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**BOOK 3**



# **Bongo Gets Adopted**



# **Tommy Tales**

Tommy and his friends were locked in a cage in the animal shelter.

Tommy asked his little robot, RK-5, if he could help get them out.

"I will try," said RK-5. "I will ask the dogs if they can help."

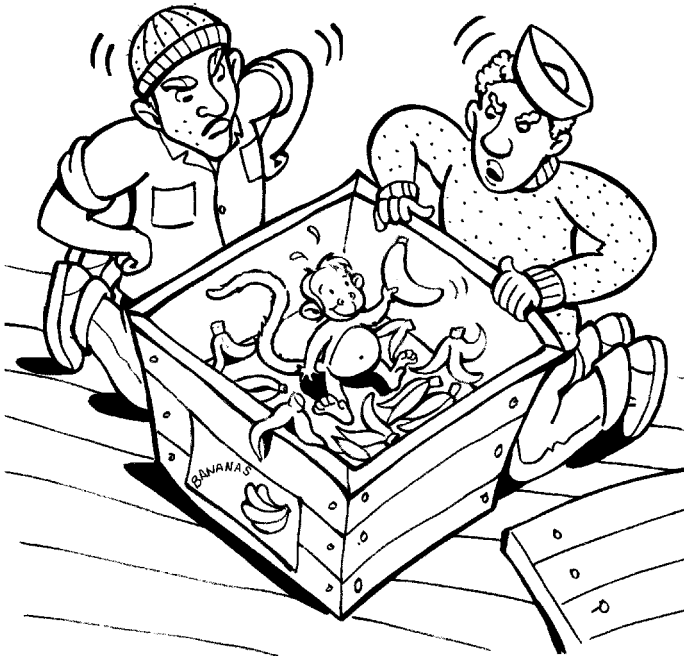


"Don't worry, Bongo. You are safe with us," said Andy. "We will take care of you. You can make a house in these tall trees in the park. We'll bring you food every day."

They watched Bongo climb the highest tree.

“Someone nailed a top onto the box.  
Then he felt the box moving. The box  
was being loaded onto a ship and the ship  
sailed here.

“It took a very long time to get here, so  
when the sailors opened the box, there was  
only one banana left. Bongo had eaten all  
of the others. The sailors were very angry  
and took Bongo to the animal shelter.”



The dogs became quiet when RK-5 barked  
a question to them. A little spotted dog  
barked back at RK-5. Then a large black  
dog joined in. Soon a lot of the other dogs  
barked in turn.

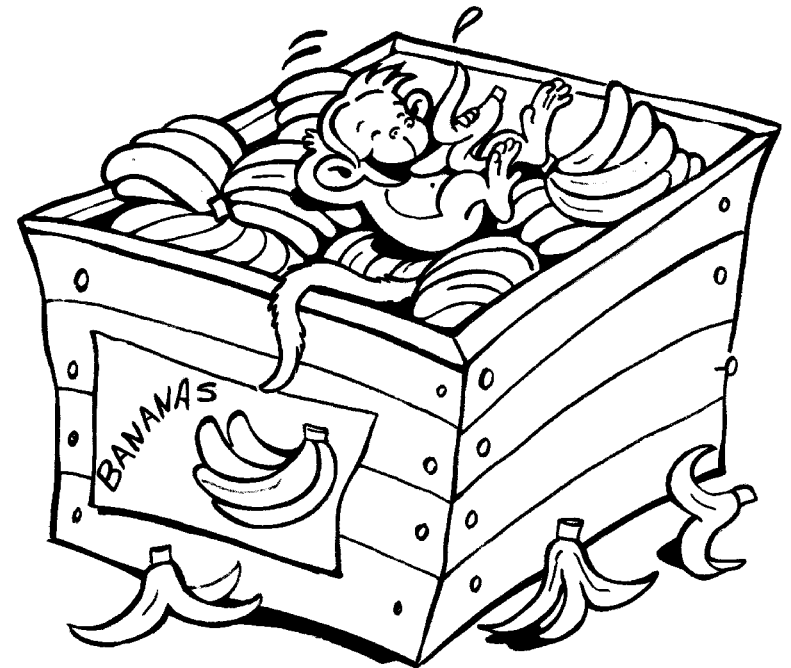
“What are they saying?” asked Lucy.

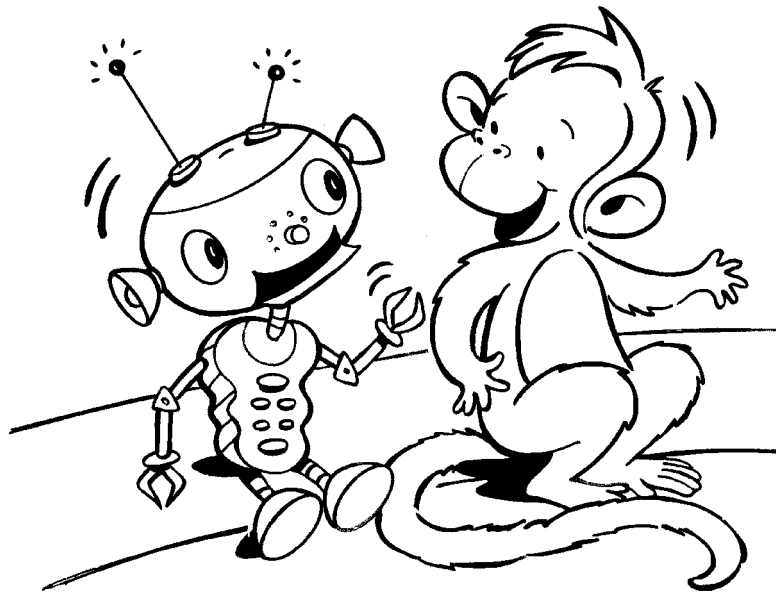


“They said that if they knew how to get out, they would not be in the cages themselves. The little poodle said the big doors will open in ten minutes. Then people will come in to look at the dogs. The lucky dogs will be adopted and will go to good homes.”

When the monkey stopped talking, RK-5 turned to the children and told them what the monkey said.

“The monkey’s name is Bongo. He lived at the seaside in his country. One day, he saw a big box of bananas near the sea shore. He was very hungry so he jumped into the box to get a banana. He heard someone coming. He hid under the bananas.





“Start with the monkey,” said RK-5. “What do you want to ask him?”

“I want to know his name,” said Andy.

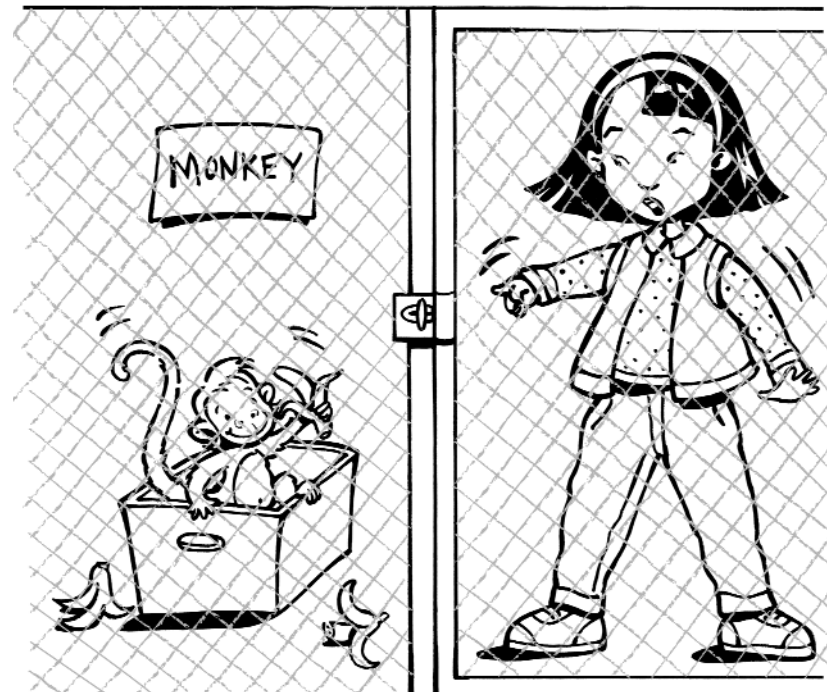
“I want to know how he got here,” said Tommy.

RK-5 spoke to the little monkey in monkey language. The kids were very quiet.

“We’ll have to get out before the big doors open,” said Sam. “I don’t want to be adopted. I already have a nice family and a good home.”

At that moment there was a loud screeching sound. The kids covered their ears with their hands.

“Look, look!” said Kim. “It’s a baby monkey. In that red box in the next cage.”





“RK-5, can you speak monkey language?”  
asked Andy.

“Of course I can,” replied RK-5. “I can speak  
any language. I can speak to any animal.”

“Please ask the monkey if he can get us out  
of this cage,” said Kim.



At last, they reached the big, blue bench.  
They always met at the big, blue bench.  
It was their favorite place in the park.

When Tommy got his breath back  
he said, “We’ve got a lot of questions for  
you, RK-5.”

Sam said, “We’ve got a lot of questions  
for the monkey, too.”

"He did help us get out," said Lucy.

"Let's adopt him. He can live in the park."

They all agreed. Andy opened his cage.

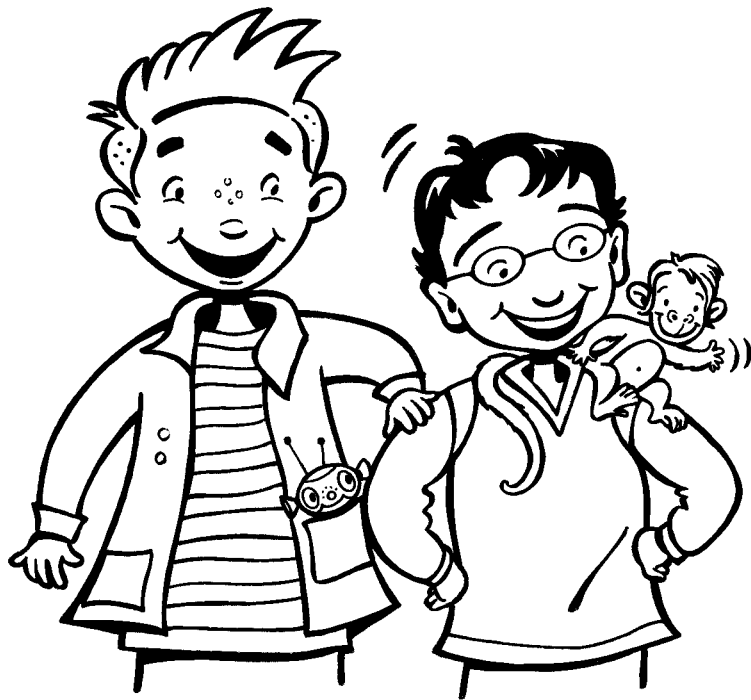
The monkey jumped onto his shoulder.

Tommy, Lucy, Andy, Kim, Sam, Taffy,

and the monkey ran out of the door.

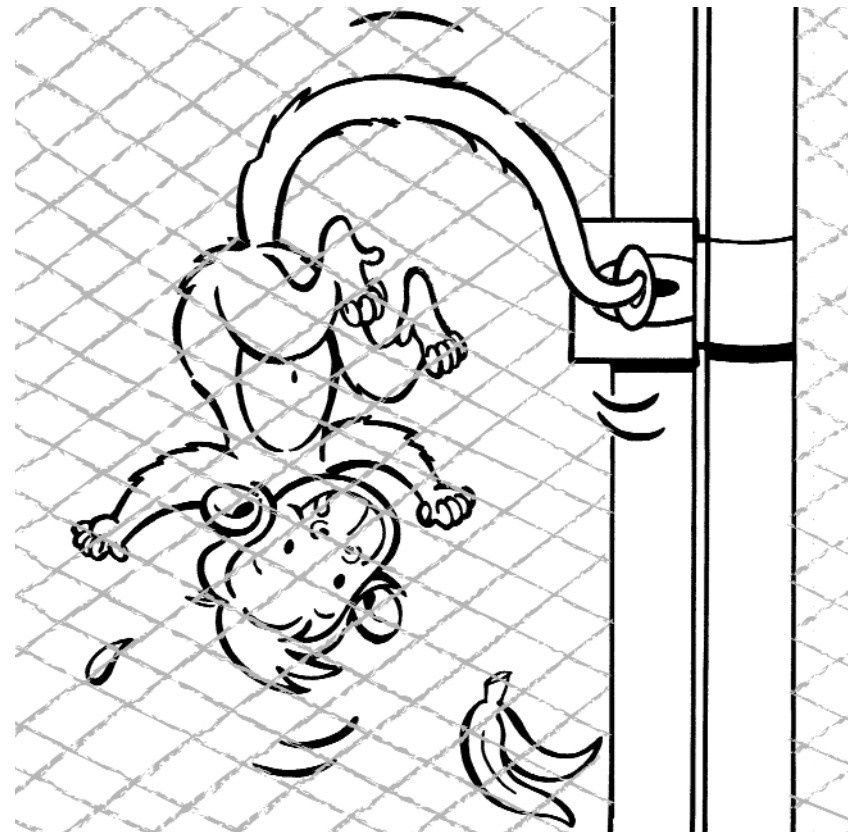
They ran down the street and up the hill.

They went through the park gates.



RK-5 talked for some time to the little monkey. When he had finished talking, the monkey jumped out of the red box.

He put his tail between the bars of his cage. The long tail reached to the handle on the outside of the kids' cage. And with a clunk, the cage door sprang open.



The kids were so glad to be free they danced and shouted. All the noise made the dogs start barking again.

Tommy turned the handle of a side door. It was open. "Let's go, before someone comes," said Tommy.

The kids ran to the door.



The monkey started screeching.

He jumped up and down.

"What's wrong with him?" said Andy.

"He wants to come with us," said RK-5.

"He wants you to adopt him. He will be sent back to his country today. He doesn't want to go back."