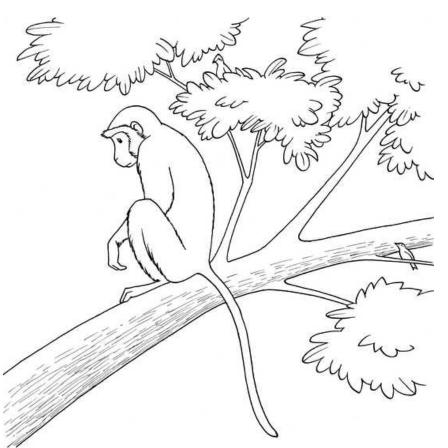
Monkey and the hunter's wife

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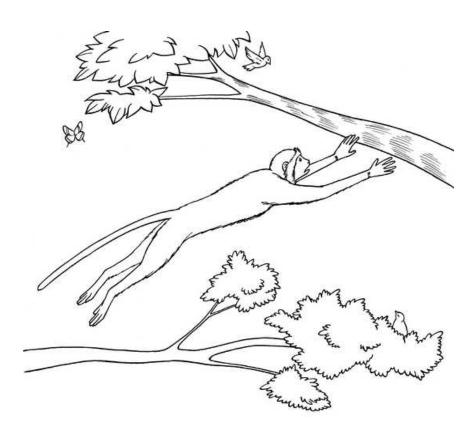


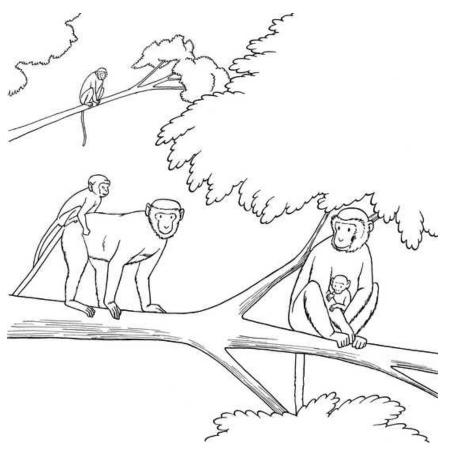
In Miwa Forest, there lived Monkey who was always sad.

Every time she had a baby, it died.

The pain of losing her babies made Monkey jump up and down.

She would jump to one branch, then to another, and cry out, "Kwi! Kwi! Kwi!"



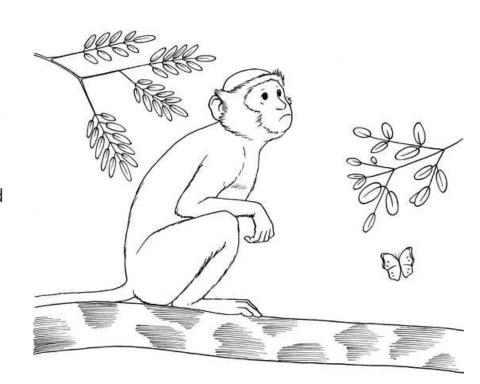


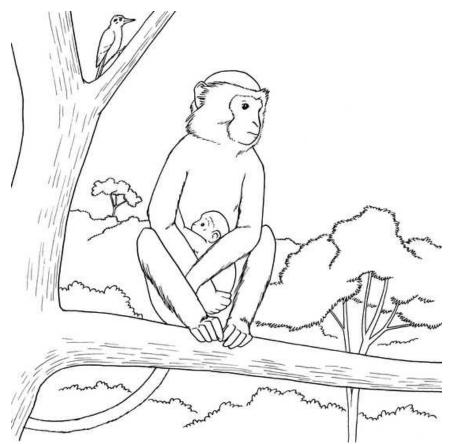
Monkey was always sad.

She was sadder when she saw other monkey parents with their babies.

The sad Monkey would sit on a branch and look up!

Days passed and Monkey cried more and more.





Then she gave birth again.

She decided to take the baby to the path so that people passing by would see the baby and wish it well. Monkey climbed down from the branch and put the baby on the path.

At that time, a hunter was returning home.

He saw the baby monkey lying on the side of the path.





The hunter carried the baby monkey to his house.

When the hunter reached home, his three boys wanted to hold the baby monkey.

The three boys played singing:

"Throw it up!
Throw it down!
Throw it to me!
Throw it to him!"

The baby monkey was thrown from one child to the other.





As the three boys played with the baby monkey, mother Monkey was hiding in a tree watching.

She was afraid that this baby would also die like the others.

Then the hunter's wife came and saw her children playing with the little monkey.

She said, "Be careful! Bring it here. You will drop it!"





She took the baby monkey in her arms, and blessed it.

The hunter's wife put the baby monkey down.

Mother Monkey held her baby to her chest.

She disappeared up the tree.

She never lost another baby!



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