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Piano Trouble

One day, Momo the monkey wanted to try something new. Now Momo was not a normal monkey. Instead of eating bananas or hanging on the vines, he was interested in trying new things. While he was talking with his friends, one of his friends mentioned about a talent show coming up in one week. He thought to himself that he was going to impress everybody at the show by doing something he hasn't done before. After the conversation was over, he went back to his tree and started thinking of things he could perform. He wrote a ton of ideas but some of them took too long to master. Instead, he crossed out some of the ideas and the only ones that were left were art, and music. The next day, he went to his friends' trees and they gathered up to debate on what Momo should do, but they got into an argument instead. So they ended up voting for it. In the end, music won. Now, he had to choose an instrument to play. He chose piano because when he was at last year's talent show, one monkey played the piano and he became famous in the jungle. Everybody in the jungle knew the monkey, from ants to birds, even the crabs surrounding the island where the jungle is. So he thought to himself, *I can also be that monkey, I just need to practice.* So he went to bed and started dreaming about himself being known from everywhere on the island. With only six days left, he found a piano shop and used all his bananas to buy one. When he tried to lift it, he realized that it was too heavy. So the shopkeeper helped him carry the piano back to his tree. After the shopkeeper left, he had to practice. So he asked his 5 friends for bananas so he could get a piano teacher. They accepted and gave him 25 bananas. Then, he went all over the jungle to find a piano teacher. Eventually, he stumbled into a monkey who was willing to be his teacher and the teacher said, "The price is 4 bananas each day." Momo thought about that for a moment and he realized that he only needed 5 days to prepare because on the day of the talent show, he just had to warm up. So he did the math and he told his

teacher, "Okay, I need you to teach me for 5 days." His teacher said, "Okay that would be 20 bananas." So Momo gave the teacher 20 bananas. Then they went to Momo's tree and shared some facts about themselves like their name. Momo said, "My name is Momo, what's your name?" The teacher replied, "My name is Bobo, you can call me Miss Bobo or Teacher Bobo." Then Miss Bobo pulled out a book that said on the title, "A Book For Beginner Pianists," Miss Bobo put the book on the piano so Momo could see it. Miss Bobo taught Momo all the notes. She also taught Momo 3 of the 12 major scales. The scales were the C major scale, G major scale, and the D major scale. After about an hour, she left and told Momo to memorize the notes on the piano and the 3 scales she taught him, but Momo had one question, what were the black keys for? So before Miss Bobo left, he asked his question. Miss Bobo said, " We will talk about that tomorrow." Momo went back to his piano and started to practice and memorize the notes and scales. After that, he brushed his teeth and went to bed. The next morning, he did the same thing, practice and memorize the notes and scales. Then by afternoon, Miss Bobo came back and said, "Did you practice and memorize the scales?" Momo said, "Yes." Then she introduced Momo to the black keys and what they were. Then, to Momo's surprise, she gave him a piece. She helped Momo as they looked through the piano piece. Slowly but surely, Momo got the hang of it. Miss Bobo then left and said to Momo, "All you have to do is to memorize the piece." Momo wasn't sure if he could but he tried. After he memorized the piece, he brushed his teeth and went to sleep. By now, Momo had a schedule: eat breakfast, practice the piano, eat lunch, talk to his friends, have his piano lesson, eat dinner, brush teeth, and go to bed. During the lesson, the teacher said, "Momo, you have a talent for the piano, this may seem hard, but I know you can do it." Miss Bobo gave Momo a different piece. She said, " This piece is a big jump from the one you were just playing, but if you practice enough, you can do it." So every day he did the same thing, eat breakfast, practice the piano, eat lunch, talk to his friends, have his piano lesson, eat dinner, brush teeth, and go to bed. Slowly, he started to get better and better at his piece. Then, the day of the talent show came. Before it was Momo's turn to perform, she talked to his teacher and Miss Bobo said, "Try to stay calm, once you finish, you can come talk to me."

Momo nodded. A few minutes later, it was his turn to play. He bowed and sat on the chair. He calmed his nerves, thought about all the notes and started to play. He knew if he played it flawlessly, everybody would celebrate him. While he was playing, he caught a glimpse of his friends in the crowd of animals. He knew that his friends would be very disappointed if he failed. Even though he was only halfway into his piece, he kept playing. After he was playing, he bowed again and walked off the stage and to Miss Bobo. Miss Bobo said, "I'm so proud of you!" After everybody finished performing, they all went back to the stage and bowed altogether. The audience clapped and threw flowers at them. The day after the talent show, Momo woke up to find a crowd at his tree. He went down his tree and asked why they were there. One animal replied, "Because you were the best at the talent show!" He then spotted his friends and everybody celebrated. He celebrated with them and hosted a party. He also invited his teacher and Miss Bobo came. Just like that, Momo became well known in the jungle. But that's not what he learned, he learned that teamwork and determination can lead to success. For the rest of the day, they and fun, ate many fruits, and had lots of fun. By the end of day, he was so tired that by the time he got to bed, he fell asleep before he could pull the blanket on him. And just like that, he became famous.