

A Monkey and Two Cats Once a cake was stolen by two cats from a house. But they did not want to share it. Each of the cats claimed that it was his earning and that he was not prepared to give a share to the other. When their quarrel reached the climax, a monkey appeared on the scene. He offered himself to solve the dispute. He heard the case and opined that as they were good friends, they should share the cake equally. And he offered himself to divide the cake into two equal parts for them. Somehow the cats agreed to his suggestion. Then the monkey took and divided the cake into two parts. He weighed each of the parts separately, and found that one was heavier than the other. So he gave a good bite to the heavier piece to make it of lesser weight, and weighed it again. Now he found the other part heavier.

So again, he gave a good bite to the heavier piece and put it on the scale. Now it appeared to be of lesser weight. Again, he gave a good bite to the presently heavier piece to make it equal in weight to the other. But none of the two pieces appeared to be perfectly equal in weight. Now the cake was almost eaten up by the clever monkey this way. So the cats wanted the remaining parts back from the monkey.

At this, the monkey said that they cannot get them back, because he claims them as remuneration for his service to them. So saying, the monkey swallowed the remaining two small pieces of the cake and jumped high to the top of a tree, beyond the reach of the cats.