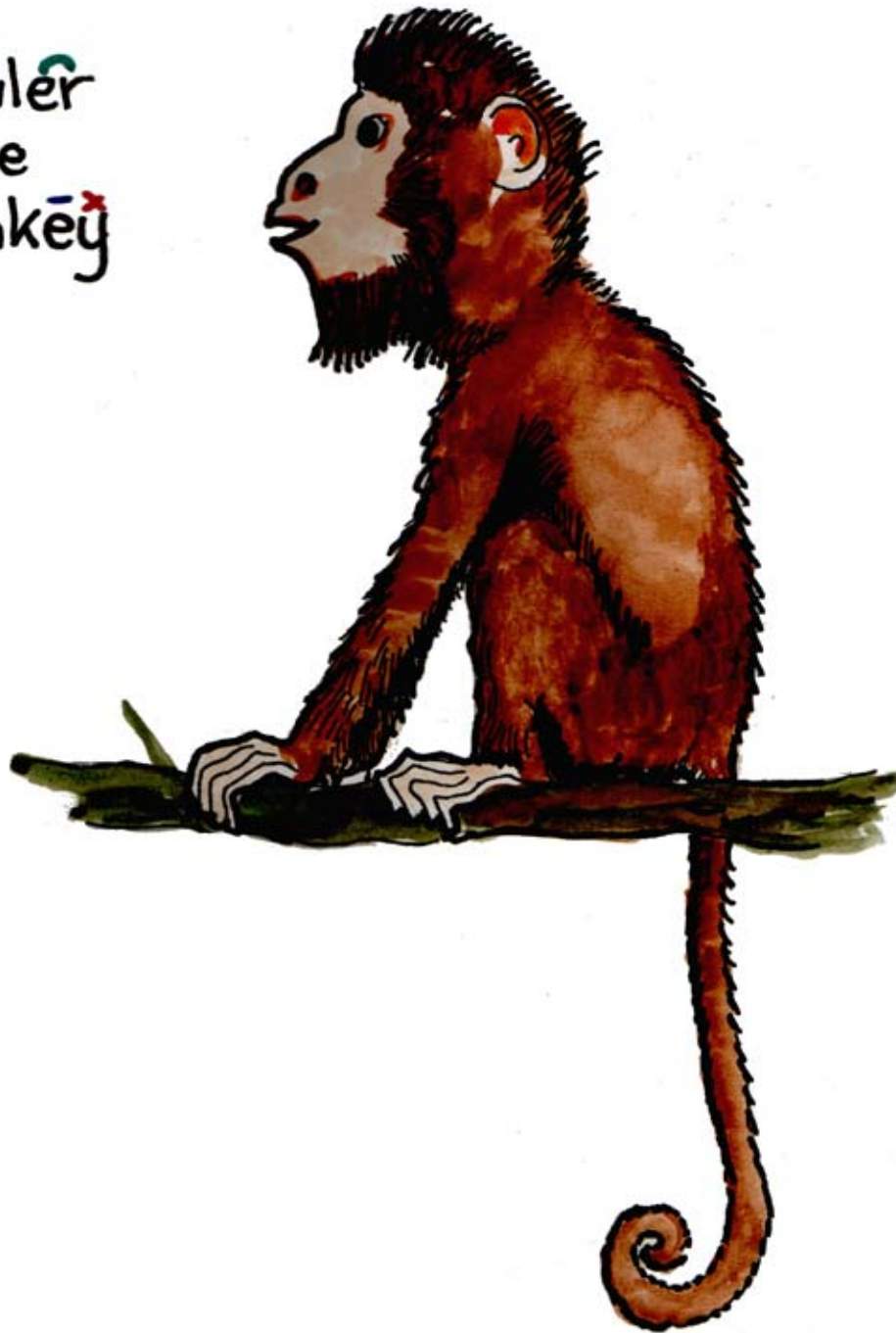


Howler the Monkey.

Did you ever hear the story of Howler. Howler was a monkey. He came from South America. At one time Howler had been a circus monkey. It was the circus people who called him Howler because he could howl so loudly!

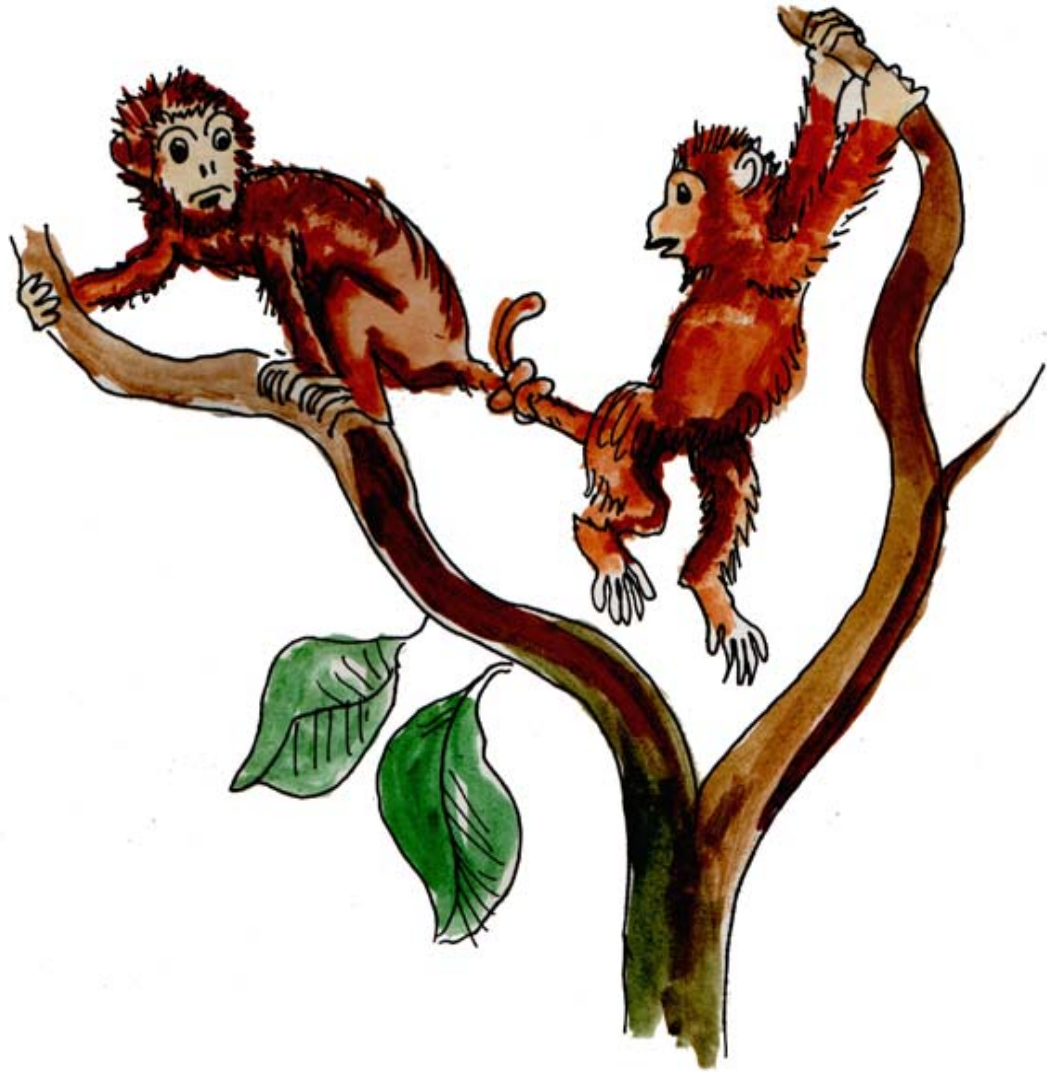
While he was with the circus Howler learned all sorts of tricks. He even learned how to tie knots in pieces of rope. He was very good at knots. He tied them so well it was a hard job to undo them. How the boys and girls laughed as they watched Howler tie up the clowns!

Howler
the
monkey



But Howler was not really very happy in the circus. He really wanted to go back to his home in the jungle. One night when no-one was looking he managed to escape from the circus. He had such a lot of adventures on the long journey home. But at last he arrived.

At first the rest of the monkeys were delighted to see Howler. But I'm afraid Howler was the sort of monkey who couldn't stop playing tricks on the other monkeys. He thought it was so funny to tie the tails of the monkeys together when they weren't looking. But they didn't.

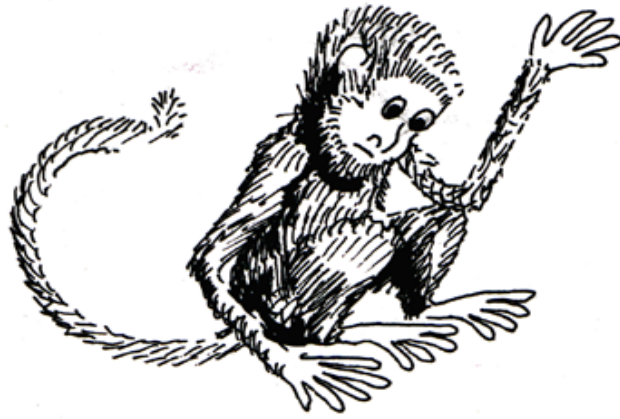


Howler tied the tails
of the monkeys together

"We don't want any of your circus tricks here," they said, and became very cross with Howler. But Howler somehow couldn't stop his little games, the bad fellow.

Soon none of the monkeys liked him and Howler became very sad. "How silly I've been," he thought. I wonder how I can get them to like me again.

Now the monkeys had a terrible enemy. He was a giant snake called Anaconda. Anaconda was a very crafty snake — and he just loved monkeys. He swallowed them whole. How careful the monkeys had to be when Anaconda was about. But he was so crafty



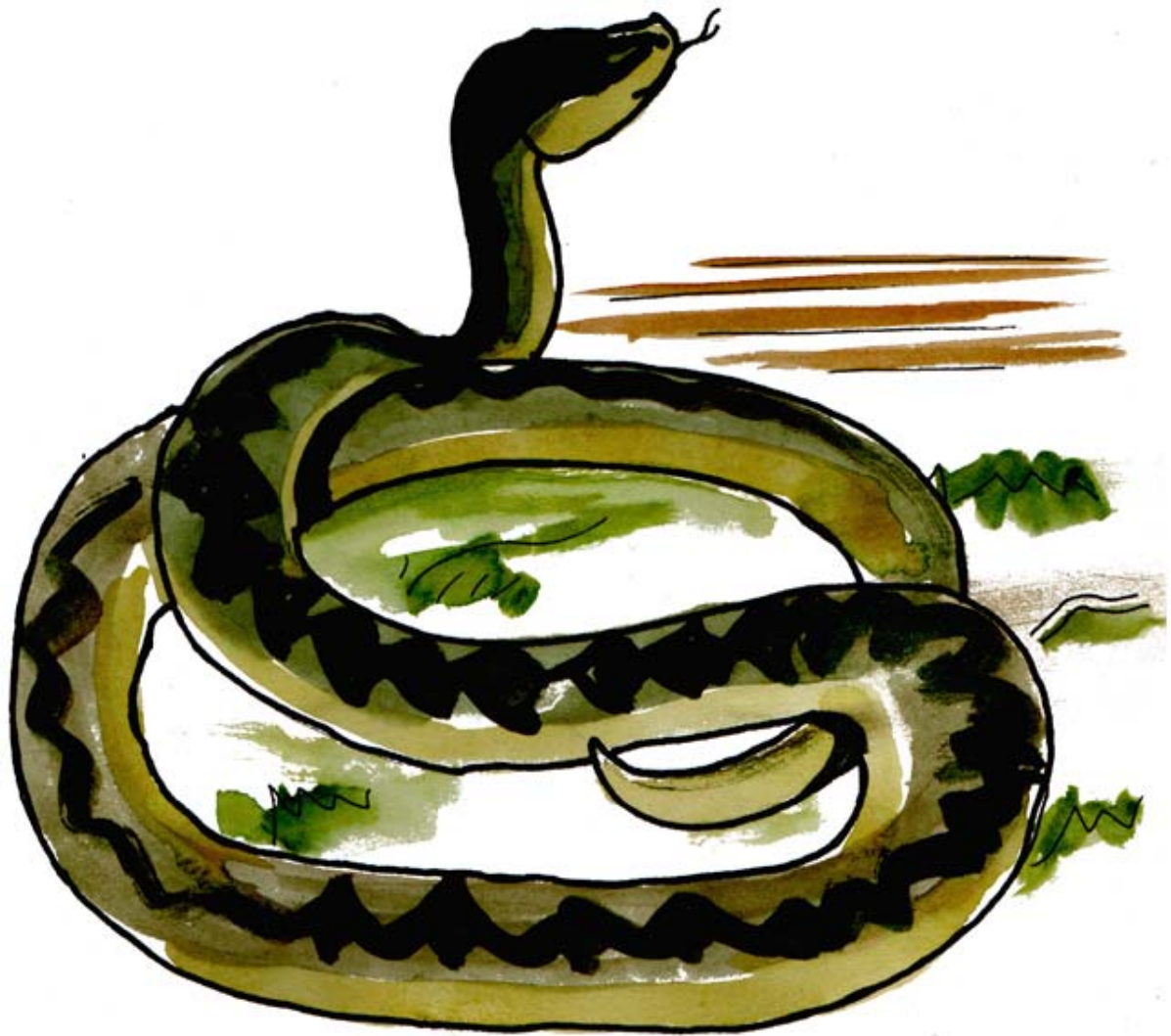
Howler is sad.

he often managed to catch one or two. And that was the end of them.

Next to eating monkeys Anaconda liked to lie out in the sun and sleep. One day after a large dinner Anaconda found a long branch overhanging the river. He stretched himself out on it in the warm sunshine. Soon he was fast asleep.

Now Howler, watching from the top of a tree not far away saw all this happen. He was by himself because none of the other monkeys were friends with him.

Anaconda on the river bank



"I'll show them what I can do," he thought. "I'll fix up Anaconda once and for all!"

First Howler found some jungle creepers. (Some creeper plants which grow in the jungle look like rope as they wind round the trees. And they are nearly as strong.) Howler took some of these creepers - and crept to where Anaconda was lying.

Quietly and quickly he began to tie the bad snake to the branch with the creepers. Anaconda must have been very fast asleep because he never moved. Howler tied him up with all his very best knots. When at last

Anaconda did wāke^x up he wās^o stuck fast, and he cōuld^x n't escape^x.

Sōon the ōther^u mōnkey^us found out what Hōwler^{ou} had done^x. Hōw^{ou} happy^e they^a wēre^x. And hōw^{ou} pleāsēd^x they^a wēre^x with Hōwler^{ou}. He wās^o a herō! He wās so happy^e nōw^{ou}. And he promised^x that he wōuld^x never^x agāin^x tie^x the mōnkey^u's tāils^x in knots^x.

