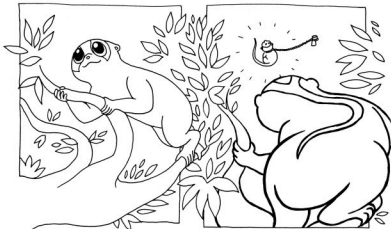


# The Sad Masked Monkey



On one bright morning, Tahini could not sleep and decided to go for a midday walk towards the village.

Suddenly he heard someone crying softly. It was a little monkey on a chain.



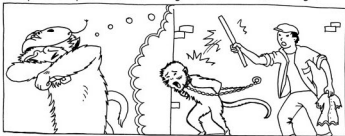
"Hey friendly monkey, why are you crying on a nice day like this?" Tahini asked.



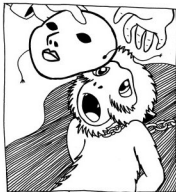
"I have a very sad story to tell you..." the little monkey replied.



"I used to live in the forest and play with my family. But a person captured me and brought me to the human village."



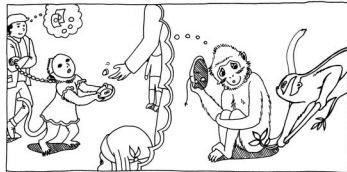
"He trained me to do tricks for the public. But what most people do not see is that monkeys are beaten by their owners."



"My owner forced me to wear clothes.. and a mask."



"The mask hides monkey tears."



"People on the street do not see my pain. They think it is funny and give me money. Because of the money people train and beat monkeys."



1. You can help monkeys to be happy again! First, do not give money to a monkey or his owner.



"What can we do to stop this?" Tahini asked.



2. Do not laugh. Remember that the monkeys are not happy but very sad.



3. Tell family and friends about what you learned. Monkeys belong in the forest, not on the streets.

Thank you!