

Zoomy and the Monkey Boy

Zoomy Rabs was playing under the apple tree one day when he heard someone crying.

"Who's crying? He wondered. He could see Kaia and Ned Kelly over by the bird aviary and they weren't! He could see Stinky Puss high in the apple tree and he definitely wasn't!

Zoomy was worried! Even though he could be mischievous and naughty he was actually a very kind rabbit!

He searched with his keen eyes, he searched with his twitching nose and he searched with his big ears, but he had no idea where the sound was coming from!

Stinky Puss, who had been watching Zoomy Rabs from high up in the apple tree, looked at Zoomy. He then turned and looked over into Mrs Burns garden next door and let his golden eyes fix on the huge green rhubarb patch in the far corner and then he looked back at Zoomy and then he repeatedly turned and looked over at the same spot by the rhubarb patch.

"What a blind and stupid rabbit!" Meowed Stinky Puss to himself! I showed him where the sound is coming from!

Can you draw Zoomy abs, Kaia & Ned Kelly talking together?

"Zoomy what are you looking for?"
Asked Kaia.

"Shush and listen!" Zoomy said.

The three friends listened and then they heard the sound of someone crying!

"It sounds like a boy!" Said Zoomy with certainty.

"And our neighbours only have girls" added in Ned Kelly.

They all agreed that they needed to solve the mystery!

Stinky Puss, who had climbed down from the old apple tree waddled over and sat down by the hole in the hedge next to Mrs Burn's property and did a huge yawn.

He then rolled around and stretched fetchingly!

But the three friends were so busy talking that they didn't notice him.

"Fools!" Muttered Stinky Puss! "They are ignoring me!" Stinky Puss humphed and meowed to himself.

He waddled over to Kaia and rubbed himself against her legs and purred loudly.

"Go away Stinky!" Said Kaia, and she gave him a pat on his head, and shooed him away.

Stinky Puss went over to Zoomy Rabs and battered his fluffy tail with his paw! But even Zoomy didn't notice him!

"Enough!" Said Stinky Puss and he went and grabbed hold of Ned Kelly's arm and pulled him through the hedge!

When they got to the other side, Stinky Puss jumped on Ned's chest. He then put his paw over his mouth to keep him quiet.

Then in a very cat like way, Stinky Puss said "quiet."

Finally, they could all hear where the sound was coming from!

Stinky led them over to the big rhubarb bush and then sat down and started to wash his paws.

Can you draw Stinky Puss saying "quiet?"

The three friends crept over, and Kaia called out "Hello, who is in there?"

"Only me", replied a quiet voice.

Kaia, Ned & Rab's parted the leaves and there hidden amongst the long red rhubarb stalks was a monkey boy!

Kaia knelt down next to him and asked why he was crying.

The monkey boy held up his arm, "my paw is hurt".

"Don't worry" Kaia said. "We'll look after you!"

They all agreed that they should take him home so that Mum could look at his paw and it was lunch time too!

Zoomy hopped and leapt ahead to let Mum know about the monkey boy.

"Mum! We found a monkey boy and he's got a sore paw, and can he stay for lunch?"

"Crikey!" Mum said as she wiped her hands before going to the door to greet Kaia, Ned Kelly and their new friend.

"Ouch that does look sore!" Mum wrapped up the monkeys' paw in a big white bandage and she sprinkled some silver sparkles on it.

"There you go! Good as new!"

The monkey boy smiled and started scoffing his lunch. He must've been starving, because he ate all of his sandwiches and two of Kaia's and three huge strawberry pies!

"How did you hurt yourself"? Ned asked.

"A big nasty boy grabbed my paw and flung me around like a helicopter and I flew through the air and landed on a hard rock! Then I ran away and hid in the rhubarb!"

Can you draw the Monkey Boy running away?

"Wow!" What a nasty boy to do that to you!

Mum had been listening to them talking and she asked the monkey boy where she could find this naughty boy as she wanted to tell him off.

Mum strode up Nae Nae Road where they all lived with her eyes narrowed like a hawks!

Ned Kelly, Kaia, Stinky Puss and the monkey boy all followed behind her while Zoomy Rabs hopped and leapt in circles around them all.

Just before the corner of Nae Nae Road and Harris Street was a big silver birch tree and high up in its branches was the naughty boy.

When the boy saw them all below, he poked out his tongue!

"Get down off that tree and come here!" Mum called out in a very loud voice. When the boy stood in front of Mum, she asked, "Did you hurt this monkey's paw?"

"Yes, I did, and I don't care!" The naughty boy yelled back at Mum, with a snicker and a smirk!

"Well!" Mum said, and she took a step closer and looked deeply into his eyes...

"If you ever go anywhere near this monkey boy again, or even look at him nastily, then, I will get out my magic carpet and send you far away!"

The nasty boy's eyes widened with fear, and he ran away as fast as he could!

"Way to go Mum!" Yelled the three friends!

The monkey boy was so happy that he swung up to the highest branch in the silver birch tree and sang a song about some naughty little fish that swam and swam in a dam! And then he swung down and gave Mum a big hug and thanked her very much!

That night after bed time stories, Zoomy sleepily asked Mum if she really had a magic carpet. "Well...maybe I do, and maybe I don't!" She said with a smile, as she kissed him on his forehead.

I wish I had a magic carpet... yawned Zoomy Rabs sleepily...and then I could go on adventures and...but Zoomy Rabs had fallen fast asleep!

Can you draw a picture of Zoomy Rabs listening to the bed-time story?