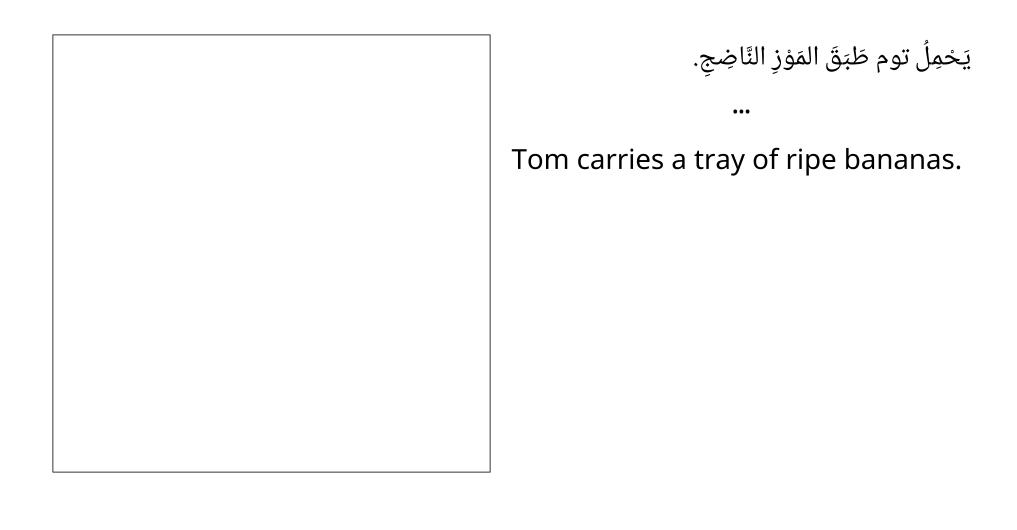
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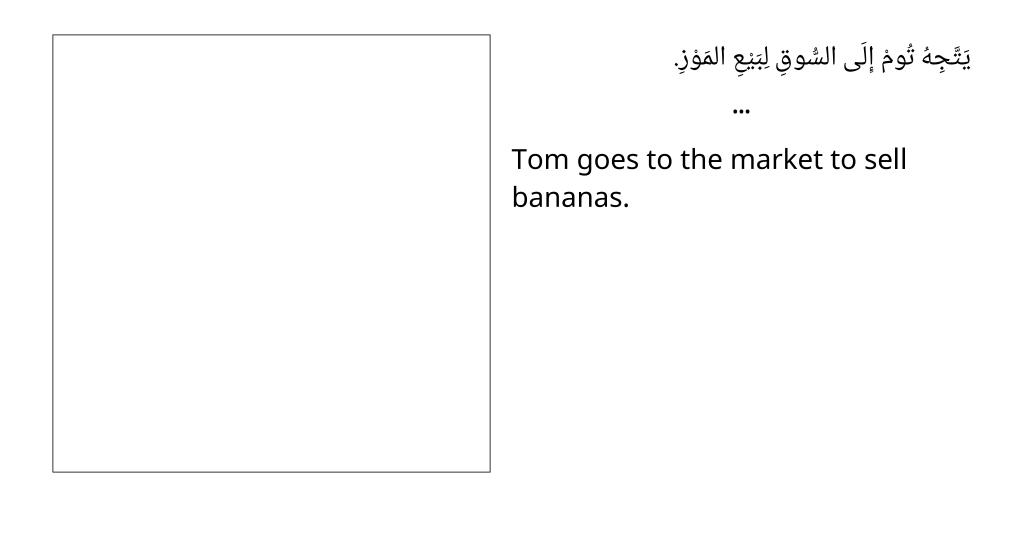
Tom the banana seller

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لنَّاسُ فِي السُّوقِ يَشْتَرُونَ الفَاكِهَة.
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People at the market are buying fruit.

لَكِنْ لاَ أَحَدَ يَشْتَرِي مَوْزَاتِ تُومْ. إِنَّهُمْ يُحَبِّذُونَ شِرَاءَ الفَاكِهَةِ مِنَ النَّسَاءِ.

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

يَقُولُ النَّاسُ "فِي مُجْتَمَعِنَا لاَ يَبِيعُ الفَاكِهَةَ إِلاَّ النِّسَاءُ" وَيَتَسَاءَلُونَ "مَا نَوْعُ هَذَا الرَّجُلِ؟"

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

لَكِنَّ تُومْ لاَ يَسْتَسْلِمُ. هَا هُوَ يُنَادِي "اِشْتَرُوا مَوْزِي ... اِشْتَرُوا مَوْزِيَ النَّاضِجَ اللَّذِيذَ."

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

أَخَذَتْ امْرَأَةٌ حِزْمَةَ المَوْزِ مِنْ عَلَى الطَّبَقِ وَتَفَحَّصَتْهَا بِعِنَايَةٍ.

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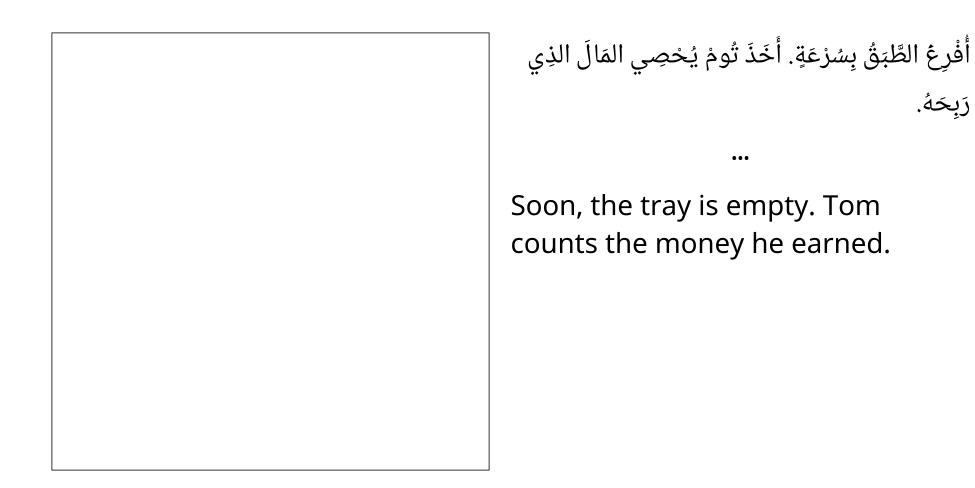
One woman picks up a bunch of bananas from the tray. She looks at the bananas carefully.

شْتَرَتْ المَرْأَةُ المَوْزَ.
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The woman buys the bananas.

تَوَافَدَ النَّاسُ عَلَى المِنْضَدَةِ. يَشْتَرُونَ مَوْزَاتِ تُومْ وَيَأْكُلُونَهَا.

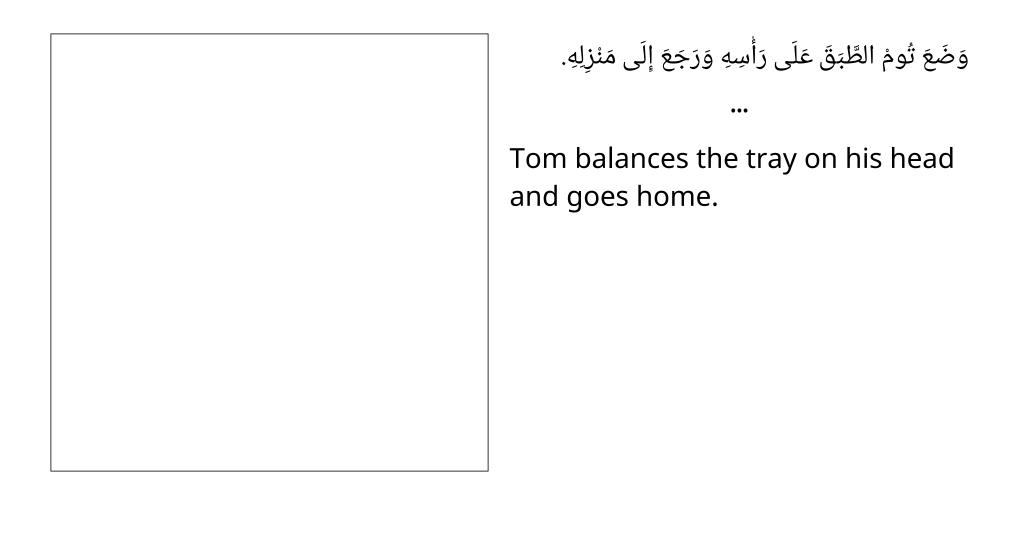
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More people come to the stall. They buy Tom's bananas and eat them.



ثُمَّ اشْتَرَى تُومْ صَابُونًا وَسُكِرًا وَخُبْزًا وَوَضَعَ المُشْتَرَيَاتِ فِي الطَّبَقِ. ...

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





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