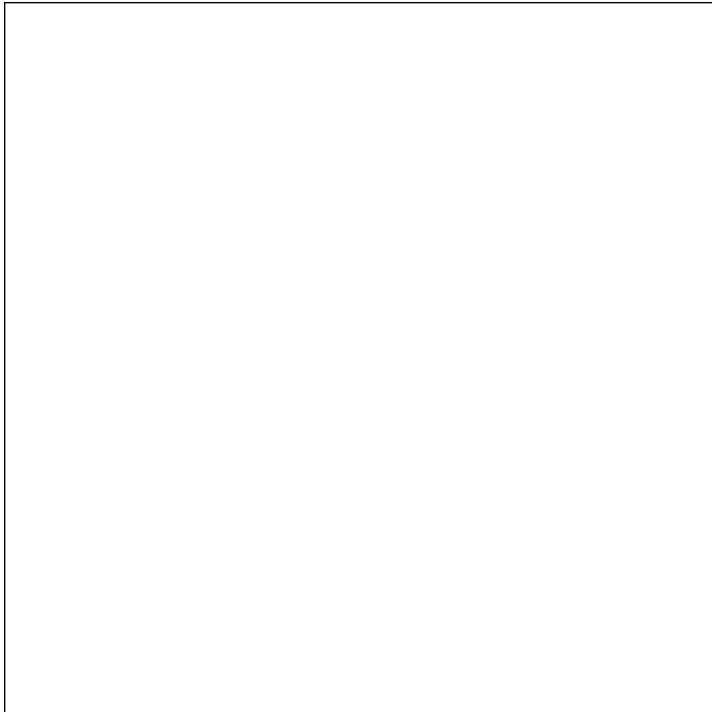




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يَحْمِلُ تُومُ طَبَقَ الْمَوْزِ النَّاضِجِ.

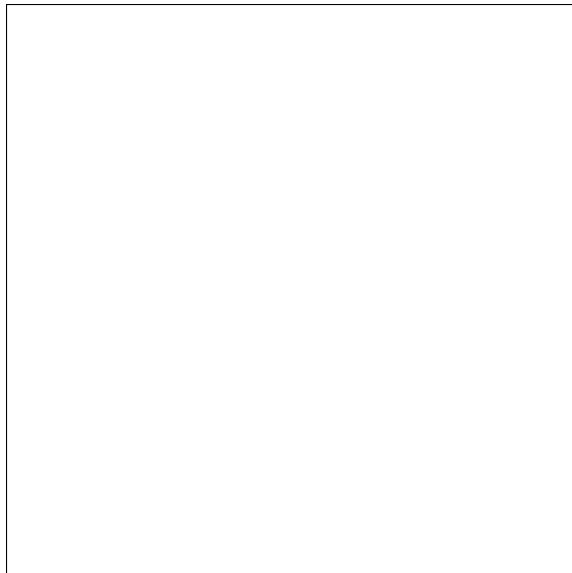
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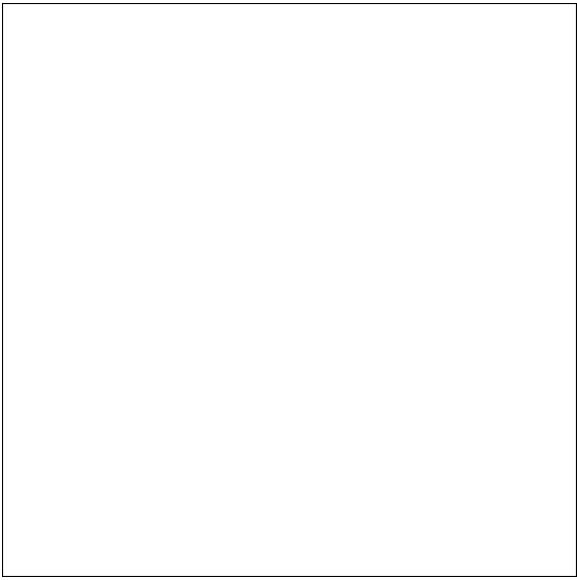
Tom carries a tray of ripe bananas.

Tom goes to the market to sell bananas.

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توم بازاراً ذهباً لبيع الموز.

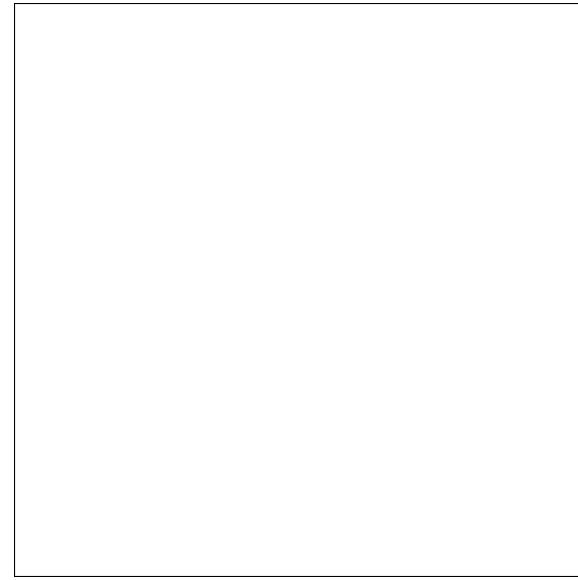




النَّاسُ فِي السُّوقِ يَشْتَرُونَ الْفَاكِهَةِ.

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People at the market are buying fruit.



وَضَعَ ثُومً الطَّبَقَ عَلَى رَأْسِهِ وَرَجَعَ إِلَى مَنْزِلِهِ.

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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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But no one is buying Tom's bananas. They prefer to buy fruit from women.  
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يُقُولُ النَّاسُ "فِي مُجَتمِعِنَا لَا يَبْيَغُ الْفَاكِهَةُ إِلَّا النِّسَاءُ" وَيَتَسَاءَلُونَ  
"مَا نَوْعُ هَذَا الرَّجُل؟"

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

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أَفْرَغَ الطَّبَقَ بِسُرْعَةٍ. أَخَذَ ثُومً يُحْصِي الْمَالَ الَّذِي رَبَحَهُ.

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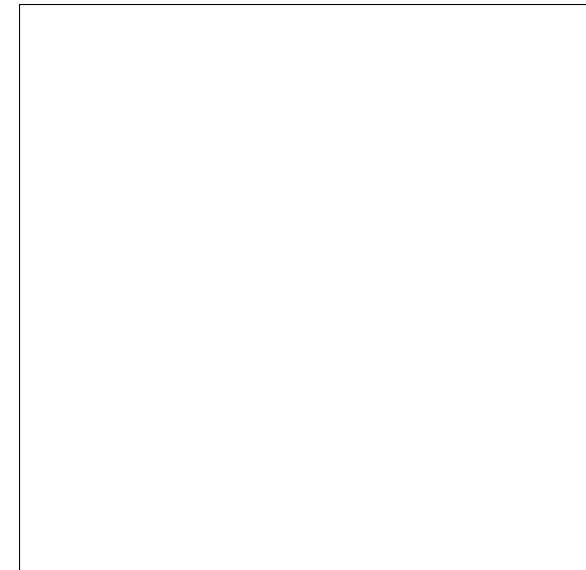
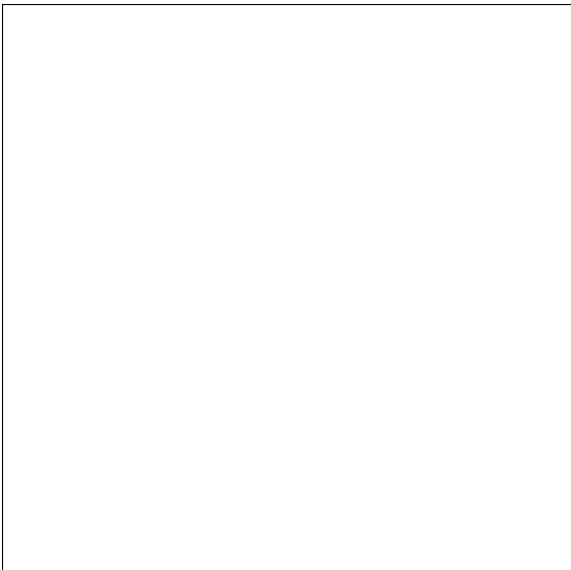
Soon, the tray is empty. Tom counts the money  
he earned.

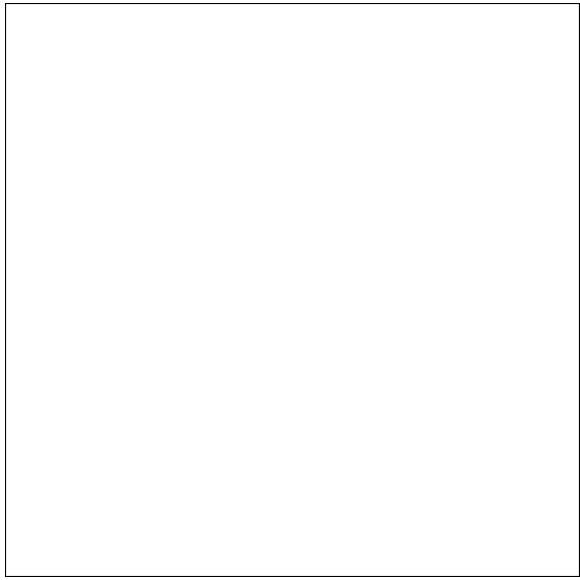
But Tom does not give up. He calls, "Buy my bananas! Buy my sweet ripe bananas!"

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

“**କୁଳାଳି ପାତା**”  
କୁଳାଳି ରୂପ ରୂପାଳୀଙ୍କ ଅଛି କୁଳାଳିରେ “**କୁଳାଳି ପାତା**” ... “**କୁଳାଳି ପାତା**”

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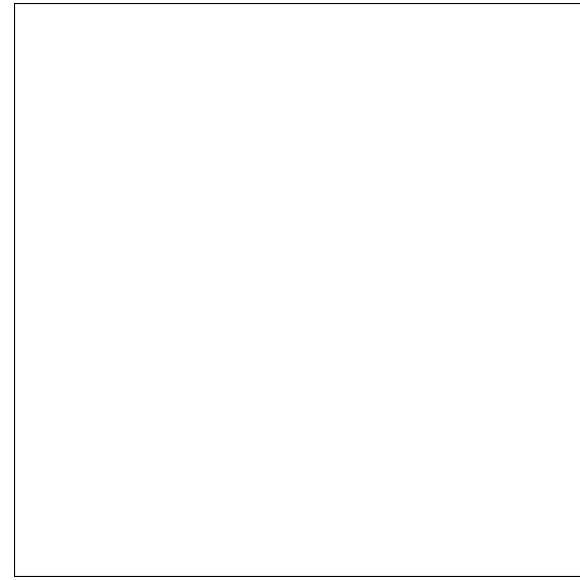




أخذت امرأة حزمة المؤذ من على الطبق وتفحصتها بعناية.

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



اشترت المرأة المؤذ.

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The woman buys the bananas.