



Rambutans for Yaki
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Wild rambutans are delicious, but they are getting more difficult to find. They are Yaki's favorite fruit.



"Come on. Let's go find some rambutans!"
Yaki says, encouraging his friends.



The monkeys go farther...and farther...until
Yaki sees a lot of rambutans!



Suddenly, one of Yaki's friends screams, "Ouch! The fence bites!" "My head hurts!" another one cries. A person holding a stick looks angry at them. "Run!" Yaki shouts.



Tired of running, Yaki stops. It's rather quiet here.

Many of Yaki's friends have run away.



Hurray! These rambutans look delicious, and Yaki does not have to climb.



Plop! Oh no!

It was a trap.

The rambutans were the bait!



Fortunately, Yaki moves fast.
He escapes with his friends just when the
owner of the farm starts to chase them.
"Hurry! Run!" Yaki shouts.



“Well, this rambutan farm looks safe,” Yaki says.

Wait, where are Yaki’s friends?

Oh, Yaki is alone!



Yaki is worried. Should he run back home?
But he is terribly hungry.
The farm owner comes! Yaki hides
immediately.



Screech...

The farm owner is holding a stick too!

Yaki does not want to be hit.



"Oh," Yaki thinks. "He only uses that stick to get the rambutans."



Uh-oh! The farm owner is staring at Yaki now!
Will he use the basket to catch Yaki?



"Oh," Yaki realizes. "The basket is for collecting the rambutans."

Yaki approaches slowly.

The farm owner is looking at him.



"Grrr...woof...woof..." The dog barks loudly.

Yaki is afraid.

"Oh," Yaki thinks. "The farm owner is holding his dog tightly."

Yaki does not need to be afraid that the dog will attack him.



“What is he going to do?” Yaki wonders. Maybe he will let Yaki take the rambutans? Yaki doesn’t really believe what he sees. He walks slowly toward the rambutans.



Yay! He means it! The farm owner allows Yaki to eat the rambutans.



Hurray! Yaki is no longer anxious.
He eats the rambutans until he is full and
can't eat anymore.



The character of this book is a Heck's macaque (*Macaca hecki*), a monkey from Gorontalo, North Sulawesi, Indonesia. Many forests are used as farms. That's why it is difficult for Yaki and his friends to find food. Sometimes they have to find food on the farms. Some farmers hurt Yaki and his friends when they chase them from their farms.

Fortunately, not all farm owners want to hurt

Yaki. There is a farmer named Pak Sartam who lives side by side with these monkeys. Pak Sartam allows half his farm to be enjoyed by the monkeys and other forest animals.

Thanks to Mr. Sartam, the preservation of flora and fauna in the Gorontalo forest is maintained. The Indonesian government named Pak Sartam as an environmental inspiration in 2019. BirdLife International, a conservation organization, awarded him the BirdLife Nature's Hero Award in 2019.

Maybe you can be like Mr. Sartam and save animals like Yaki!

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