The Gingerbread Man

In simple English

A traditional story

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But the boy laughed at the gingerbread man. Then he ate the gingerbread man. He ate him all up. And that was the end of the gingerbread man.

The boy was very happy. The boy, the woman, and the animals went back to the house. They lived happily ever after.

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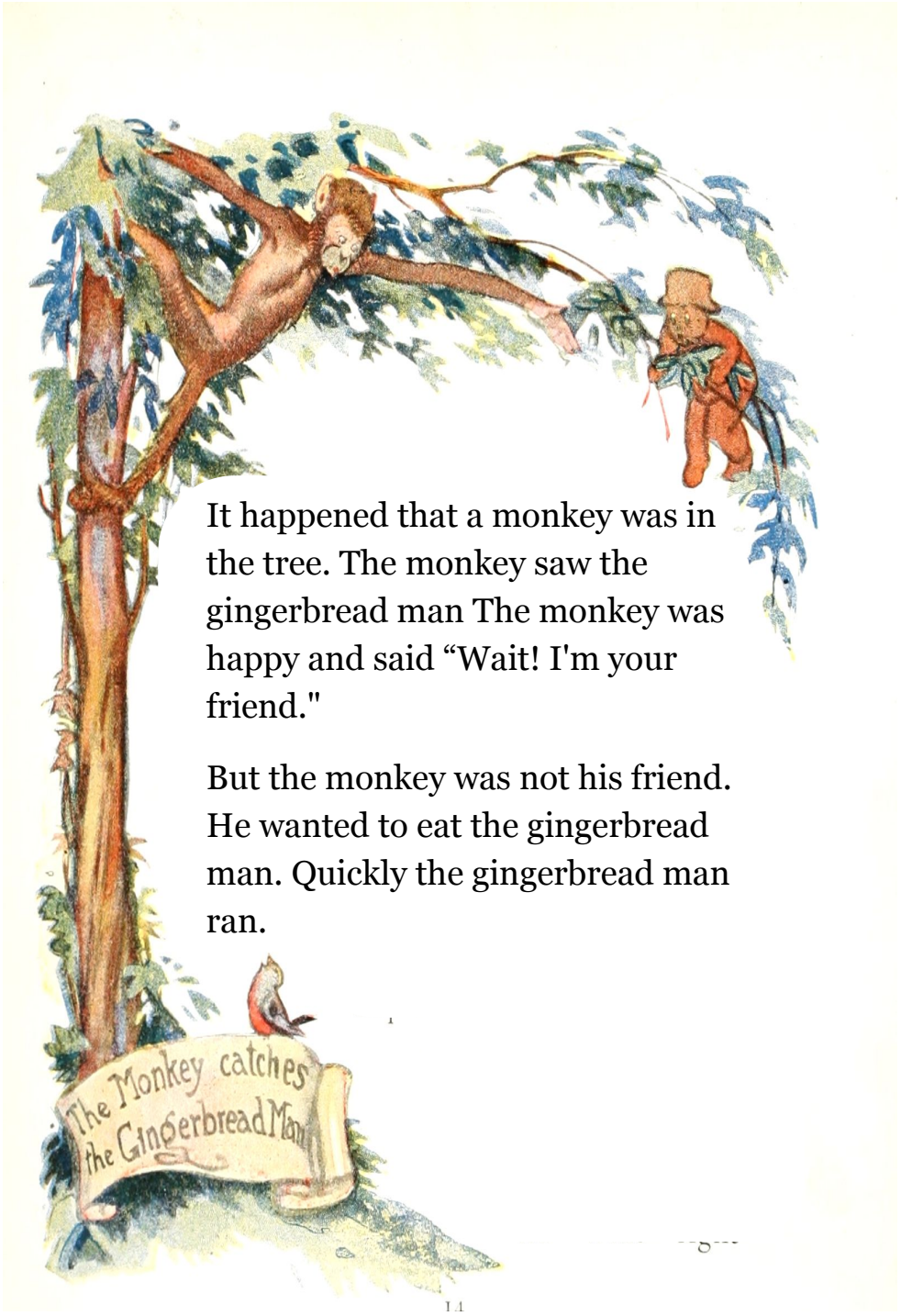
The gingerbread man ran out of the tree. But the boy ran faster. The boy caught the gingerbread man. “HA HA!” laughed the boy.

The gingerbread man panicked and exclaimed "Wait! Don’t eat me!"

But the boy ignored him. He ate some of the gingerbread man. The gingerbread man cried, “Wait! I'm your friend."



It happened that a monkey was in the tree. The monkey saw the gingerbread man The monkey was happy and said “Wait! I'm your friend."

But the monkey was not his friend. He wanted to eat the gingerbread man. Quickly the gingerbread man ran.

Once upon a time, there was a woman. She made a gingerbread man. The gingerbread man was delicious. The woman was very happy.

The dog and cat were happy too. The dog said, "Oh yeah! I'm going to eat the gingerbread man."

The woman put the gingerbread man in the oven and left the kitchen. The woman waited for the delicious gingerbread man.

The minutes passed. The dog and the cat could not wait. The animals wanted to open the oven, but they couldn't. They couldn’t eat the gingerbread man. The dog and cat were not happy.

But the gingerbread man was very happy. "HA HA!" he cried. He laughed and laughed at the animals and people. Again the gingerbread man repeated:

Run, run, as fast as you can!
You can't catch me.
I’m the gingerbread man!

Soon the gingerbread man saw a tree. He also saw all the animals and people who were waiting to eat him.

Quickly, the gingerbread man climbed up the tree. The dog, the cat, the woman, and the boy could not climb the tree. So they could not catch the gingerbread man. They were not happy.

It happened that this gingerbread man was magical. He was alive. From the oven, he cried, “Open up! Open up!"

A boy heard the gingerbread man in the oven. The boy was very curious. He opened the oven. There he saw the gingerbread man. The boy was very happy. “Oh, a delicious gingerbread man!” he cried.

When he opened the oven, the gingerbread man ran and ran. The boy cried out, “Incredible! He is alive!”

The woman saw the gingerbread man. He was alive and running fast. The woman exclaimed, "Wait!" She was running too and came out of the kitchen.

The cat also saw the gingerbread man. The cat ran and said, "Wait!"

But the gingerbread man did not wait. He just ran and ran. He was happy as he cried:

Run, run, as fast as you can!
You can't catch me.
I’m the gingerbread man!

The animals and people ran and ran. But they could not catch him.

Then the dog saw the gingerbread man. He was happy and said, “Ah, a delicious gingerbread man. But wait! Wait little Gingerbread Man!"

The dog ran after the gingerbread man. The dog, the woman, the cat, and the boy all ran and ran. "Wait!" they cried.

But the gingerbread man ignored the woman and the cat. He did not wait. He ran faster. He ran out of the kitchen. As he ran, he said:

Run, run, as fast as you can!
You can't catch me.
I’m the gingerbread man!

The gingerbread man ran out of the house. The woman and the cat also ran out after him.

The woman ran and ran. The cat ran too. But they could not catch him. The gingerbread man was very fast.

The woman ran too fast. Soon there was an accident. BOOM! The woman fell.

She was furious and exclaimed, "Wait!"

The gingerbread man saw the woman fall. “HA HA!” he cried and said:

Run, run, as fast as you can!
You can't catch me.
I’m the gingerbread man!