

# **The Bananapocalypse**

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# Chapter 1: In Banana Labs

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### Chapter 1: In Banana Labs

Doctor Bananahead sat on his chair and laughed. He had finally made walking, talking evil bananas! They would throw banana peels at people and hypnotise people who ate them. Finally, he was ready to rule the world! He looked at himself in the mirror. He was dressed in a white lab coat and was wearing a banana peel as a hat.

*I look great, he thought, When I take over the world, people will respect me if I look like this.*

The bananas marched out of his banana machine and through the doors of the lab. They poured out into the city underneath his lab and started throwing banana peels at people. They tripped over and hit their heads.

"I've got to see this!" Doctor Bananahead yelled, "Bananas, fetch my helicopter!"

"YES, SIR! BANANANATE! BANANANATE! BANANANATE!" The bananas shouted. Fifty of them went to the Helipad, picked up the helicopter and carried it to Doctor Bananahead. Bananahead got in and tried to take off but he couldn't.

"Oh no!" He exclaimed, "I forgot. The wings of this helicopter are banana peels!" He got out. "I'll just have to go to the city on foot," he said.

Half an hour later, he reached the city. Everyone had tripped over and was unconscious. The bananas were forcing their way into peoples' mouths. Eventually, everyone woke up.

"What happened?" Someone asked.

"I don't know," Another person replied, "why are all these bananas lying all over the place?"

"From now on, you will obey me!" Doctor Bananahead boomed!

As soon as the people of the city saw the doctor, their eyes lit up. The hypnotising had worked!

"What is this city called?" Bananahead asked.

"Monkeyton, sir," Someone replied.

"Do you make bananas?"

"Yes, sir," the same person said, "we make lots of bananas. We are the biggest banana producing city in the world."

"Excellent!" The doctor exclaimed, "I am making more evil bananas to take over the world. Take them to other countries as if they were ordinary bananas!"

"Yes, sir!" Everyone chanted.

More bananas poured out of Doctor Bananahead's lab.

"BANANANATE! BANANANATE! BANANANATE!" They yelled. The citizens of Monkeyton picked up the bananas and slowly moved towards the airport, where the cargo planes were waiting. Their eyes were blank and they held their arms in front of them like zombies.

"FASTER!" Bananahead screamed. Everyone sped up.

## Chapter 2: At Peter's house

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It was Saturday morning. Sam and Tim were at Peter's house. The three kids were friends and they went to the same school. Peter's dad was in bed and his mum was out shopping so it was a great time to play together.

"What shall we play?" Peter asked, "what about pirates?" He waved his plastic pirate sword around.

"Nah," Sam said, "let's make a paper castle and use my water pistol to destroy it."

"Why don't we just play Plants VS Zombies on my smartphone?" Tim said, launching the app.

"Smartphone games are boring," Peter said, "let's have a fight."

"Good idea!" Sam exclaimed, "I'll use my water pistol and you can use your pirate sword!"

"I could test out my new robot too," Tim said.

Peter was a great plastic sword fighter, Sam was very accurate with a water pistol and Tim was great at hacking and coding with his smartphone. They didn't like the same kind of games but they got along OK.

"Let's go!" Peter shouted, running to the door and out into the backyard. Sam squirted his shirt with his water pistol.

"Hey!" Peter yelled, turning around and whacking Sam with his sword. The epic duel continued in the garden. Eventually, Peter and Sam heard a beeping noise above them. Looking up, they saw a drone with a fake machine gun on it.

"Meet the Rapidfire 5000!" Tim called from the window, "I can use my phone to move it around!" The drone fired loads of fake bullets at Peter and Sam.

"Hey!" Peter exclaimed, "these are NERF bullets!"

"I've got thousands of them," Tim said.

Peter held up his sword and blocked some of the bullets. Meanwhile, Sam fired his water pistol several times, nearly hitting the Rapidfire. The fight would have continued but then Peter's mum came back.

"Lunchtime!" She called from the kitchen.

"We're coming!" Peter yelled back. Tim went downstairs to the kitchen and the other two kids

came in the back door.

"We're having hot dogs for lunch," Peter's mum said, "and some bananas too. They come from Monkeyton!"

Peter's dad appeared.

"But I hate bananas!" Peter complained.

"So do I," Tim said.

"Me too," Sam said. It was one of the few things they had in common.

"You'll just have to eat them anyway," Peter's mother said.

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Everyone ate their hot dogs but the three kids refused to eat their bananas.

"Eat them," Peter's mum said, "it can't be that bad." She ate one. So did Peter's dad.

"Go on, try one," Peter's dad said, "they taste really good."

The kids shook their heads. Suddenly, Peter's parents changed. Their eyes went blank and they held their arms in front of them like zombies.

"YOU WILL EAT THE BANANAS!" they chanted, moving towards the kids, "BANANANATE! BANANANATE! BANANANATE!"

"Is something wrong with your parents?" Sam asked.

"No," Peter said, "I've never seen them like this before."

"BANANANATE! BANANANATE! BANANANATE!" Peter's parents yelled, moving closer.

"Maybe we should leave," Tim said.

"Good idea," Sam said. The three kids ran towards the exit but the bananas they were meant to eat stood up on what looked like legs and used what looked like arms to throw their skins at them!

"Arrgh!" Tim yelled, tripping over a banana peel. A banana started forcing its way into his mouth.

"No!" Peter shouted, knocking it away with his sword while Sam helped Tim up. The three kids ran out of Peter's house and onto the pavement. Peter's parents walked towards them.

"What happened?" Sam asked, shooting Peter's dad in the face with his water pistol.

"I don't know," Tim said, "maybe the bananas hypnotised them."

"That's crazy!" Peter exclaimed, "surely you can't believe that?"

"We've just seen bananas grow arms and legs," Tim said, "anything is possible." He opened an app on his phone and pressed a button. The Rapidfire 5000 zoomed out of the kitchen and hovered above him.

"Let's go to my house," Sam said, looking at Peter's mum and three bananas, who were only a few metres away.

The three kids ran all the way to Sam's house, followed by the Rapidfire. They opened the door

and sneaked inside.

"We need to find some weapons," Sam said.

Peter picked up an extra-long kitchen knife. "This looks a lot like my pirate sword," Peter said, "surely it can't be that hard to use." He threw the useless pirate sword aside. It was too light and wouldn't be good enough for fighting Peter's parents and lots of bananas off.

Suddenly, Sam's parents appeared. Their eyes were blank and their hands were in front of them.

"BANANANATE! BANANANATE! BANANANATE!" They yelled.

"Oh no!" Sam shouted, "Run!"



## Chapter 4: The army base

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The three kids ran for the door, but ten bananas blocked their way. Sam squirted one with his water pistol, blinding it. Tim pressed a button and the Rapidfire 5000 fired lots of NERF bullets at Sam's parents. Peter used his kitchen knife to chop five of them in half. The remaining four bananas threw their skins, blinding Peter and knocking the water pistol out of Sam's hand.

"Let's go!" Tim yelled, picking up the water pistol and dragging his friends out the door. They ran back to the street, where they looked around in horror. Bananas and hypnotised humans were everywhere! They were chasing them!

"Where will we go?" Peter asked.

"Away," Sam said. They all ran further down the street but bananas and hypnotised humans poured out of every house. Just then, Tim's phone rang. He answered the call. A few minutes later, he hung up and turned to his friends.

"My parents have fled to the army base. They aren't hypnotised, and neither is the army. We have to get there," he said.

There was an army base in the city the three kids lived in, and it was nearby.

"Let's go!" Sam called, racing down the street.

The kids managed to dodge all the bananas and humans on their way to the army base. Sam and Tim helped by shooting them to slow them down. Eventually, they reached the base and knocked on the door. There were lots of bananas nearby and they were closing in. They had to hurry!

Eventually, a soldier opened the door, holding a machine gun.

"Phew," he said, "you're not hypnotised. A few hypnotised people pretended to be survivors and knocked on the door a few minutes ago. They dragged an officer out and hypnotised him. Come in."

The kids went inside and the soldier locked the door. All the windows were barricaded and a few survivors sat in the main hall. Tim's parents spotted him and ran over.

"Tim! Are you OK?" Tim's mum asked.

"I'm fine," Tim replied, "by the way, what's going on?"

"I don't know," the soldier said, "bananas grew arms and legs and started hypnotising people. They're throwing their skins at them too. We don't know anything else about these bananas

except they came from Monkeyton."

"Something weird is going on in Monkeyton," Sam said.

"Possibly," the soldier replied, "we'll have to send someone to find out. But first, you need better weapons. You never know when the bananas might strike."

## Chapter 5: Better weapons

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The soldier lead the three kids to the arsenal.

"Choose some weapons," he said.

"I don't think we're old enough to have real weapons," Tim said.

"The bananas might strike at any time," the soldier said, "you need weapons to protect yourself. Who are you and what weapons do you know how to use?"

"I'm Peter," Peter said, "and my friends are Tim and Sam. The only weapons I'm good at using are my plastic pirate sword and the kitchen knife I'm holding. Sam's only good with his water pistol and Tim isn't that good at fighting. He's good at hacking and coding though."

"Okay," the soldier said, "Peter, I think you should have an army knife. It's sharper and longer than the kitchen knife so it will be more useful if the bananas attack." He gave Peter an army knife and he held it uncertainly.

"Sam," the soldier continued, "your water pistol is able to fire water very long distances. I think you would be good with a sniper." He gave Sam a sniper.

"Tim," the soldier said, "your most dangerous weapon is probably your phone. You can control drones and robots and hack into computer systems. I have some programs we created in the army that will help you hack, and also a real machine gun for your Rapidfire 5000." He gave Tim a QR code and a machine gun.

The three kids looked at each other, unsure what to do next.

"Don't worry," the soldier laughed, "we'll teach you how to use the weapons."

For the next few weeks, the kids were very busy. Soldiers taught Peter to use the army knife and Sam to use the sniper. Tim was busy learning how the machine gun worked, attaching it to his drone and modifying its program. He also had to practice controlling it with his phone. He learned how to use the new hacking program and quickly mastered it. They weren't the only ones. Everyone in the army base was learning how to use at least one weapon, from the youngest kids to the oldest adults. A three year old practiced with an army knife and an old man screwed metal spikes to the end of his walking stick.

Finally, four weeks after their training started, they needed to use it. The bananas attacked.

## Chapter 6: Banana siege

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The attack started when five hypnotised humans started bashing the door with shovels. Behind them, another hypnotised human with a chainsaw was approaching.

"Everyone to your positions!" Someone yelled. Peter went to the door and the other two went to the roof. Sam looked around in horror. Bananas were trying to get through the windows! Sam shot the hypnotised chainsaw man and Tim pressed a button on his phone. The Rapidfire 5000 sprayed lots of bullets at the humans with shovels, killing them.

"I wish there was some sort of cure to the bananas' hypnotising," Tim said, "I don't like killing humans."

"Maybe we will discover one eventually," Sam said.

Now there was nobody attacking the door so Peter ran to the windows and cut the bananas in half before they could get in. The last one nearly got inside but he managed to stop it just in time.

"Phew, that was close," he said.

But it wasn't over yet. Hypnotised humans with ladders tried to climb up to the roof. Tim pushed them over and they fell back to the ground. Then Sam shot them. Bananas were throwing their skins into the shelter, tripping Peter up. Luckily, there were a few more people with army knives there to help him now and they managed to stop the bananas from getting in. Finally, the attack stopped, but there were lots of bananas and hypnotised humans waiting just out of Sam's firing range.

"I don't think they're going to go away, a soldier said, "they're just going to think of a better plan and attack again with a new strategy and more numbers. Eventually, we'll lose. We will run out of supplies or be outnumbered. We have to go to Monkeyton now and find out what's going on."

"Can we go?" Peter asked.

"No, definitely not!" Tim's parents exclaimed, "you're far too young for a mission like that!"

The soldier nodded. "We will send our best soldiers there," he said, "the ones who have twenty years' experience."

The kids sighed and rolled their eyes. They didn't want to stay in this shelter, unable to go outside and having to ration supplies. They wanted to help save the world!

## Chapter 7: Stowaways

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For the next three days, the chosen soldiers were busy preparing. They would take a light cruiser from the navy port in the city and set sail for Monkeyton. Finally, the day came. The soldiers started marching down to the port. Everyone was waving to them except for the three kids.

"So, what's the plan again?" Peter whispered.

"We use the rope to climb down from the roof, cut it off so the hypnotised humans can't climb up and sneak over to the navy port and into the ship," Sam replied.

"Don't say it so loud," Tim whispered, "someone might hear." Peter climbed down the rope first, followed by Sam. Tim came down last, followed by the Rapidfire. However, halfway down, he lost his grip and fell. Luckily, Peter caught him.

"I didn't know you were so heavy," Peter groaned, staggering under his weight. The three kids and the drone sneaked away from the base and followed the soldiers at a distance. Bananas were attacking the soldiers, who were all armed with rifles. The soldiers shot the bananas and marched on. Luckily, the bananas hadn't spotted the kids.

BANG! Five hypnotised humans with rifles fired at the soldiers, killing three of them. The soldiers fired back and killed four of the attackers. The fifth one ran away.

"Those soldiers are tough," Sam whispered.

Eventually, they got to the navy port and saw the soldiers disappearing into a ship. They sneaked on and crept down some stairs to a room with lots of large boxes in it. They tiptoed in and then realised there was someone else in the room. They quickly ran behind some boxes before the soldier turned around. He was putting something in the boxes!

Finally, the soldier left and the kids climbed into the biggest box. There wasn't much room and the box was filled with cans. Opening one, Tim realised the cans had beans in them. The kids felt hungry so they ate one can each.

Above them, the ship was under attack. Some bananas were using their skins as boats and were rowing across to the ship. Hypnotised humans were holding onto the ropes that kept the ship tied to the port. Luckily, they couldn't get onto the ship itself because the plank the soldiers had used to get on was raised. Still, hypnotised humans swung from rope to rope trying to get on board and the soldiers had to shoot them. Eventually, all the humans and bananas had been shot and they set sail. There were still bananas in banana boats chasing them, but they weren't as fast as the ship and eventually gave up.

## Chapter 8: Battle at sea

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The kids stayed in the box. They wanted to get out but they were too afraid they would be seen. Soldiers walked into the room, took things out of boxes and left again but they didn't see them. However, they did get spotted eventually. It was dinnertime and three soldiers opened the box with beans in it. They saw the kids inside.

"What are you doing here?" One of them asked.

Sam and Peter were too surprised to do anything but Tim said, "we stowed away on the ship. We didn't want to stay in the army base. We wanted to come with you and help save the world."

"That was very brave of you, or very foolish," the soldier said, "but there is nothing we can do about it now. You will just have to come with us. Come to the dining room and have dinner with us."

The kids got up and followed the soldier to the dining room, where he introduced them to the soldiers. Then they sat down and ate dinner. They slept in hammocks on the ship that night, but early in the morning they heard gunfire.

"What's happening?" Sam asked, getting out of bed. A soldier ran into the room.

"We're being attacked by a battleship!" He yelled, "I think hypnotised humans are controlling it."

"What are we going to do?" Tim asked.

"We're going to try to get around them while firing out guns," the soldier replied, "light cruisers are faster than battleships and turn faster, We should be able to get past them."

"Sounds like a good plan," Peter said.

"Stay below the deck," the soldier ordered, "otherwise you might get shot." Then he ran up to the deck and to the turrets. Soldiers were already loading bullets into them and aiming them at the battleship. BANG! They fired, hitting the battleship's hull. The battleship fired back and hit one of their turrets, destroying it. Luckily, in the next round of firing the battleship missed and somehow the soldiers managed to hit the battleship's rudder! Unable to steer, the battleship crashed into a reef and was stranded. However, it was still firing!

"We have to get out of its firing range," the captain of the light cruiser said.

The cruiser sailed away from the battleship and turned towards Monkeyton's port. On the battleship, hypnotised humans were on the deck, shaking their fists and throwing bananas, which were using their skins to make banana boats. The banana boats weren't moving towards

the cruiser though. Ropes were attached to them. They were going to pull the battleship off the reef!

Luckily, it takes a long time for a few bananas to free a battleship, so the cruiser was well on its way to the port by the time it was free. The hypnotised humans decided not to give chase. Their target was too far away.

## Chapter 9: Welcome to Monkeyton

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The light cruiser was tied to Monkeyton port and the soldiers got out, followed by the kids. As soon as they stepped outside, they were attacked by bananas. There weren't very many hypnotised humans here, but there were lots of bananas. The soldiers fired their rifles, Sam fired his sniper, Peter cut a few bananas in half with his knife and the Rapidfire 5000 shot lots of bananas from above. Tim stood behind the soldiers, controlling his drone. The bananas threw their skins and some of the soldiers tripped over. They poured into their mouths and down their throats.

"Quick!" A soldier yelled, "kill them before they wake up, hypnotised!"

Peter quickly cut their throats and they all moved towards the city. The city was at the bottom of the hill, and at the top, a giant factory surrounded by an electric fence waited. Bananas were pouring out of it. They also saw more hypnotised humans holding cages with animals in them. Leopards, wolves, monkeys, birds and every kind of creature imaginable were being carried towards the bananas. The humans forced the bananas into their mouths.

"They're going to hypnotise the animals!" Tim yelled. Unfortunately, a banana heard him. Half of the bananas and half of the hypnotised humans charged. The bananas were swinging their skins above their heads as they ran and the hypnotised humans had all sorts of weapons: Chainsaws, guns, knives, shovels and whatever was nearby. One really strong man was holding a tree he'd pulled out of the ground and an old woman was holding a cage which used to contain a tiger. The soldiers, Sam and the Rapidfire fired. Peter was ready to jump out and attack. Several humans and bananas died, but most of them were still alive. WHACK! The tree came down, killing five soldiers. SMASH! The woman with the cage locked a soldier in it. A banana squeezed through the bars and into his mouth. BANG! A few hypnotised humans with guns fired. Banana peels flew everywhere and lots of soldiers fell over. Then there was a roar from behind the bananas. The animals had been hypnotised! Lions bit peoples' heads off, birds pecked peoples' ears and a few whales were lowered back into the ocean. The whales started attacking the light cruiser.

"We're losing!" Peter shouted as he cut a tiger's tail off.

"I know," Sam replied sadly as he shot a seagull.

"We need to get past these hypnotised creatures and bananas," Tim said as the Rapidfire shot three wolves.

"Maybe we could sneak over there without being spotted," Peter said, pointing to the hill, "we need to get into that factory."

"Okay," Tim said.



"Three, two, one, GO!" Sam shouted. The three kids ran to the hill as fast as they could and started climbing up it. Peter looked behind him. They hadn't been spotted. Now they just had to get past the electric fence and into the factory.

## Chapter 10: The Superbanana

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The kids were very tired by the time they reached the top of the hill. The giant electric fence seemed to only have one entrance, which was guarded by five hypnotised humans with machine guns.

"What are we going to do?" Peter asked.

"Maybe I could shoot the guards," Sam said.

"Someone would raise the alarm," Tim said, "I have an idea. I'll hack the system and make the gates open."

"The guards will notice the gate opening," Peter said.

"I have a plan to deal with that too," Tim grinned. He opened an app on his phone and pressed a few buttons. Then he started typing. Eventually, a speaker in the guard tower came to life.

*There is an important meeting, it said, report back to the meeting room immediately. There are other guards who will replace you.*

The guards were glad they didn't have to spend another two hours standing around in the guard tower doing nothing and getting bored. They climbed down the ladder and marched into the factory. Tim pressed a button and the gates opened.

"Wow, that was amazing," Sam said.

"Yeah," Peter said, "you should be proud of yourself."

"It wasn't that hard," Tim said, "only a few lines of code. Let's go inside."

The kids went through the gates and into the factory. They were halfway down a long corridor when they heard bananas shouting "BANANANATE! BANANANATE!" Thinking quickly, Peter dragged his friends behind a large box and they watched as a group of bananas marched past. There were at least three hundred of them. After they had all gone past, the kids got up and continued walking down the corridor. Eventually, they reached a large room, filled with strange machines which had bananas in them. They sneaked in. Tim typed something on his phone and the machines turned off.

"We seem to have stopped the bananas from being produced," Tim said, "now we just need to defeat the existing bananas and find a way to cure all the hypnotised animals."

"FREEZE!" Someone behind them said. They slowly turned around. A man with a banana on his head was standing in front of them, holding a banana with a hole in the end. Behind him was a

giant banana, ten times bigger than a human.

"I am Doctor Bananahead," he said, "and soon I will rule the world. I am holding a Banana Gun, which shoots exploding bananas. Behind me is a Superbanana, a gigantic banana that can hypnotise ten humans before it dies. I am going to make more of them. Then I will be unstoppable! But the Superbanana needs testing. I was going to test it on a hypnotised human, but then you appeared. I'm going to test it on you instead. Have fun!"

Then he disappeared behind the Superbanana, which got up and slowly moved towards the kids.

## Chapter 11: The Big Battle

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The kids moved backwards. The Superbanana advanced towards them. Every time one of its feet hit the ground, it shook and the kids nearly fell over.

Eventually, Tim pressed a button on his phone and the Rapidfire 5000 zoomed forwards. Its machine gun sprayed lots of bullets at the Superbanana, which yelped in pain and knocked the drone away with its hand. the drone hit the wall behind the kids and broke into little pieces.

"NO!" Tim yelled, "MY DRONE!"

"How dare you?" Peter growled, leaping forwards and stabbing the banana's foot with his army knife. The banana bent down to pick Peter up so Peter climbed on its head and stabbed its eyes. Sam fired his sniper, hitting the banana in the chest. The banana, which was now blinded, screamed and started punching its own head. Peter dodged all the blows easily while cutting the banana's head open with his knife.

"I have an idea!" Tim exclaimed, opening an app on his phone and typing something.

"It looks like you're winning," Doctor Bananahead said, "I need to make the Superbanana stronger. But first I will kill you!" He picked up his Banana Gun and fired ten times. Ten large banana slices came out of it and flew across the room, hitting the wall and exploding. One of them nearly hit Tim, but he dodged it just in time. Bananahead fired five more banana slices. Sam nearly got hit but also managed to dodge out of the way. However, one of them hit Peter. BOOM! Peter fell off the Superbanana, which tried to stomp on him. The ground shook and everyone fell over but Peter managed to dodge the foot. A giant fist came down but Peter dodged that too, using his knife to cut one of the Superbanana's fingers off. It screamed in pain. Sam fired his sniper at Doctor Bananahead. It hit the banana on his head, which fell off.

"NOOOO!" Doctor Bananahead yelled, "That was my favourite hat!"

"It's just a banana peel," Tim said.

"I'll kill you for this!" Bananahead growled, firing twenty banana slices at Sam. BOOM! Three of them hit him and he staggered backwards. He was severely wounded but he managed to fire his sniper again. It hit Bananahead in the chest and the evil Doctor fell over. He was dead. However, the Superbanana was slowly moving towards the three kids, using smell and hearing to find them. Tim pressed a button on his phone and the banana machines came back to life. A secret door opened, revealing several bottles filled with a blue liquid.

"What's this?" Sam asked, getting up with difficulty.

"It's the cure for the hypnotised animals," Tim said, "I hacked into the factory's computer system and opened the secret door. The banana machines are now making bananas that will

cure the hypnotised animals. We could also use these bottles to add the cure to our weapons, so when we attack the animals, they get cured."

"That's amazing!" Sam exclaimed.

"Look at this!" Peter shouted. He was pointing at the machines. Bananas were coming out of them, but they looked friendlier.

"ANTI-BANANANATE! ANTI-BANANANATE! ANTI-BANANANATE!" They chanted as they walked out of the room. Some of them were attacking the Superbanana as they passed.

"The animals will be cured in no time," Tim said, "let's take some of these bottles out of the factory."

The kids picked up some bottles and walked out of the room. As they were walking down the corridor, they heard a scream as the Superbanana died.

## Chapter 12: The journey home

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The kids walked out of the factory. Most of the soldiers were either dead or hypnotised but there were good bananas replacing them. Good bananas and bad bananas punched and kicked each other on the beach. Good bananas were throwing themselves into the mouths of hypnotised animals and they came back to themselves, turning around and fighting against the animals that were still hypnotised. A whale threw water at a bad banana. A cured human with a chainsaw attacked a hypnotised human holding a giant tree and cut it into little pieces. A monkey punched a hypnotised human in a face and a cured human picked up a hypnotised dog's lead, holding it back while a good banana jumped into its mouth. A hypnotised cat jumped on a cured human's head, only to find there was a good banana on the human's shoulder. The banana jumped into the cat's mouth. The hypnotised soldiers were being cured and they gasped in amazement when they saw the good bananas fighting for them. The kids sneaked past the fighting animals and arrived at the docks, where the soldiers were waiting.

"What happened?" One of the soldiers asked.

"It's a long story," Peter said, "we'll tell you later." Peter was limping and Tim was carrying Sam. Only Tim had managed not to get hurt, but his drone had been destroyed.

"How are we going to get home?" Sam asked. The light cruiser had been completely destroyed.

"Maybe we could take that ship," Tim said, pointing at a battleship which was tied to the port. It was painted yellow with bananas on it.

"It looks like Doctor Bananahead's flagship," Peter said.

"Let's go!" Sam yelled, running onto the battleship. Tim, Peter and the soldiers followed him. It took a while to figure out how to control the battleship, but they worked it out eventually and set off, leaving the fighting bananas and hypnotised animals behind. The good bananas and cured animals were winning.

When they were about halfway home, they saw some dolphins. There were at least a hundred of them and they were approaching the ship.

"Let's go and look at the dolphins," Peter said.

"Watch out, they might be hypnotised," Tim said. BANG! One of the dolphins hit the side of the battleship, which wobbled a bit.

"They *are* hypnotised!" Sam exclaimed. Ten more dolphins hit the ship. If this carried on, it would capsize.

"Increase the speed," one of the soldiers ordered, "we'll outrun them."

The battleship was faster than the dolphins and it soon left them behind. That night, the kids explained what had happened at the factory.

Eventually, they approached the city they had come from when they saw the bananas. They were arranged in a long line in their banana skin boats, blocking the way into the navy port.

## Chapter 13: Attacking the city

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"Shoot the bananas!" One of the soldiers yelled. All the soldiers fired their weapons. Sam fired his sniper. About half of the bananas died but the other half boarded the ship. Peter cut three of them in half with his knife and Tim kicked one of them overboard. It didn't land in a banana boat so it drowned. The bananas hypnotised some of the soldiers, but the other soldiers quickly injected the cure, which had been put in syringes. Eventually, all the bananas were killed and the ship was tied to the port. Everyone got out and walked back to the shelter. However, it was empty. The barricades had been pulled down and the door was wide open.

"Where has everyone gone?" Tim asked.

Just then, Tim's parents appeared. They were holding their hands in front of them and shouting "BANANANATE! BANANANATE!"

"The bananas must have gotten in!" Peter exclaimed, "Tim's parents are hypnotised!"

"Quick! Inject the cure!" Sam yelled.

A soldier picked up one of the syringes and injected some of the cure into Tim's parents.

"What happened?" Tim's dad asked.

"It's evening," Tim's mum said, "I'm pretty sure it was morning a few seconds ago. Did we sleep in?"

"You were hypnotised," Tim said, "anyway, we've found a cure. We need to cure everyone in the city."

"Let's go back to the shelter," Sam said, "we can stay there for a few days while we make more of the cure."

They went into the shelter, locked the door and put the barricades back up. They stayed there for several days, trying to find a way to make the cure easier to inject. Eventually, Peter got a spear that injected the cure, Sam got a sniper that fired syringes instead of bullets and Tim made a new drone called the Fastcure 3000, which had a pistol that fired syringes. They finished making the weapons just in time. Suddenly, a group of hypnotised humans attacked the shelter. Sam ran to the roof and fired his sniper a few times. Peter waited for the hypnotised humans to reach the barricades and stabbed them with his spear through a gap between the wood. Tim pressed a button on his phone and the Fastcure 3000 shot five hypnotised humans. The hypnotised humans were all cured in a few minutes and the soldiers let them into the shelter.

"I think we're ready to cure the city," one of them said.



"Lets go then," Tim replied.

## Chapter 14: The cure arrives

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The three kids and the soldiers walked out of the shelter. Immediately, some bananas attacked them. They were riding hypnotised horses! Peter stabbed one with his spear. The Fastcure 3000 shot one with its pistol. Sam shot another one with his sniper. The soldiers, who were holding rifles that fired syringes, also fired. All the horses immediately reared up and the bananas fell off. Then the soldiers shot the bananas. They walked further into the city, shooting hypnotised animals and bad bananas. Hypnotised cats and dogs jumped out of bushes and attacked the party but the soldiers shot them all and they were cured. Some bananas tried to use their skins as wings and jumped off buildings but they hit the ground and died. Hypnotised humans ripped doors off buildings and held them in front of them as shields. Some of them were holding kitchen knives. Others had guns. BANG! One of them fired a pistol and a soldier died. Thinking quickly, Peter charged at a hypnotised human and stabbed him with his spear, finding a gap in his shield. He was cured and attacked the humans who were still hypnotised from behind. One of them turned around to fight back so Sam shot her. The Fastcure 3000 hovered above the hypnotised humans, shooting them. Some of them raised their shields to block the syringes it was firing, but they got shot by the soldiers. They couldn't block the soldiers and the drone at the same time. Eventually, the humans were all cured and they were sent back to the shelter.

The kids and the soldiers saw more bad bananas and hypnotised animals in the city, but the bananas were all killed and the animals were all cured. Eventually, everyone in the city was cured and they went back to their houses. Some of them were broken, but at least everyone was OK. Tim's parents didn't like the way the three kids had run away from the shelter but he had found the cure so they didn't tell him off. Sam and Peter's parents were very happy to see their sons.

"What do we do now?" Sam asked.

"We've won!" Peter exclaimed, "we've saved the world! Let's celebrate!"

"We haven't won yet," Tim said, "The people in all the other cities in the world are still hypnotised, except for Monkeyton. I think the good bananas have probably won."

"There is still a lot of work to do, but for now, we should celebrate our victory," a soldier said, "everyone needs cheering up."

They decided to have a party in the shelter. Lots of people came to it. They ate food and played outside. The shelter used to be an army base so there was a lot of land to play on. Some people sang and danced, and everyone had a great time.

## Chapter 15: Badges

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The next day, everyone went back to their houses except for Tim, Peter, Sam, their parents and the soldiers. They were busy turning the shelter back into an army base and thinking of a plan to cure the world.

"This piece of wood is really heavy," Tim complained. He was holding one of the pieces of wood that had been used to barricade the windows.

"No wonder these things kept the bananas out for so long," Sam said.

"Arrgh!" Tim yelled as he dropped the wood on his foot.

"I'll take that," Peter said, picking up the wood.

"Is it heavy?" Sam asked.

"Of course it's heavy," Tim groaned, "I think I broke my foot."

"Actually, it's very light," Peter said, "you're so weak, Tim."

Peter put the wood in a green truck and went back to the base. The other kids followed. There was a soldier waiting at the entrance; he looked important. He was wearing a blue uniform with lots of badges on it. A shiny gold medal was hanging from his neck. Ordinary soldiers have green uniforms.

"Hello," the soldier said, "I'm Commander Carl. You were amazing. When you went to Monkeyton, my best soldiers were losing the battle but you managed to defeat Doctor Bananahead and his Superbanana. Then you found the cure and saved us! You are real war heroes." He pulled three badges out of his pocket and held them out.

"Are these for us?" Sam asked.

"Of course they're for you!" Carl exclaimed, "take them!"

They took their badges. Peter's badge was made of silver and it had a picture of a banana being cut in half by a knife on it. Sam's badge was made of obsidian and had a banana with a hole in its head. It looked like it had been shot by a banana. Tim's badge was made of emeralds and it had a drone on it. The drone was flying over a field full of dead bananas.

"Thank you," Peter said.

"They're amazing," Sam said.

"The drone in this badge looks cool," Tim said, "I'm going to make one and call it the Emerald

9000!"

"You don't have to make everything you see," Peter said.

"I'll see you later," the Commander said. He walked away, leaving the kids alone to stare at their badges.

## Chapter 16: Curing the World

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A few hours later, the three kids, their parents and the soldiers were in a big hall. Commander Carl stepped onto the stage.

"We have cured Monkeyton and our own city," he said, "now it's time to cure the country. And after we cure the country, we'll cure the world."

Everyone cheered.

"Here is my plan," Carl continued, "we will sail to Monkeyton and find some good bananas. Then we will all attack and cure the continent Monkeyton is in. Then we will come back here and cure our own continent. Then we will go to all the other continents and cure them one by one. Animal by animal, house by house, suburb by suburb, city by city, country by country, continent by continent. Eventually, the whole world will be cured. We will take guns that fire syringes with us. Nothing will stop us!"

Everyone cheered even louder.

"Can we go?" Peter asked.

"No!" Peter's mum exclaimed, "these kids have seen enough fighting already. I don't want them to die. I just want them to live a normal life."

Peter's dad, Sam's parents and Tim's parents nodded.

"I think they should go," Carl said, "they seem to be very good at fighting. We might need them. Besides, they are heroes! If it is their destiny to be heroes, we must not interfere."

Everyone cheered extremely loud. Tim's ears started bleeding.

"Okay," Peter's mum sighed, "they can go. Just make sure they don't get killed."

Carl opened his mouth to speak, but nobody heard what he said. They were too busy cheering.

"YAY!" The kids yelled. They were going to save the world. They would have lots of adventures together. The future was uncertain and most of the world was still hypnotised, but somehow they would win. *Somehow* they would beat the bad bananas and save the world. And they would do it together.

## **Chapter 17: Saying Goodbye**

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A few days later, the three kids and lots of soldiers climbed onto a battleship at the navy port.

"Goodbye," Sam's mum said.

"See you later," Tim's mum said.

The kids didn't reply. They might get killed. They might never see their parents again. But they were together and they had the soldiers with them. Besides, it was better than having to stay at home. That would be boring.

They waved to their parents and the ship set off. The soldiers were busy sailing the ship, but the kids and their parents didn't move. They stared at each other as the distance between them increased and the battleship moved further out into the ocean. The three kids only turned away when their city disappeared from view. They were on a mission to save the world. They couldn't stare at the ocean forever. There was work to be done.

**The End**