

The Monkeys Who Wanted to Build a House

Each animal in the forest had a house except the monkeys. They ate, played, and swung happily among trees every day. Someone suggested them to build a house to keep away from wind and rain. One of the monkeys said,

“Why should we have a house? Can we play in a house? We’d rather play all day long.”

Suddenly, dark clouds came together and thunder rolled loudly. Then, the rain poured down. The monkeys couldn’t find any shelter from the rain.

“My God! It’s raining cats and dogs. We should have built a house!”

“You bet! Let’s build a house tomorrow.”

“That’s right! We shouldn’t waste time anymore!”

So, in the rain, those wetted and cold monkeys had a lively discussion about the house.

The rain stopped at the next dawn. When the sun cast warm light through the gaps of trees, the monkeys got warmer and warmer, and then they smiled at each other. They dried their bodies under the sun, played as usual, and didn’t think about building a house at all.

At night, it rained again, and they swore again to build a house the next day. But, when they awoke with the sunlight the next day, what they remembered was to play and eat as before but not to build a house.

It is said that until now, the lazy monkeys still don’t have a house and get a wetting in rain everyday.