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Tom the banana seller

Tam Di Banana-Man

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Taam a kyari wahn baaskit a raip
banaana.

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Tom carries a tray of ripe bananas.

Tom goes to the market to sell bananas.

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Tam go a makit fi sell banana.





Piipl a maakit a bai fruut.

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People at the market are buying fruit.



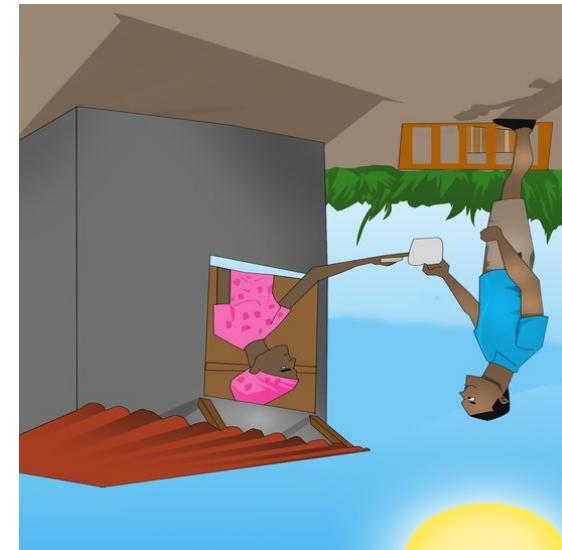
Taam balans di baaskit pan im ed an go a im yaad.

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Tom balances the tray on his head and goes home.

Den Tam go bai soup, shuga an bred.
 Bot nobadi naa bai Tam banana dem.
 Dem prifa fi bai fruit fram di uman
 dem.
 ...

Then Tom buys soap, sugar, and bread.
 He puts the things in his tray.
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"Ina fiwi komyuuniti, onggl uman sel fruut," piipl se. "Wa kaina man dis?" piipl aks.

...

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



Suuhn, di baaskit emti. Taam kount op di moni we im mek.

...

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!"

...

Bot Tam no gi op. Im kaal out, "Bai mi swiit raip banana dem!"



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

...

Tam banana dem an nyam dem.
Muor pipil kom a di stall. Dem bai





Wahn uman pik op a bonch a banaana
fram outa di baaskit. Shi luk pan it gud-
gud.

...

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



Di uman bai di banaana dem.

...

The woman buys the bananas.