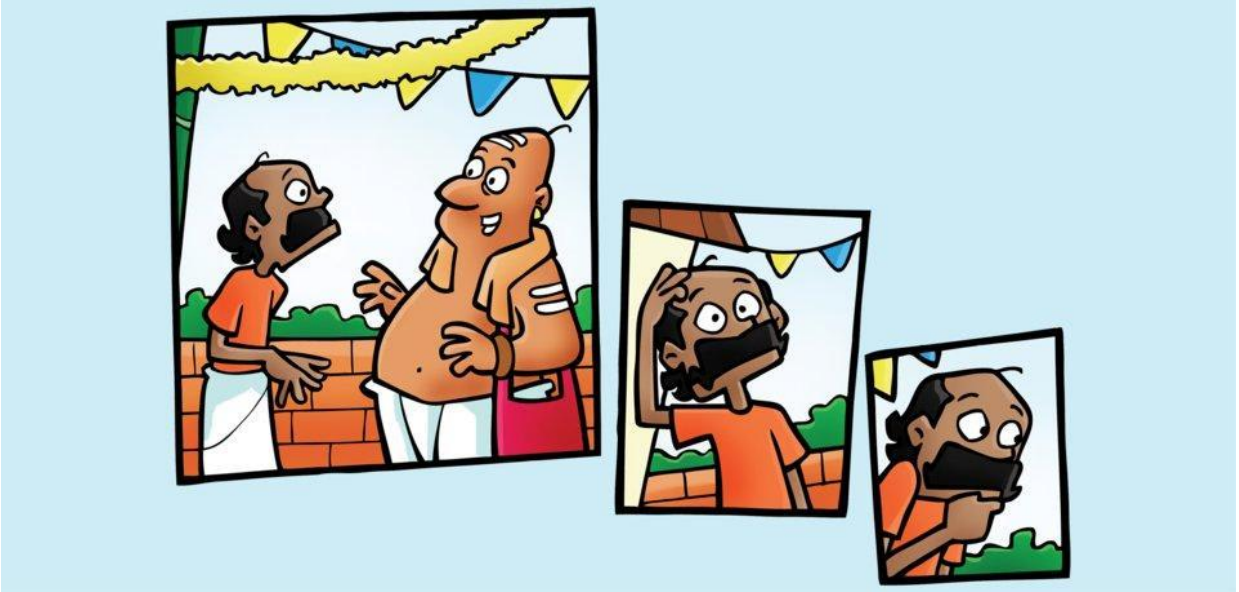
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Everyone became very curious.
Where were all the bananas going?



One day, neighbour Shivanna arranged a very big pooja.



The priest asked him to get 108 ripe bananas as an offering to the gods.



Shivanna ran to Sringeri Srinivas.
“I’m sorry for saying no to you
before, but now I need 108 ripe
bananas. Can you help me, please?”



Sringeri Srinivas tapped his chin.
“Well, my crop has just been cut but
let me see what I can do. You may
start your pooja. I will surely come.”



The pooja started. The whole village came to watch. The priest began chanting.



Soon it became time to offer bananas to the gods.



Just then, in came Sringeri Srinivas carrying a big bag.



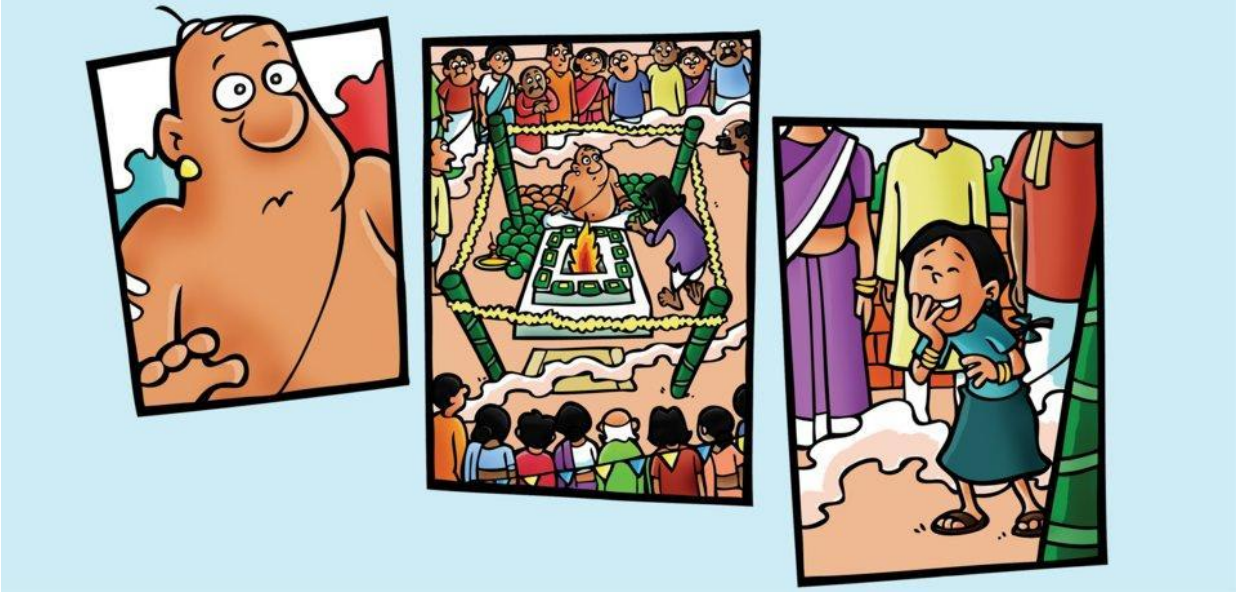
From the bag, he carefully took out 27 packets and laid them out before the holy fire. Each packet was carefully wrapped in banana leaf.



On each one was written - “High Quality Banana Halwa, S.S. Farms.” Sringeri Srinivas offered one to the priest.



“Each one has the pulp of 4 bananas.
There are 27 packets. So here are your
108 ripe bananas!”



The priest was so surprised that he forgot to chant. In the silence, one child began to laugh.



Soon the whole village was laughing and clapping.

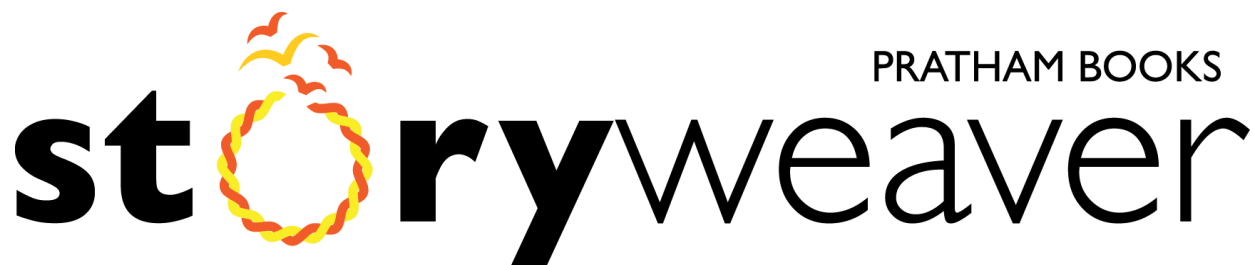


Now we know what Sringeri Srinivas does with all the bananas that he grows!



DID YOU KNOW? Facts About
Bananas The word banana is derived

from the Arabic word for ‘finger’.
India is the largest producer of
bananas in the world. There are over
120 edible varieties of bananas grown
here. The National Research Centre
on Bananas in Trichy has a collection
of 1120 banana varieties! Bananas are
high in minerals that help increase
brain power. Bananas make students
more active and alert. Many Indian
sweets are made out of bananas -
Banana Payasam in Kerala, Banana
Rasayana in Karnataka, Banana
Halwa, Rawa Kela-Gur Mithai. Do
you know some more?



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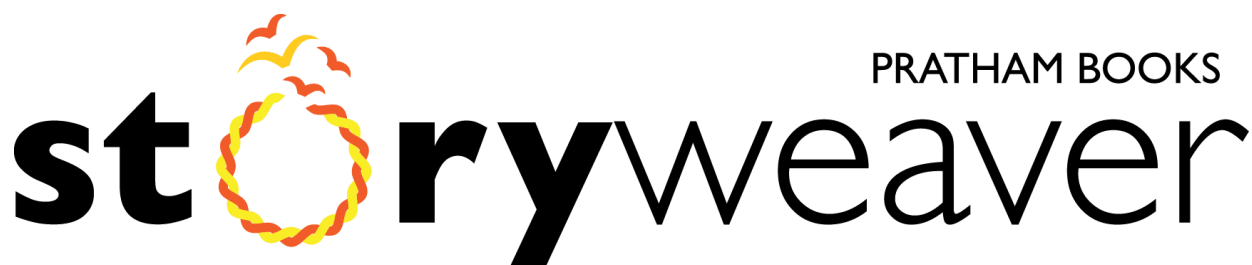
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Too Many Bananas (English) No one wanted to buy the sweet bananas that Sringeri Srinivas grew on his farm. Find out what he did with them in this cute story. This is a Level 2 book for children who recognize familiar words and can read new words with help.



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