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**banana seller**

**Tom vendedor hudi / Tom the**

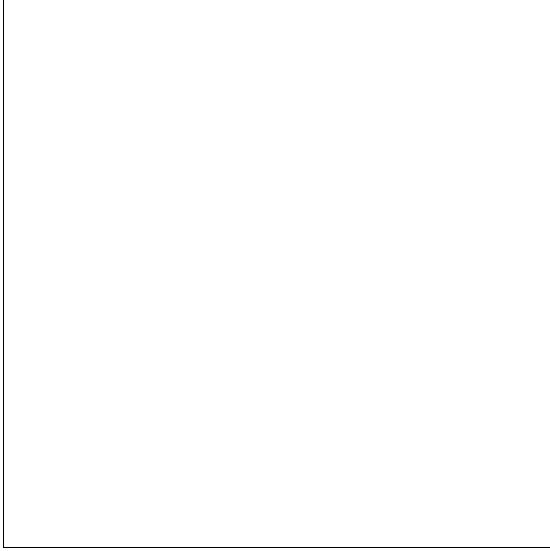
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**Tom the banana seller**

**Tom vendedor hudi**



Tom tutur hudi tasak sira iha travesa  
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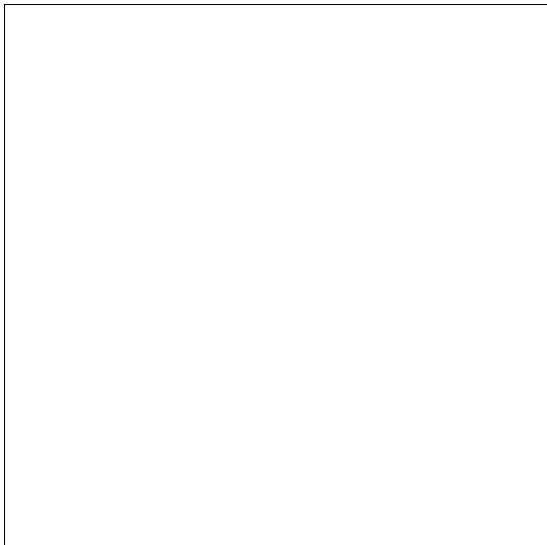
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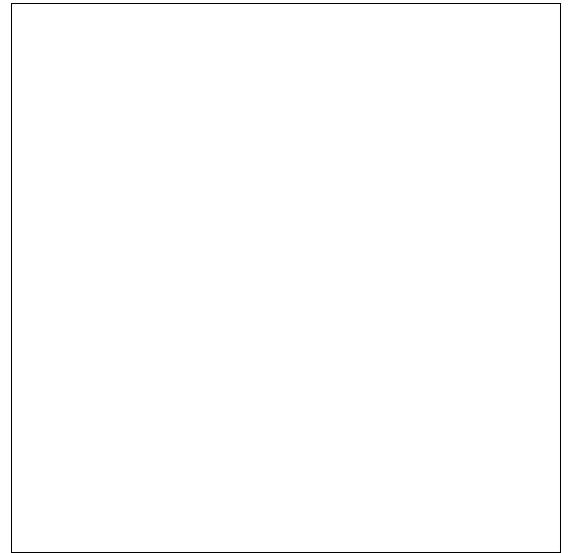
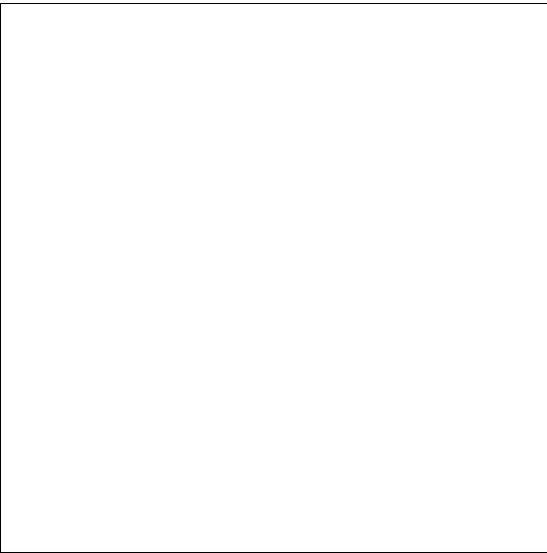
Tom carries a tray of ripe bananas.

Tom goes to the market to sell bananas.

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Tom ba merkadu atu fa'an hudi.





Ema sira iha merkadu sosa dadaun ai-fuan sira.

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People at the market are buying fruit.

Tom balansu travesa iha ninia ulun no ba uma.

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Tom balances the tray on his head and goes home.

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

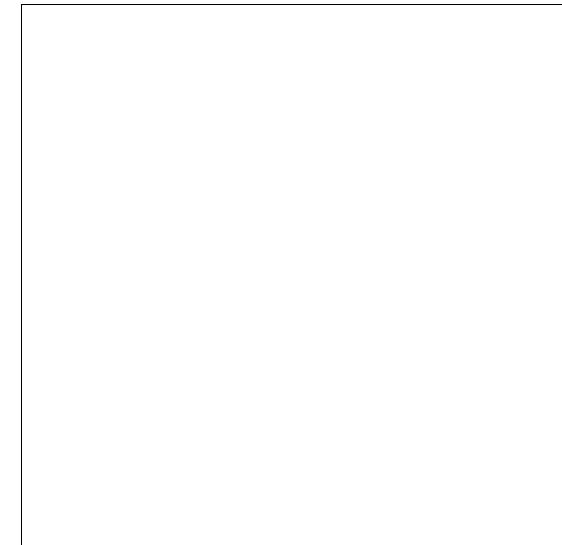
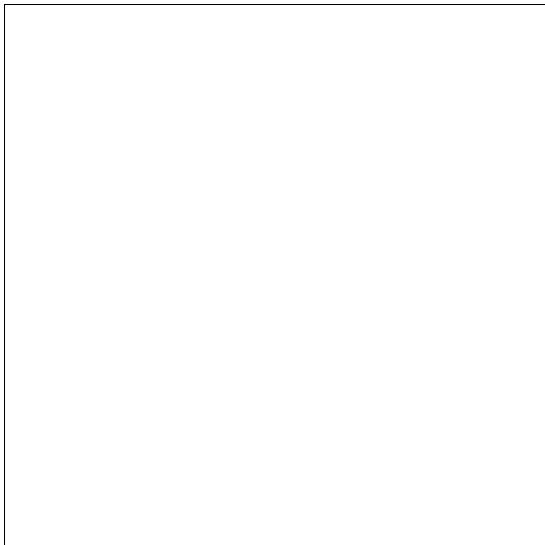
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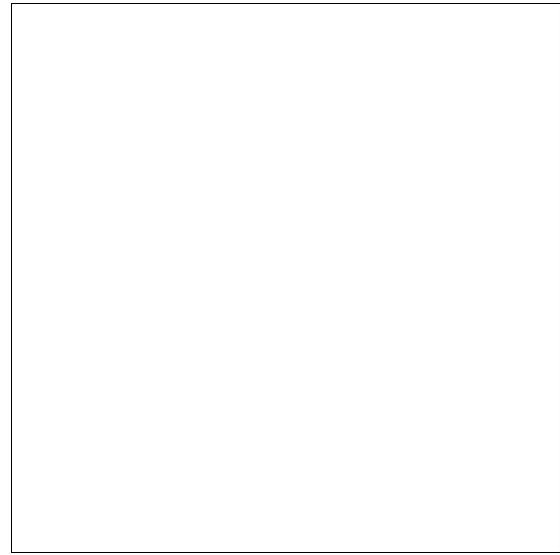
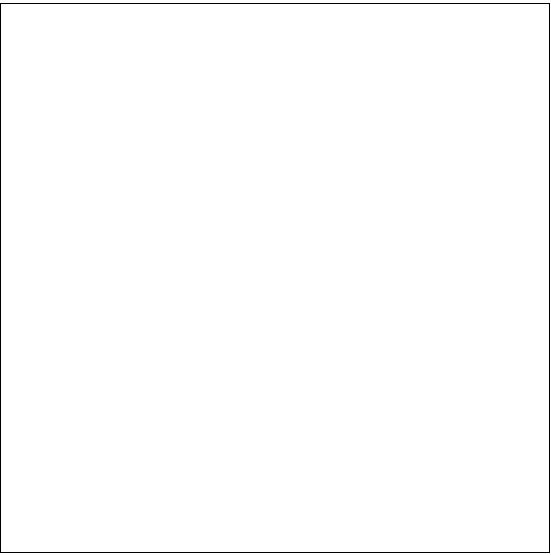
Depois Tom sosa sabauñ, masin-midar,  
no paun. Nia tau sasan hirak ne'e iha  
travesa.

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

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Mai'bé laiha sira ida mak sosa Tom ninia  
hudí. Sira preferre atu sosa ai-fuan husi  
feto sira seluk.





"Iha ami nia komunidade, so feto sira de'it mak fa'an ai-fuan," ema dehan.  
"Mane saida mak ne'e?" ema husu.

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

Lakleur, travesa ne'e mamuk. Tom sura osan ne'ebé nia hetan.

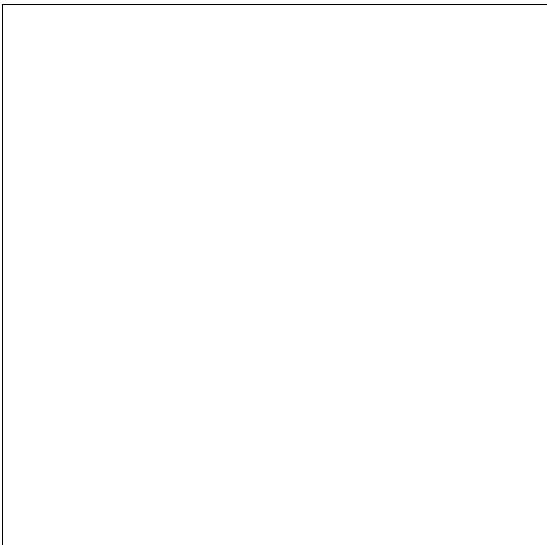
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Soon, the tray is empty. Tom counts the money he earned.

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

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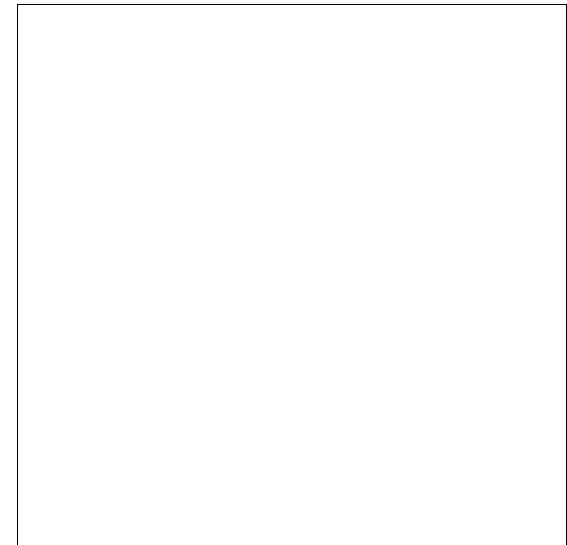
Maibé Tom la deziste. Nia boul, "Sosa ha'u nia hudi tasak midar.

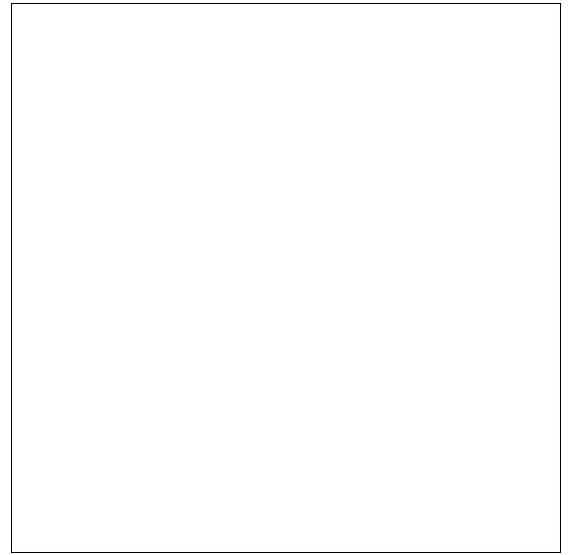
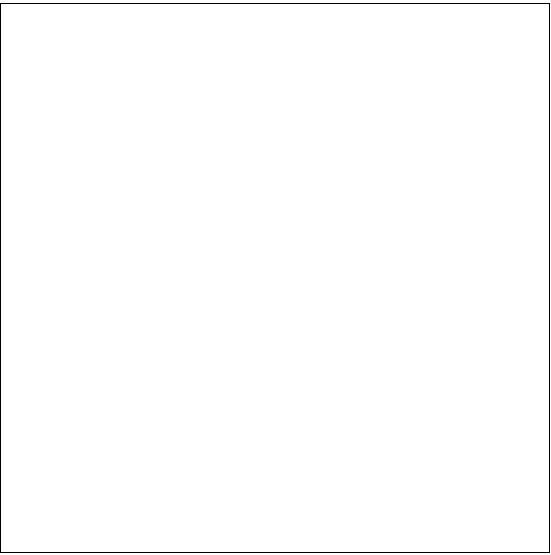


More people come to the stall. They buy Tom's bananas and eat them.

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Ema barak liu-tan mai Tom nia fa'an fatin. Sira sosa Tom ninia hudi sira no han hudi sira ne'e.





Feto ida hi'it sa'e hudi sira ne'e husi  
travesa. Nia haree didi'ak hudi sira ne'e.

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

Feto ne'e sosa hudi sira ne'e.

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The woman buys the bananas.