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## 3. The Clever Monkey

Once upon a time, a monkey lived on a tree along a river. In the middle of the river was a small island full of trees with juicy fruits. The monkey was happy all the time because by just hopping on a stone, he could reach the small island.

A crocodile lived nearby, and every day he looked at the monkey hopping in and out of the island. He always believed that the monkey was a perfect lunch, but the monkey was so clever that the crocodile could not catch the monkey.

Finally, the crocodile came up with a trick, and he was very excited about the plan!

The next day when the monkey was busy enjoying the fruits on the island, the crocodile silently sat on the stone. When the monkey was done eating, he wiped his mouth and looked at his way back. Suddenly, he realized that the stone was bigger than usual. He understood that it was the crocodile waiting for him, so he talked to that stone.

“Is that you, Mr. Crocodile?”

“No, no, it’s not me.”

The monkey knew that the crocodile was dumb, so he called out to the crocodile again, “Oh, you surely caught me this time! I can make your job easier. Just open your mouth, and I’ll jump into it on my own.”

The foolish crocodile opened his mouth with his eyes closed and waited for the monkey to jump. The clever monkey hopped on the head of the crocodile and crossed the river.

“You couldn’t fool me this time, either!”

With clear and clever thinking, the monkey tricked the foolish crocodile.