

Brave Orko

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Orko is a young boy of seven. He loves mango papad. He has a younger brother Sonu, who is 3 months old. He loves his brother very much.

One day Orko's grandma had put lots of mango papads on the terrace to dry in sun. Grandma asked Orko to guard the papads so that no birds or monkeys can come and eat them. Orko told grandma "You don't need to worry Grandma. Go and sleep peacefully".

Grandma came down from the terrace satisfied that Orko is guarding her laid out papads.

Orko's mother was busy putting Sonu to sleep in the courtyard.

Suddenly some monkeys came down on the terrace and started jumping all over. Orko charged them with a stick and all dispersed in a while.

Orko felt very proud of this act and kept a tight vigil on the papads.



Suddenly Orko heard a loud scream of his mother. Orko quickly looked at the courtyard where her mother was with his brother.

He saw a large monkey picking up his baby brother and climbing up a big banyan tree which was growing along Orko's house.

Grandma and mother started screaming and crying loudly. But the big monkey ignored all such measures and calmly sat on a branch of the tree holding Orko's brother in his lap.



Orko suddenly thought of an idea. He knew that monkeys are very fond of bananas. He rushed inside the kitchen and brought up a bunch of bananas to the terrace.

He asked his grandma and mother to keep calm and said he is putting the bananas on the terrace so that the monkey will come down to have bananas and leave the baby.

He kept the bananas on the terrace and hid behind the door to keep an eye on the terrace.

The big monkey who was holding Sonu saw the bananas. He came down on the terrace along with some other monkeys. He then kept the baby on the side of the terrace and started enjoying the bananas. They also got busy having the papads laid out by Orko's grandma.

When the monkeys got busy eating, Orko rushed to the terrace, picked up his brother and hurried down the terrace to protect his brother.

Orko gave his brother to his mother. His mother and Grandma kissed him and said "You will be a brave man one day Orko. Very good".

