

Children's Fiction Sample

Malakilaki in Bananarama

Once upon a time there was a mischievous monkey called Malakilaki - he loved bananas a great deal and was always drawn wildly to them. On his way to school he would pass by a banana plantation owned by a gentle old farmer called Fafarooni.

One summer the bananas had grown quite huge and sunny yellow; they were hard to ignore; Malakilaki was so drawn to them, and he thought to himself "no-one would ever know if I took a bunch". He jumped up onto a tree and swung over the fence into the farm, grabbed a couple of bunches and swung back around.

"Where did you get those lovely bananas from Malakilaki darling?" asked his mum when he got home. "errrr, Bambalini gave them to me mum" he cleverly replied. "How lovely of him" she said.

The next day, Malakilaki still could not resist the urge to pinch some more bunches and he did. But this time he ate them all greedily before he got home. He didn't want to have to answer any questions from his mum. He got a terrible tummy ache and couldn't have any dinner.

The next day he did the same and by this time Fafarooni had noticed that someone was taking his bananas - so he waited quietly behind the bushes in his farm to see who it was - just then Malakilaki decided to swing over and grab a bunch of bananas and Fafarooni grabbed his arm.

"Oh help, help" cried Malakilaki, "who's going to help you, you've been a naughty little monkey, a mischievous little monkey" Fafarooni replied - "oh I promise it's my first time ever, I just wanted to feel them and see if they were ripe." - "Oh really" said Fafarooni "you mean you haven't been here before?" Fafarooni asked "Not at all " cried Malakilaki - "not ever!"

So Fafarooni let him go - but still Malakilaki continued to pinch bunches of bananas from Fafarooni's farm. He didn't learn any lessons. Fafarooni noticed bunches kept going missing again, so he decided to set a little trap of mudslime, gummy goeey brown-looking glue. He set the little traps next to every bunch of ripe bananas to trap the thief.

Malakilaki had no idea what Fafarooni had done. He was coming home from school with Bambalini and as they approached Fafarooni's banana farm, Malakilaki asked Bambalini if he would like to have a bunch of ripe bananas. "Wherever would you get

them from?" Bambalini asked in response "we don't have any money.", - "Oh no, Bambalini, for my plan we won't need any money, I'll just swing over into this plantation and get us some, I do it all the time and no one's ever caught me." "No, that would be stealing, you shouldn't, you could get in real trouble" - "Nah! I won't get in trouble, just watch" Malakilaki boasted.

And as he swung in and tried to grab a bunch, he got trapped in the mudslime, the gummy gooey brown-looking glue that Fafarooni had spread on the large banana tree leaves close to each bunch. Malakilaki got stuck, and he couldn't move. He started to cry, yelling "Help me, Help me!". While he cried Bambalini ran to fetch Malakilaki's mum as Fafarooni came out to nab the naughty offender.

"Allo allo allo allo! See who it is - oh well, I've caught you now!" - "crafty little monkey, all you had to do was ask, why did you keep stealing my bananas?" "I'm so sorry, please help me out of this trap, I'm so sorry" - "oh no, I must let your mum and dad know what you've been up to." Just then Malakilaki's mum and Bambalini arrived to find Malakilaki apologizing and crying.

"Oh Malakilaki, why have you done this? Asked his mum, "you've been stealing bananas from this gentle old farmer all this time, it's so naughty and very wrong", "When I asked you about the bunches you came home with, you said Bambalini gave them to you." she cried "I'm so disappointed in your behavior, you are a good monkey and you can do better" said Malakilaki's mum. She turned to Fafarooni and said, "We are so sorry Farmer Fafarooni, we will pay you for every bunch he has taken if you let him go and as a consequence you can have him work at your farm after school for a month."

"Okay, I'll let him go" Fafarooni replied to Malakilaki's mum. He then turned to Malakilaki and said, "Always ask for the things you need, don't take them without permission, you mustn't tell lies and more importantly you must never steal."

He let Malakilaki go. As they returned home, Malakilaki felt so ashamed. He cried and cried "Oh my darling Malakilaki, it's alright, stop crying." "I love you and I have forgiven you." "I know you did something wrong, but the important thing is to learn the lesson. You shouldn't take anything that doesn't belong to you if it wasn't given to you". "We will pay the farmer and I know you wouldn't ever do that again, would you?" his mum asked. "Oh no, I never would take anything I'm not given, I feel so terrible mum."

"That's alright, everyone has made a mistake at some point, and we all need forgiveness when we do" - the end!