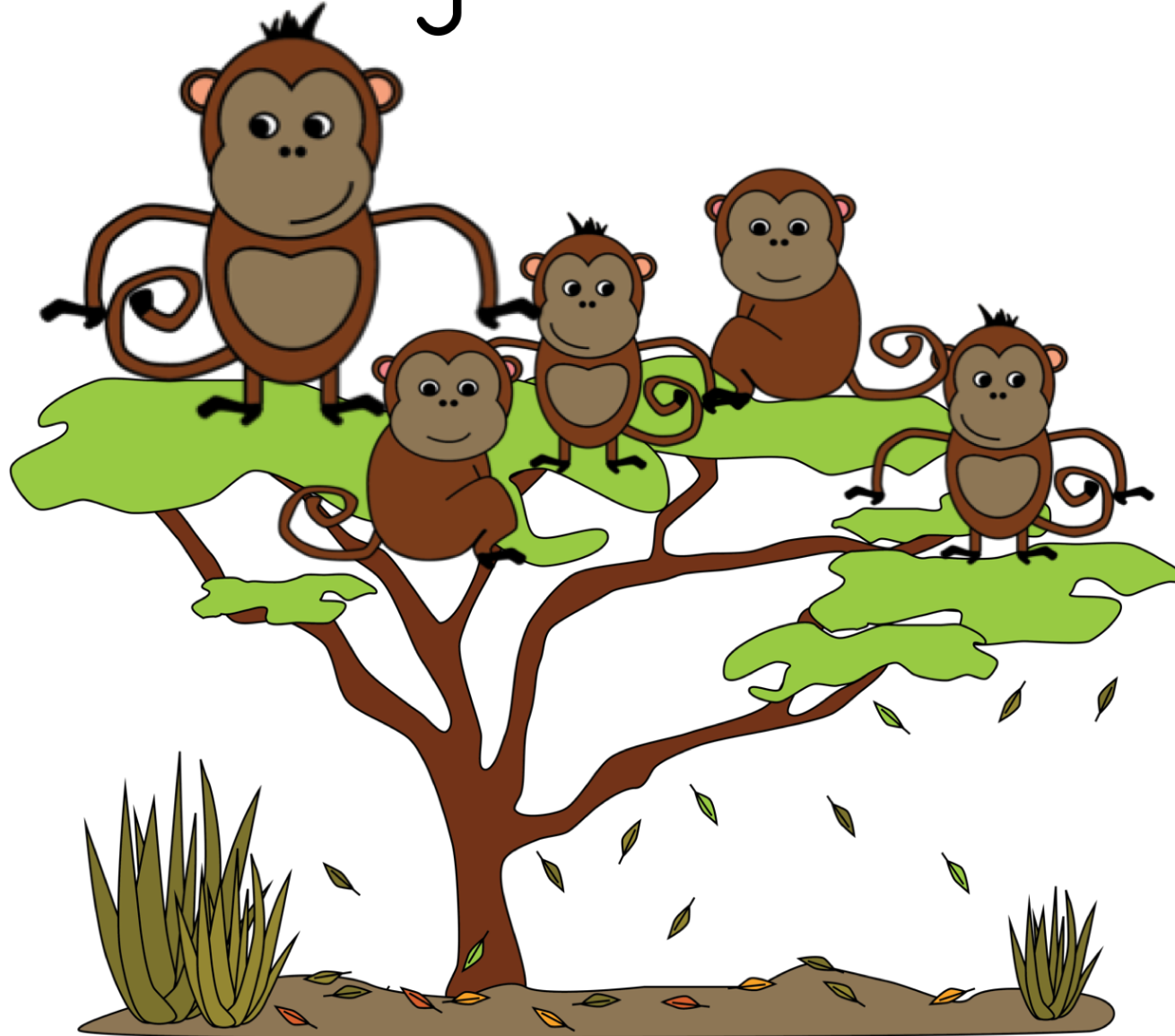


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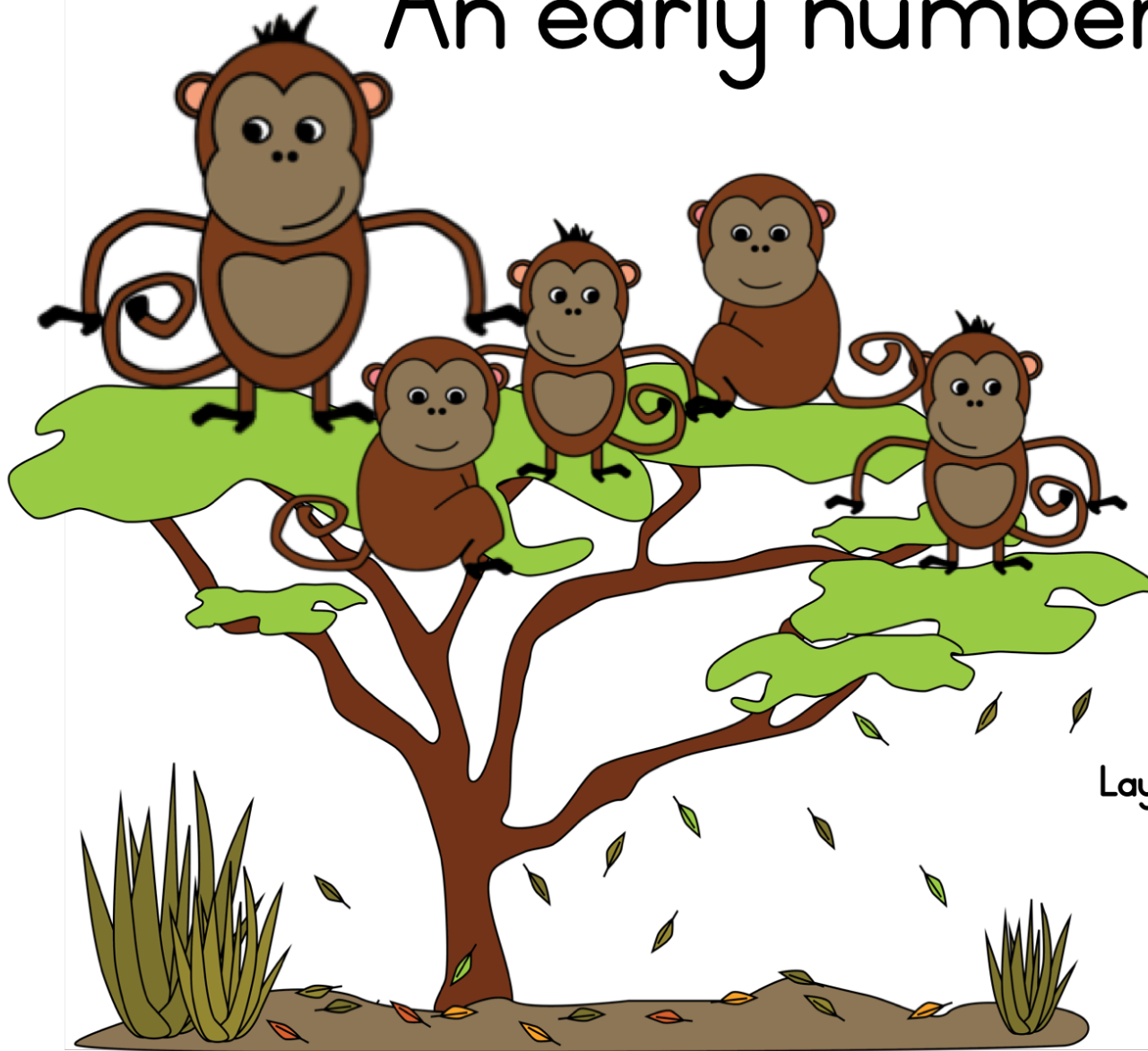
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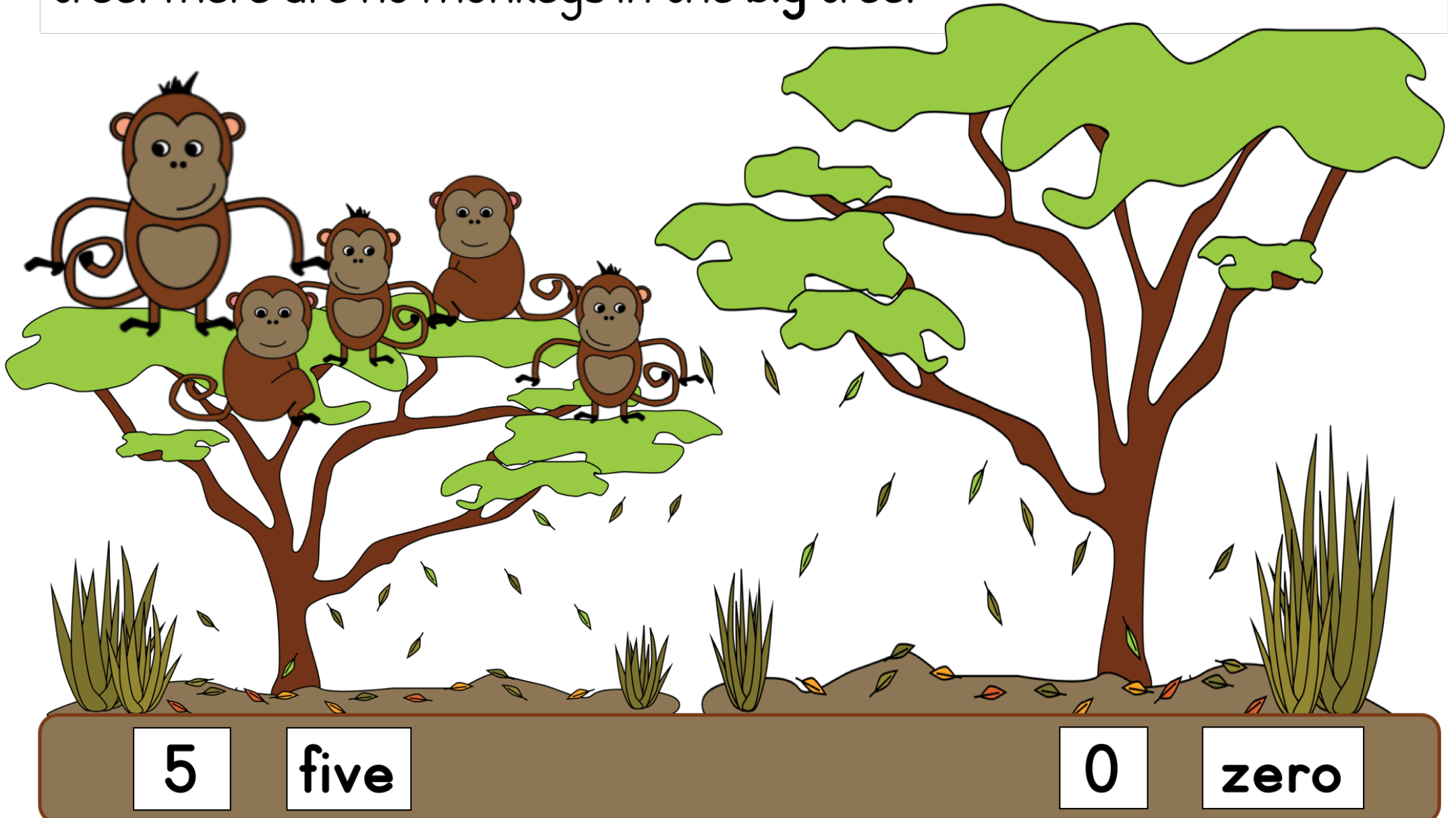
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Five monkeys in the small tree.

Minky Monkey moans: There are too many monkeys in this small tree. There are no monkeys in the **big** tree.



What do you think
will happen next?

One monkey jumps to the **big** tree

Minky Monkey moans: There are still more monkeys in this small tree and less in the **big** tree.



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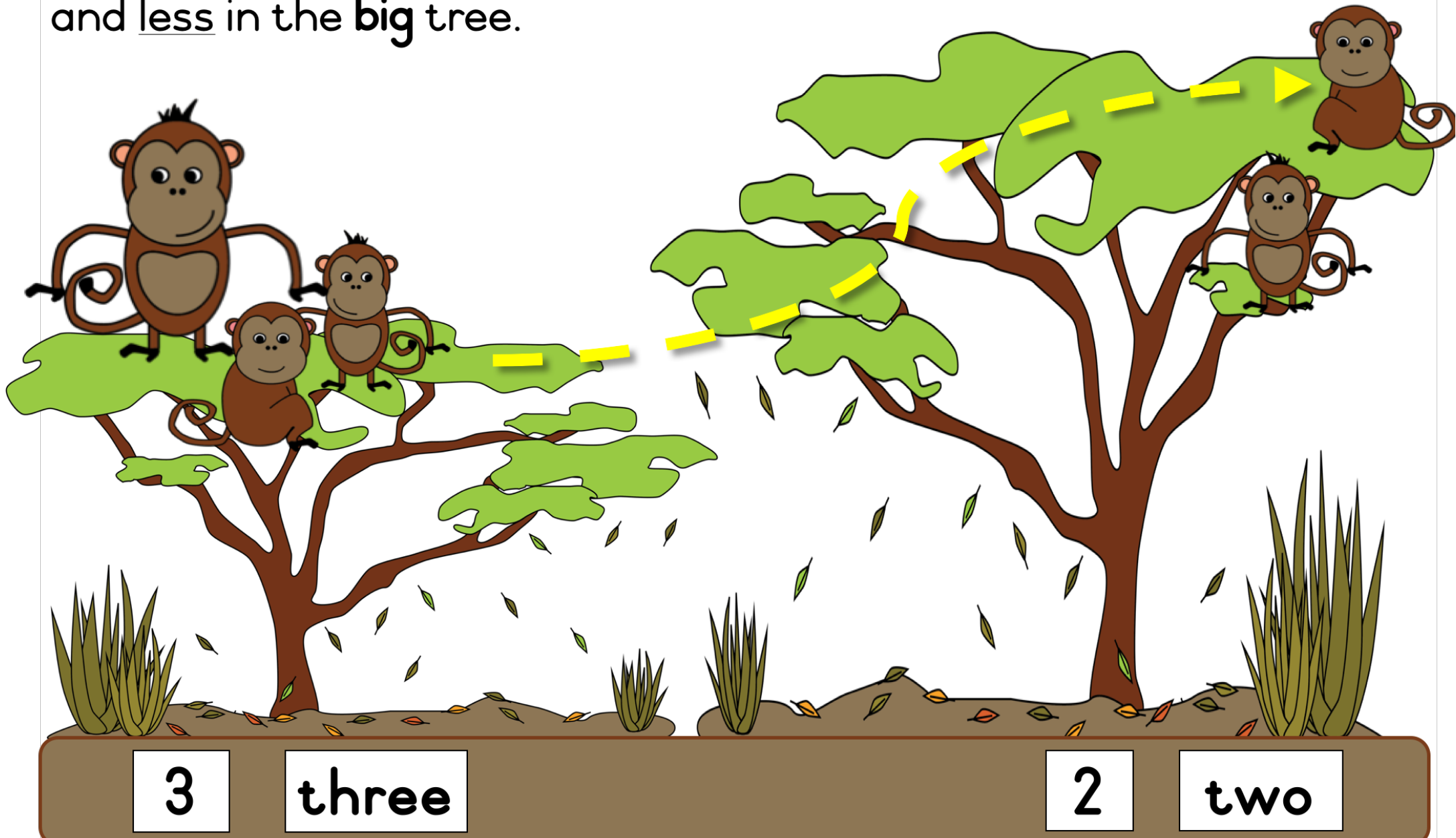
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What do you think
will happen next?

One monkey jumps to the **big** tree.

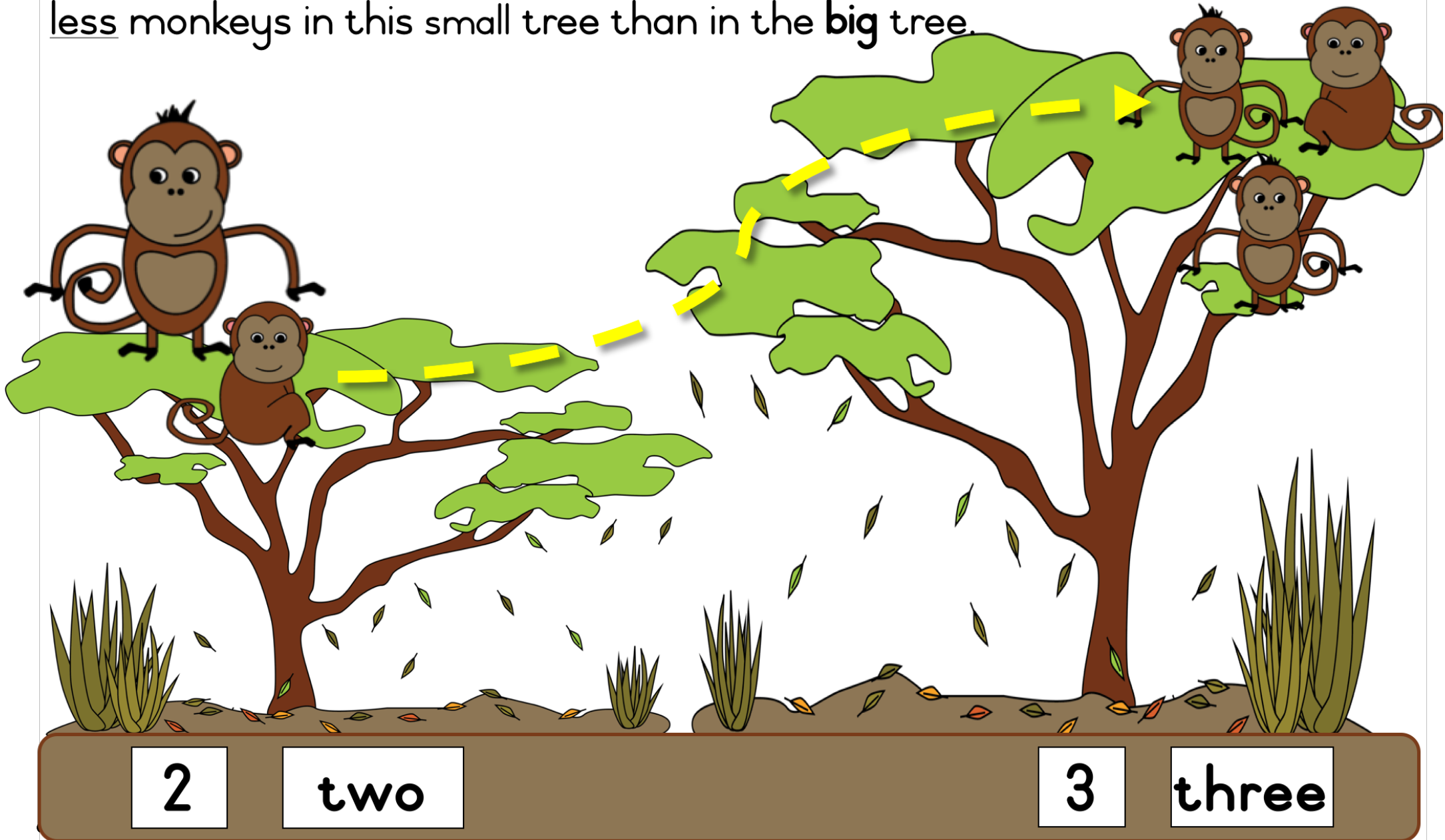
Minky Monkey moans: There are still more monkeys in this small tree and less in the **big** tree.



What do you think
will happen next?

One monkey jumps to the **big** tree.

Minky Monkey still moans: There are two of us in this small tree. There are less monkeys in this small tree than in the **big** tree.

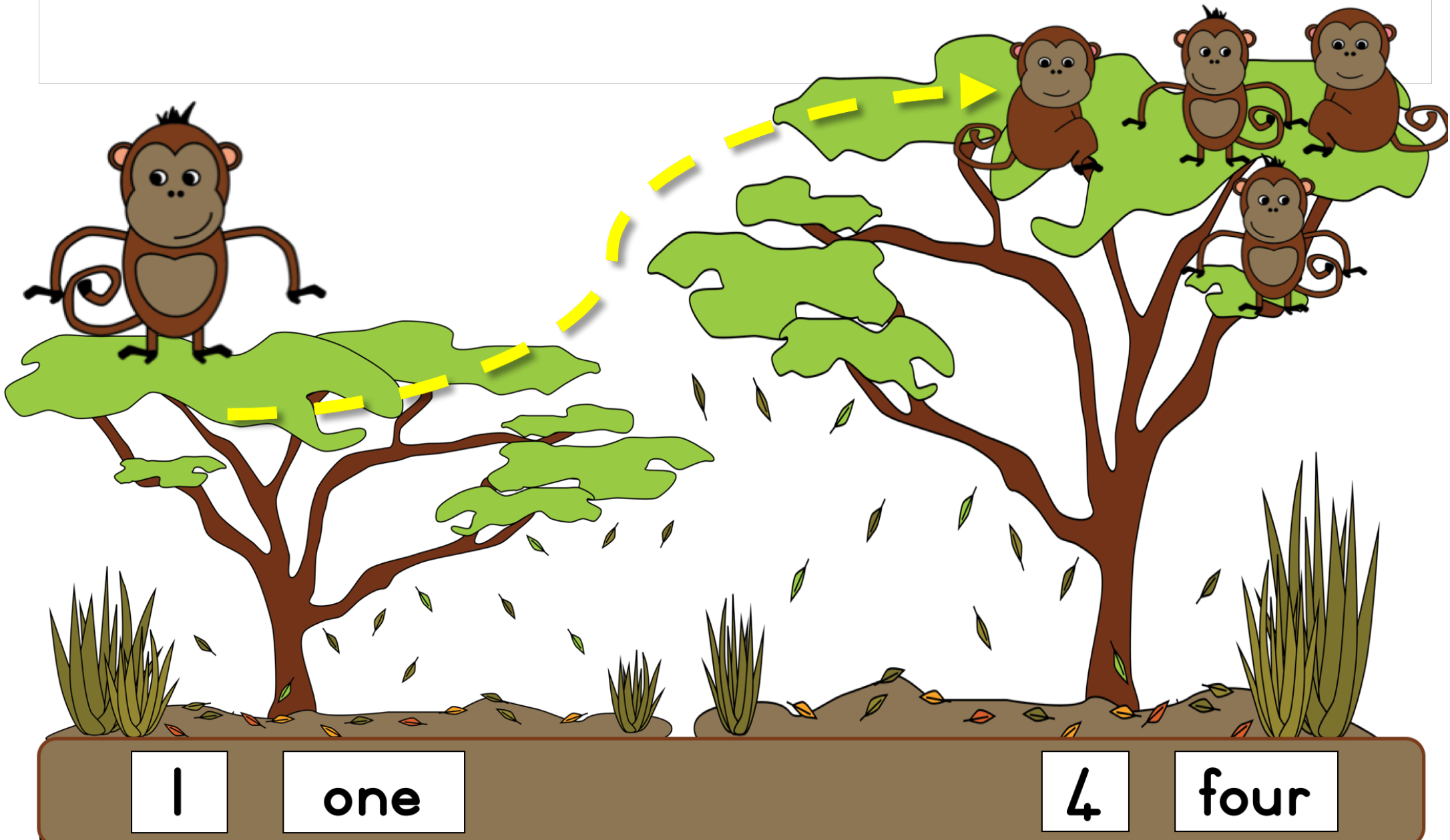


Is Minky Monkey
right?

What do you think
will happen next?

One monkey jumps to the **big** tree.

Minky Monkey still moans: I am all alone! I am lonely.



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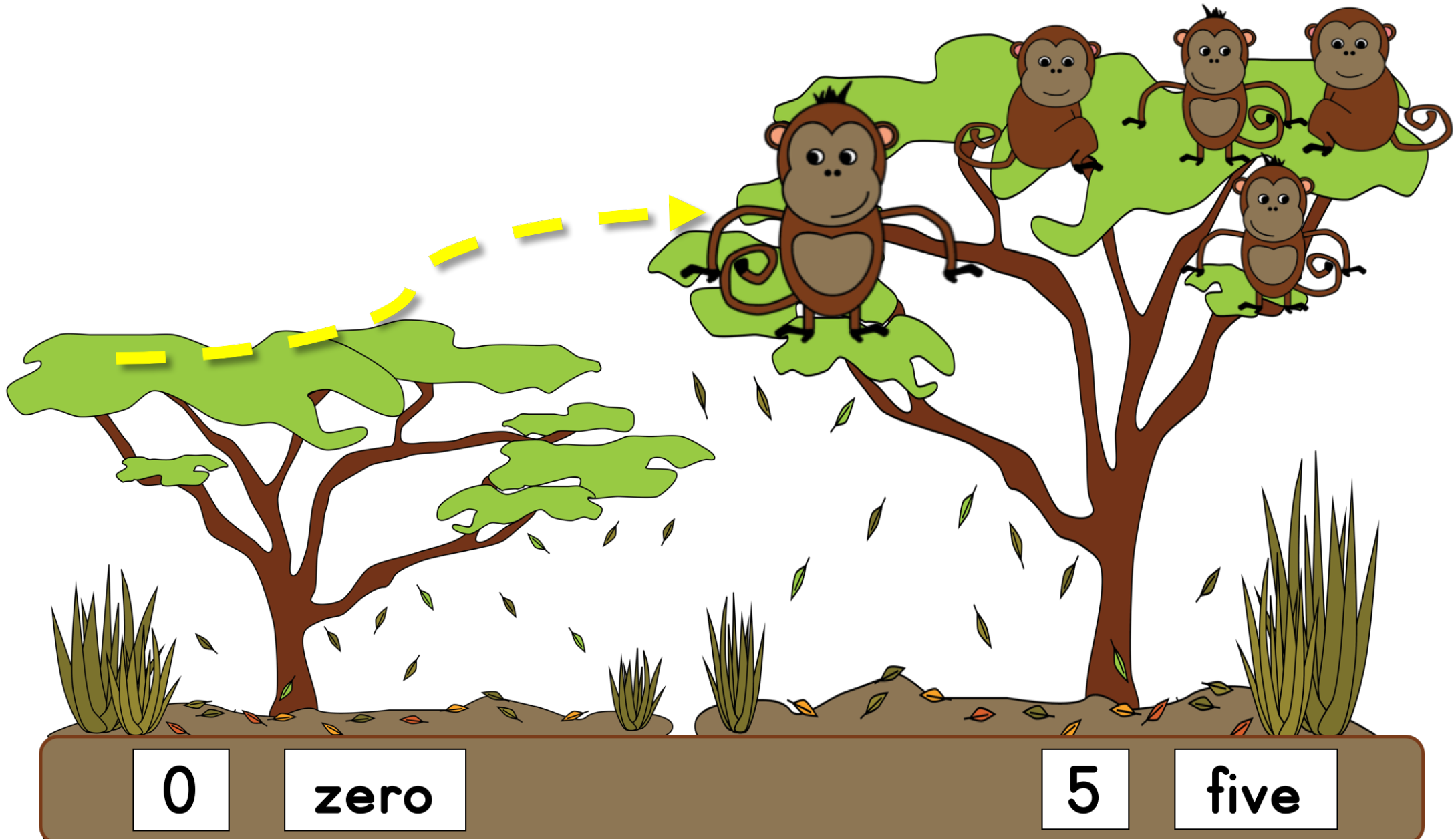
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What do you think
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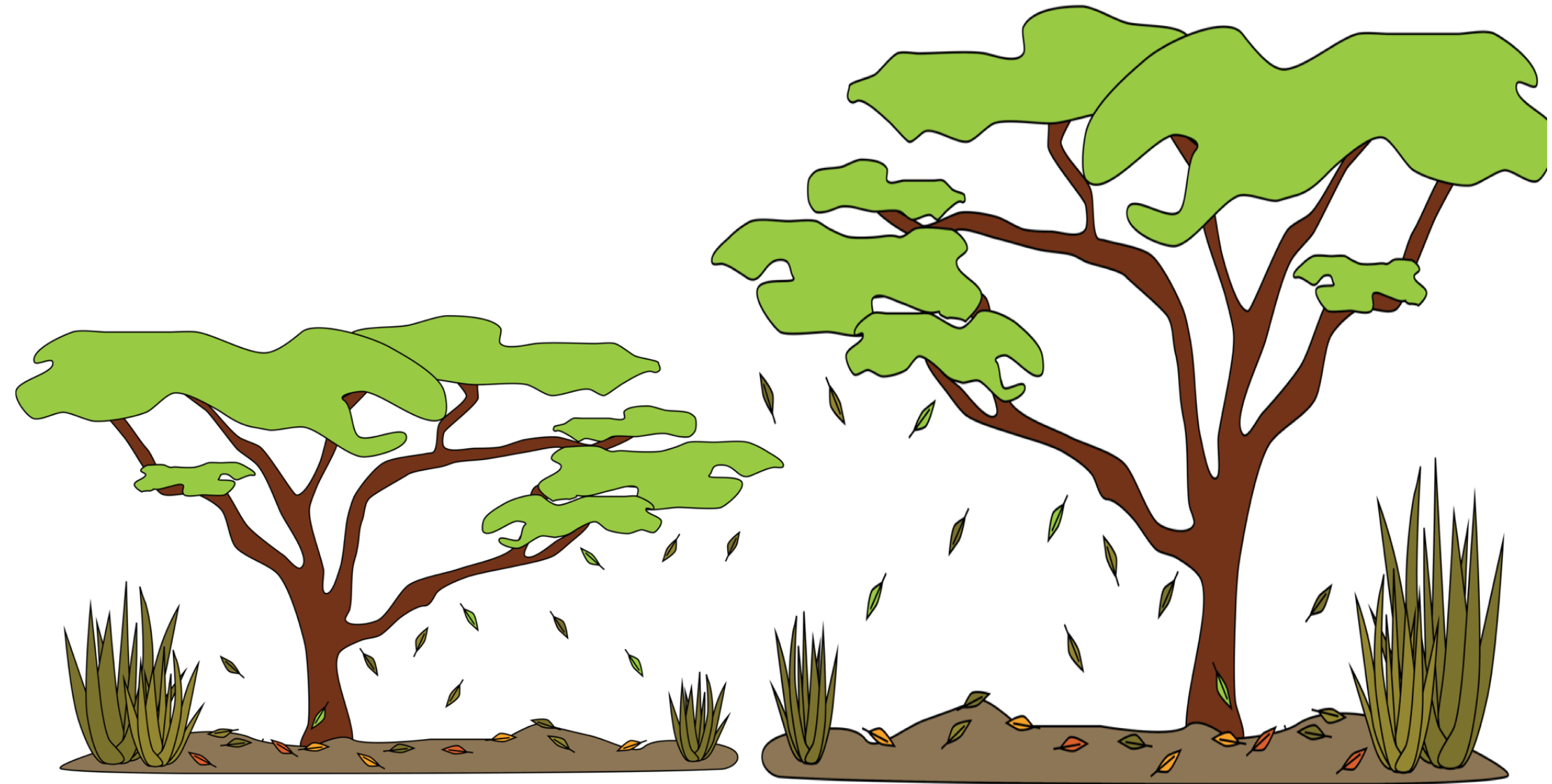
Minky Monkey jumps to the **big** tree.

Five monkeys having fun in the **big** tree.

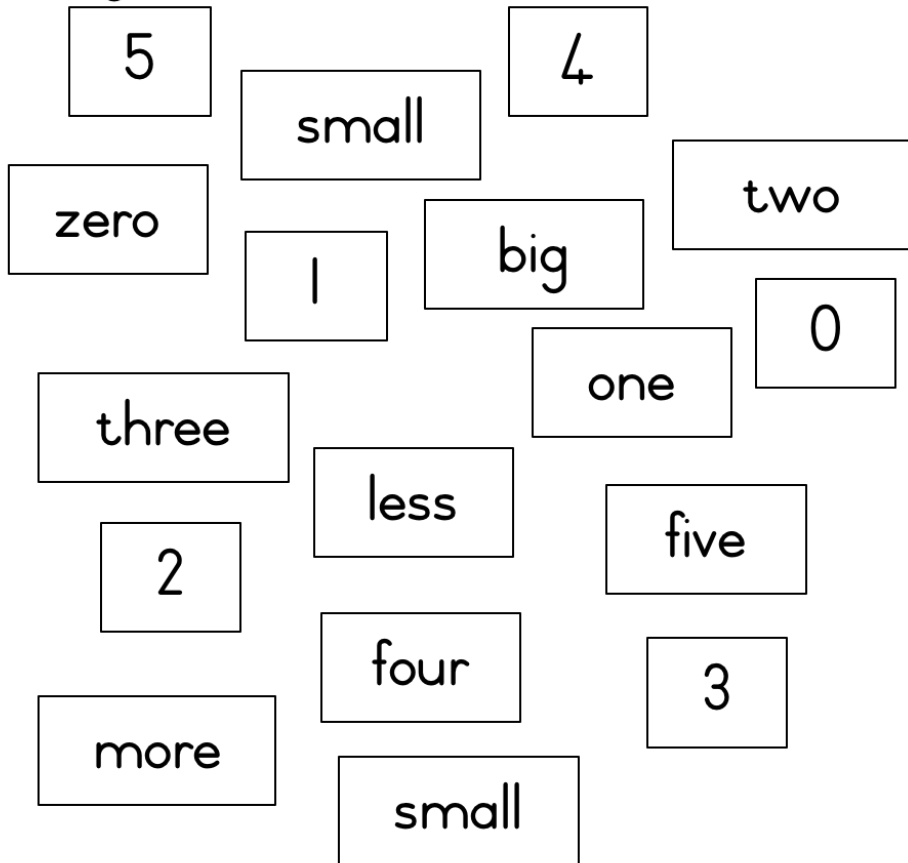


Minky Monkey says:
Thanks for being my
friend!

Use monkey drawings, stones, toys or any other objects to tell your own story about monkeys and trees.



Key words and numerals



Ask children to find the

- numerals 0 to 5,
- number words zero to five,
- comparative words more, less, big and small.

Tips for using this book:

- Talk about what might happen next, before you turn over each page.
- Draw attention to the key words and numerals on each page.
- Talk about the combinations of numbers (5 & 0; 4 & 1; 3 & 2) that together make 5.
- After the story, talk about what happened in the story.
- Ask children to re-tell the story.
- Ask children to pretend read the story.



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