

## Animal Rescue!

It was an unbearably hot and humid midnight in early August. Ken was tossing and turning in his bed, fighting the heat in the room. It was dark and quiet. The only sound that he could hear was his little brother's snore.

Suddenly, Ken heard a strange noise coming from the flat next door. It sounded like a baby's wail. 'That's strange,' Ken thought. 'the neighbours have already moved out. The unit should be empty. Could it be a ...?' Ken shuddered at the thought.

'Tom, wake up!' Ken shook his brother hard. 'Did you hear that noise?'

Half asleep, Tom forced his eye open. 'What noise? There's no noise. You must be dreaming.' Just at that moment, they heard another wail.

Feeling curious, Tom jumped out of bed and strode across the room.

'Where are you going?' asked Ken uneasily.

'To investigate,' replied Tom boldly.

Before Ken could stop his brother, Tom was already out in the corridor.

'Come here, Ken,' Tom ordered. 'I'll stand on your shoulders and look through the window up there,' Reluctantly, Ken moved forward, knelt down and let Tom climb up his shoulders.

'Can you see anything?' Ken asked nervously.

'Yes, but only boxes.' Just at that moment, they heard a wail coming from one of the boxes. 'Someone must have left a baby in the box. We'd better go and take a look.

Ken refused to go inside the room, but Tom had opened the door already. There was one box in the middle of the room where the sounds were coming from. The box was a real mystery which attracted them to investigate it. Their heart beat faster and faster.

Suddenly, the box dropped over and a little chimpanzee was coming out. "Oh! What's that? It's ugly." Ken shouted. The chimpanzee was very weak, so they bought it back to their room and fed it with milk from the fridge. "Do chimpanzees eat bananas?" asked Tom. "I don't know." Ken replied. "Should we call the police? It's an endangered animal." Ken asked. Tom said boldly, "I oppose! I want to keep it!" Ken agreed.

Day by day, the chimpanzee grew up quickly. It was so big that they could not keep it in their room anymore. They decided to take it to the zoo, which is the only way they could do. Tears ran down from their faces. They did not have any better choice.

They stayed in the zoo with the chimpanzee for the whole day and they determined to leave finally. Since then, it became famous in the zoo because of Tom and Ken.