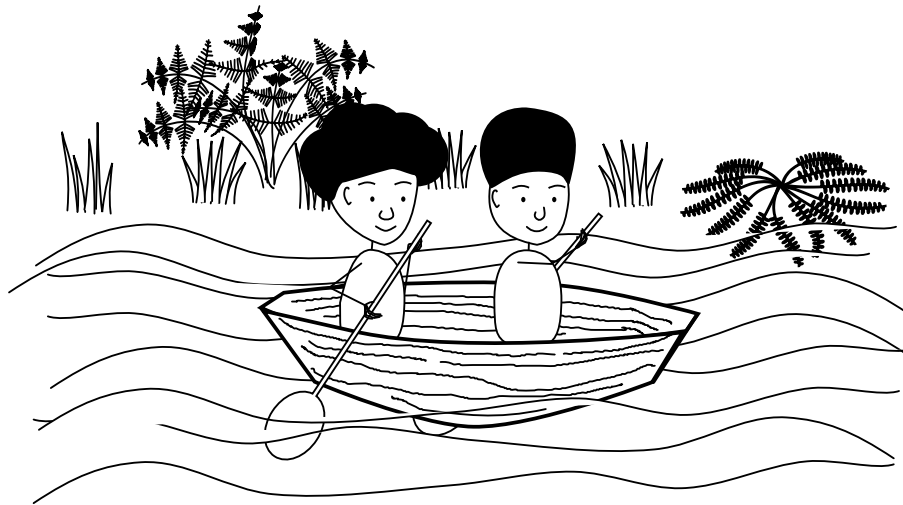


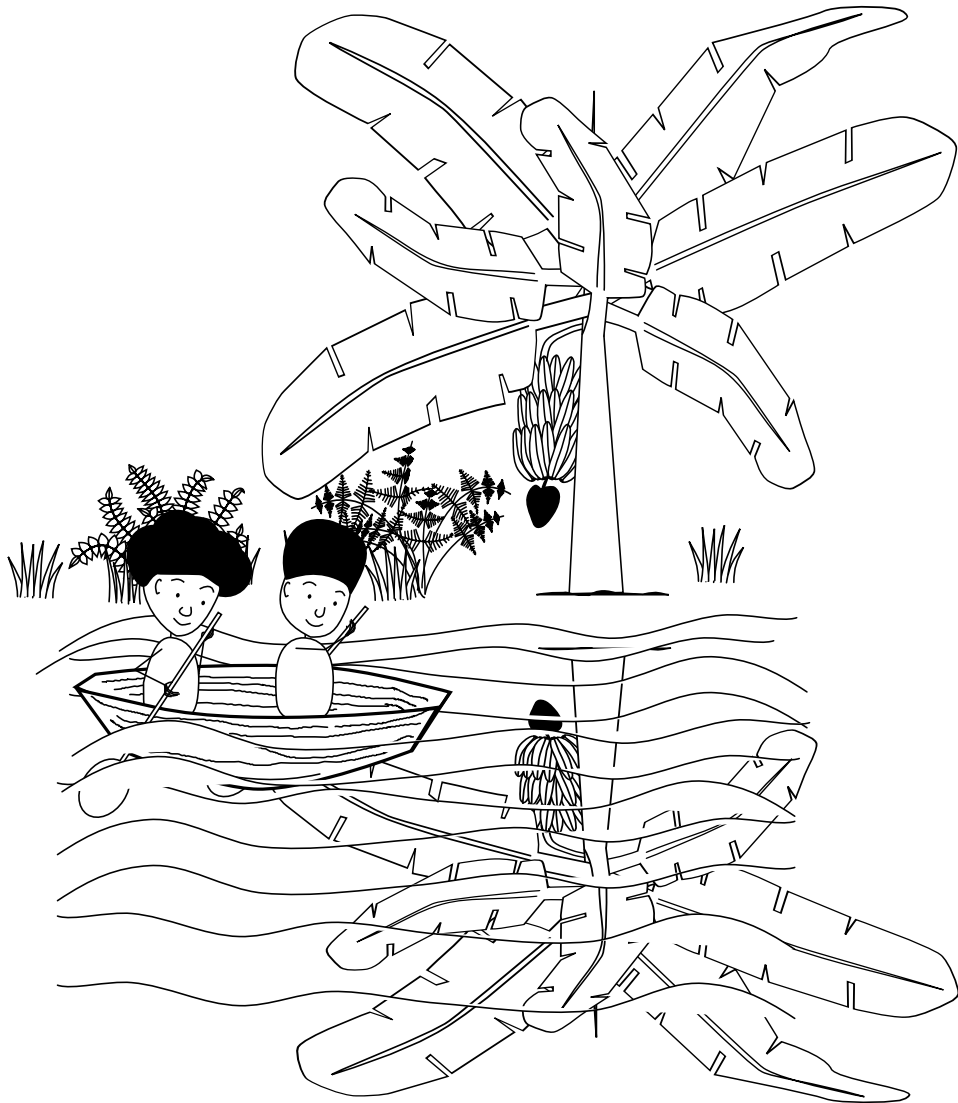
# Bananas in the water

This is a story from Saliba and Logea islands in New Guinea.



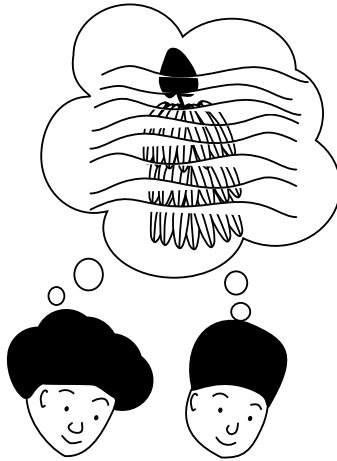
This is Bong and his friend, Adam. The two are rowing down the river.

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After a while, they see the reflection of a banana plant in the water. They only look at the reflection, they do not look up to the actual plant.

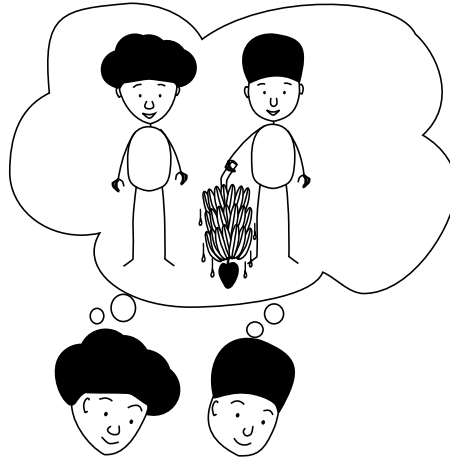
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The two think that the bananas are in the water.  
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They want to take the bananas out of the water.  
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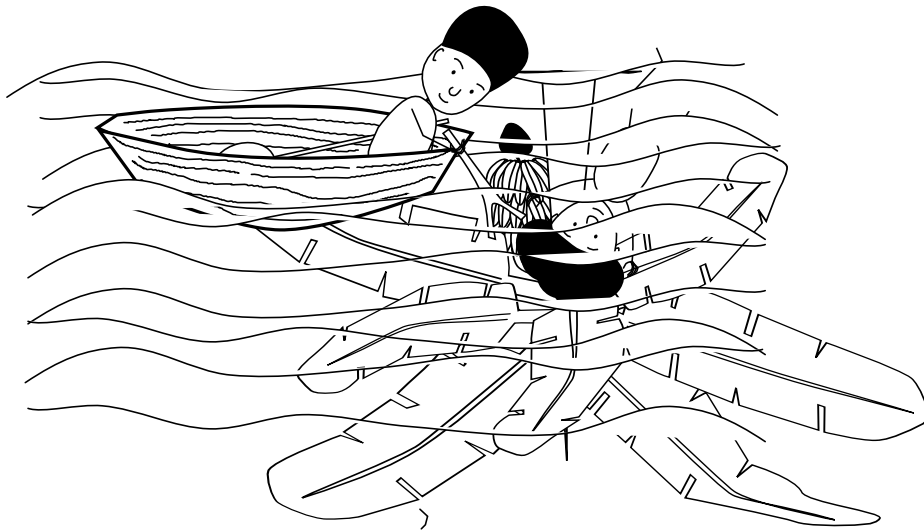


So Adam goes to the shore to find a forked branch for breaking off the banana bundel.

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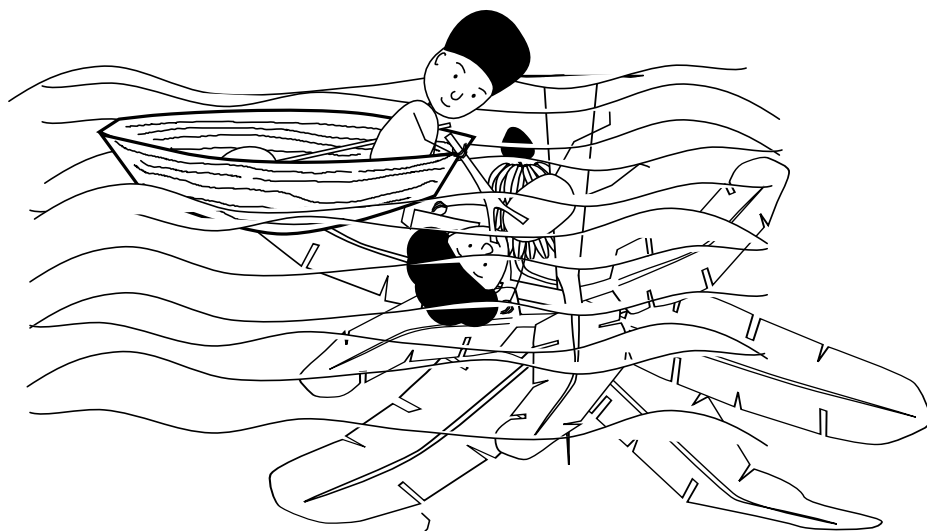


Adam tries to break off the bundel with his stick while Bong is diving down to get it.

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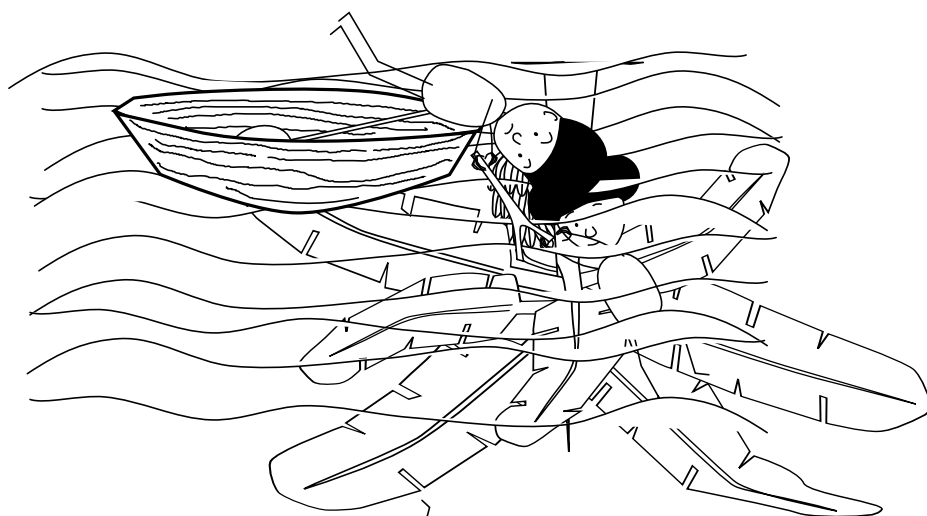


But Adam does not see his friend in the water and hits him with the stick.

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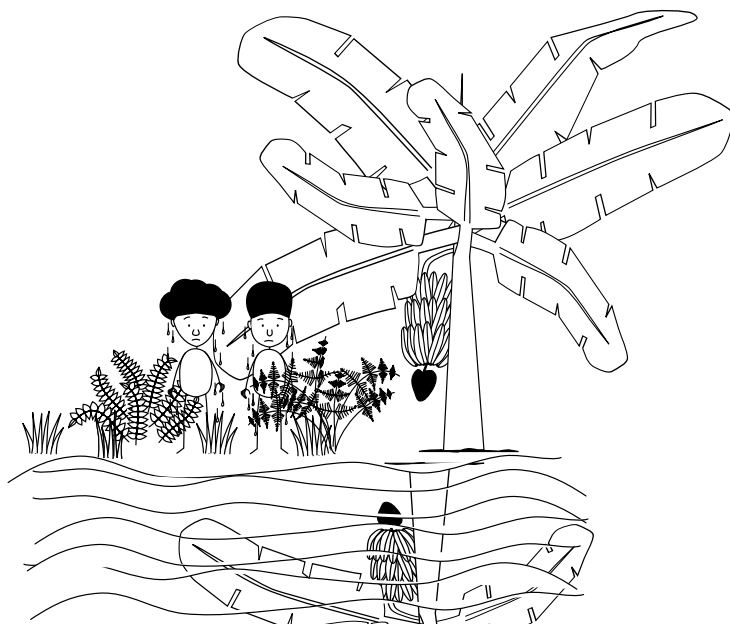


So Bong pulls the stick and ends up pulling Adam into the water too.

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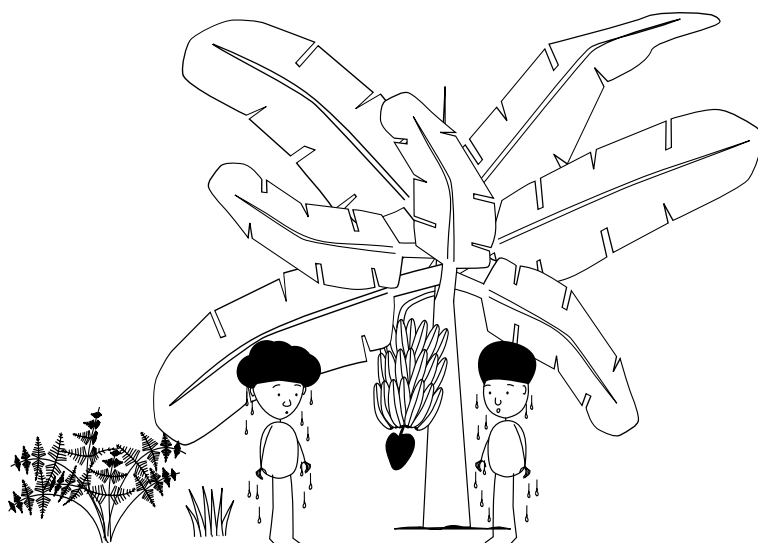


Now that both are wet, they climb up the other side of the shore.  
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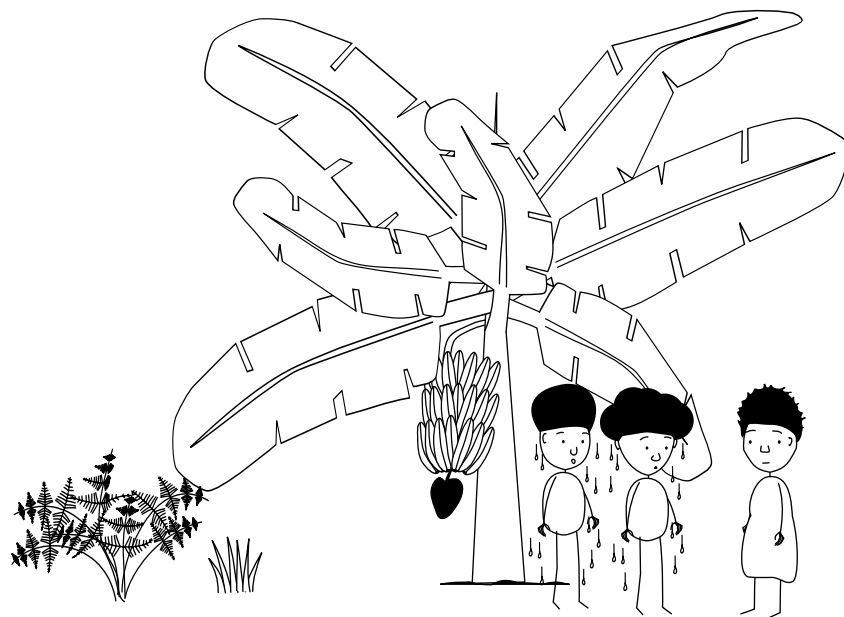


Only now do the two see the actual banana plant and realize their mistake.  
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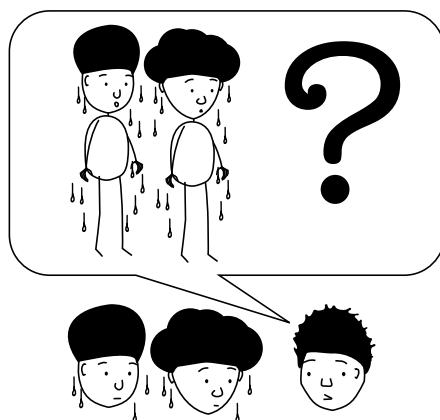


An aunt of theirs sees them beside the banana plant.

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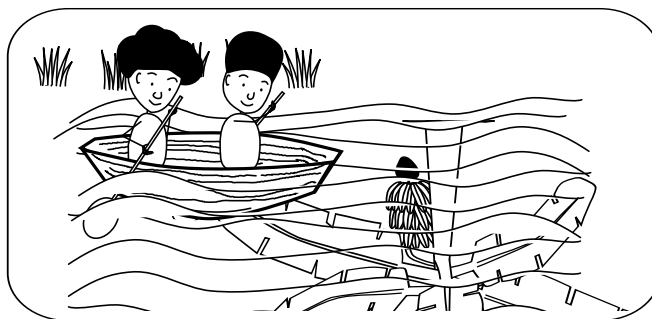


She asks them: "Why are you two so wet?"

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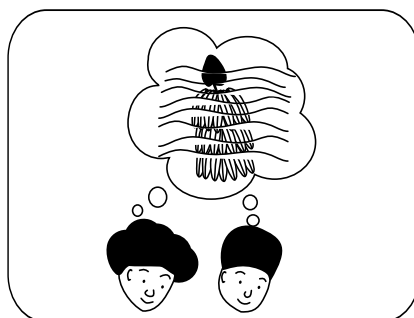
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Bong says: "We were paddling along the river when we saw the reflection of bananas in the water."

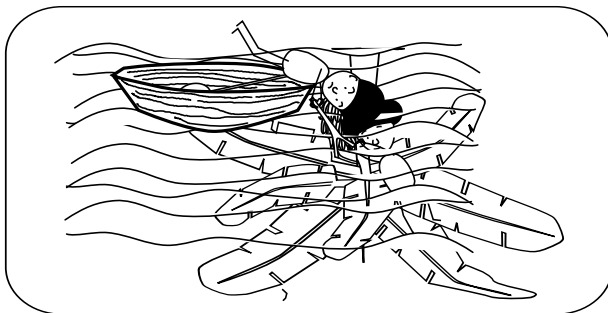
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Bong says: "We thought the bananas were down in the water."

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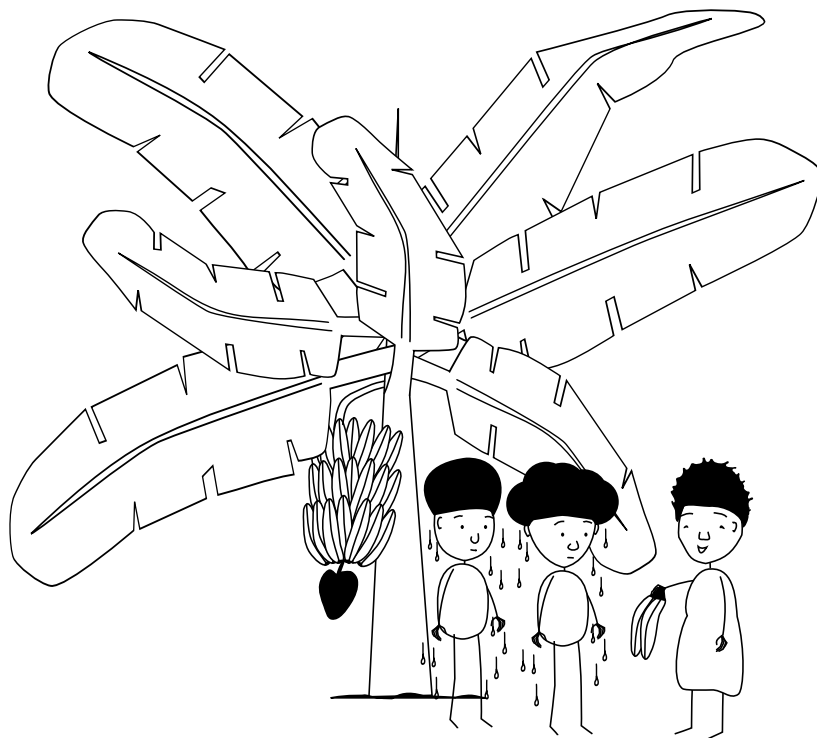


“So we tried to break off the bundel, but in the process we both ended up in the water.”

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Their aunt has to laugh about their foolishness. Then she gives them a banana each to console them.

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