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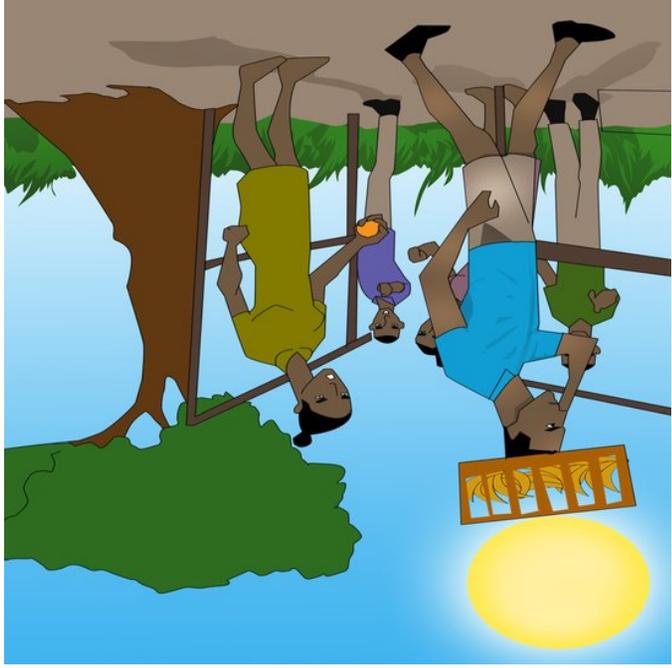
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Tom carries a tray of ripe bananas.

Tom goes to the market to sell bananas.





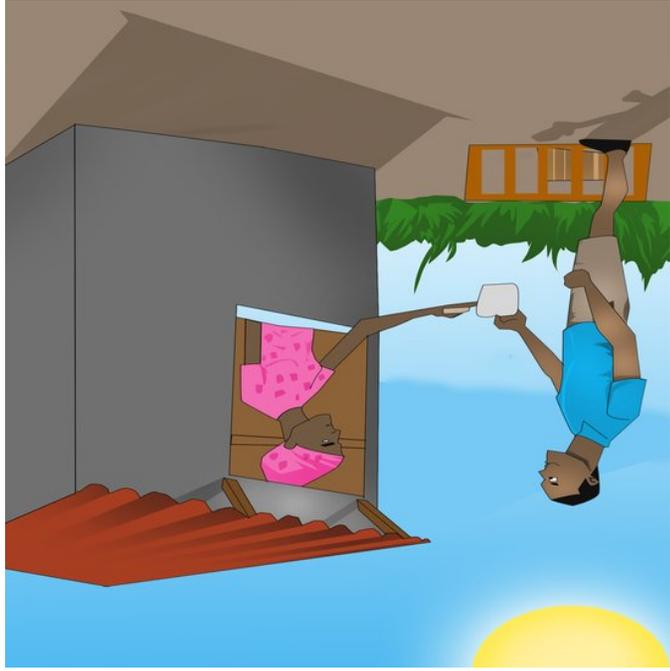
People at the market are buying fruit.



Tom balances the tray on his head and goes home.



But no one is buying Tom's bananas.
They prefer to buy fruit from
women.



Then Tom buys soap, sugar, and
bread. He puts the things in his tray.



“In our community, only women sell fruit,” people say. “What kind of a man is this?” people ask.



Soon, the tray is empty. Tom counts the money he earned.



But Tom does not give up. He calls, "Buy my bananas! Buy my sweet ripe bananas!"



More people come to the stall. They buy Tom's bananas and eat them.



One woman picks up a bunch of bananas from the tray. She looks at the bananas carefully.



The woman buys the bananas.