

The Adventures of
MR. FILIO

Chapter 1:
The Hungry Jungle Gang

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To Caio,
And the hero in every child!



Amarelo is a city from afar,

Assembled like a banana – quite bizarre!

At the foot of the Tall Mountains and the shores of the
Gigantic Ocean,

Live the people of Amarelo who are the most welcoming
and open.



If ever their smiles turned to frowns
Or trouble came to knock them down,

The people would turn to the city's pint-sized hero -
The most beloved and amazing Mr. Filio.



In the city of Amarelo lives a young boy named Caio
With hair as golden as an angel's halo.

Caio lives with his Grandma Va and Aunt Mae

Both well-known for their fine cookery and tasty banana-
filet.



Everyday Caio would help Va and Mae in the kitchen

To prepare delicious meals that could withstand all competition.

But for Caio, nothing could ever beat

Va and Mae's homemade "banana-thingie" treat.



Miles from Caio's home lies the Wild Beasts Jungle
Where untamed creatures freely roam and rumble.

Among them is the infamous Tiny Tempered Turtle
Known for her voracious appetite that makes her quite
verbal.



Turtle loves to eat but never to cook

Due to her slow speed and very cross-eyed look.

So, she calls on her friends, Great Green Gorilla and Big Black Bear

To help find her a cook who could make her hunger disappear.



So, one night, Gorilla and Bear sneak into the city of Amarelo

Searching for a cook that would please their friend Turtle.

With their nostrils wide-open and eyes full of wonder,
They search for an aroma that will make their mouths
water.



From house to house, they search left and right

Till they track down a smell that fills them with much
delight.

They creep and they crawl with unfaltering footing,

And what do they see? It's Grandma Va cooking!



With the city asleep

And not a single peep,

They grab Va with no struggle

And take her straight to the Jungle.



The very next morning, Caio awakes from bed

Eager to start the day with Va's delicious homemade bread.

And not forgetting his favorite banana-thingie.

Just the thought of it made him all giddy.



He calls out to Va as he enters the kitchen -

Only to see a worried Mae that looks very stricken.

“What’s wrong?” he asks as he touches her arm.

“It’s Grandma Va. She’s missing. She might be in harm.”



When such problems arose in the city of Amarelo,
A half-peeled banana was placed to signal Mr. Filio.

And so, Mae did just that without a question or doubt,
Placing a peel on the front porch to seek the hero out.



Meanwhile, Caio tiptoes to his room and closes the door
Trying to be discreet for what was in store.

He opens his closet and reaches deep inside
To pull out a disguise that he would need outside.



With all that he needs – piled together as one,

He starts to veil himself with garments until there are none.

No longer is he Caio from banana-shaped Amarelo.

Now he is the city's most beloved and amazing hero.



Finally, Mr. Filio arrives on the steps

Of the front porch where the signal was left.

As he nibbles away on the half-peeled fruit,

He begins his search of Va in his skin-hugging suit.



All around the neighborhood, he searches and looks

Until he finds strange footprints - maybe those of the crooks.

He decides to pursue the trail which leads him to stumble
Into the mysterious Wild Beasts Jungle.



Amongst the loud hisses, screeches, and whines,
Comes the sound of cries from behind the vines.

As Mr. Filio pushes them aside, he is finally able to see
A teary-eyed Va surrounded by a beastly gang of three.



Turtle looks up at the intruder and yells,

“Who are you? What brings you here? Please do tell!”

“I am Mr. Filio,” he replies with arms both crossed.

“I command you to release this woman and get lost!”



“We’ll see about that,” Turtle says flat-out.

And so, she signals her friends who start to grunt and snout.

As Green Gorilla and Black Bear jump forward to attack, Mr. Filio pulls out his Glue Gun in response to fight back.



He carefully scopes the area for Gorilla and Bear
And fires balls of glue from both afar and near.

Unable to dodge with no success,

Both get stuck to trees by the sticky mess.



With Gorilla and Bear out of the way,

A scared Turtle decides to hide tucked away.

As Mr. Filio walks towards where she dwells,

He scrutinizes the ground, trying to find her hard-shell.



Once Turtle's hiding spot is finally discovered,
She too is forced to join the others.

With her shell glued to the trunk of a tree,
Turtle pleads and begs to be set free.



But Mr. Filio does no such thing and instead replies,

“You shall wait till it wears off. And next time, try to be wise.”

And with that he takes Va out of the Jungle

And returns her back home - away from the trouble.



Later that day, Mae is happy to find
Grandma Va in the kitchen - safe with peace of mind.

“Was it Mr. Filio?” she asks with a curious air.

“Oh, yes,” Va smiles, “He’s quite the hero, my dear.”



Caio joins them - pretending to be impressed too

When Va tells them about Mr. Filio and her heroic rescue.

“Grandma Va, you’re back,” he says - sounding all upbeat.

“Now how about that delicious banana thingie treat?”



Making a Banana Thingie

Ingredients:

- 4 bananas
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of brown sugar
- 3 spoons of chocolate powder
- $\frac{1}{2}$ lemon (juice)

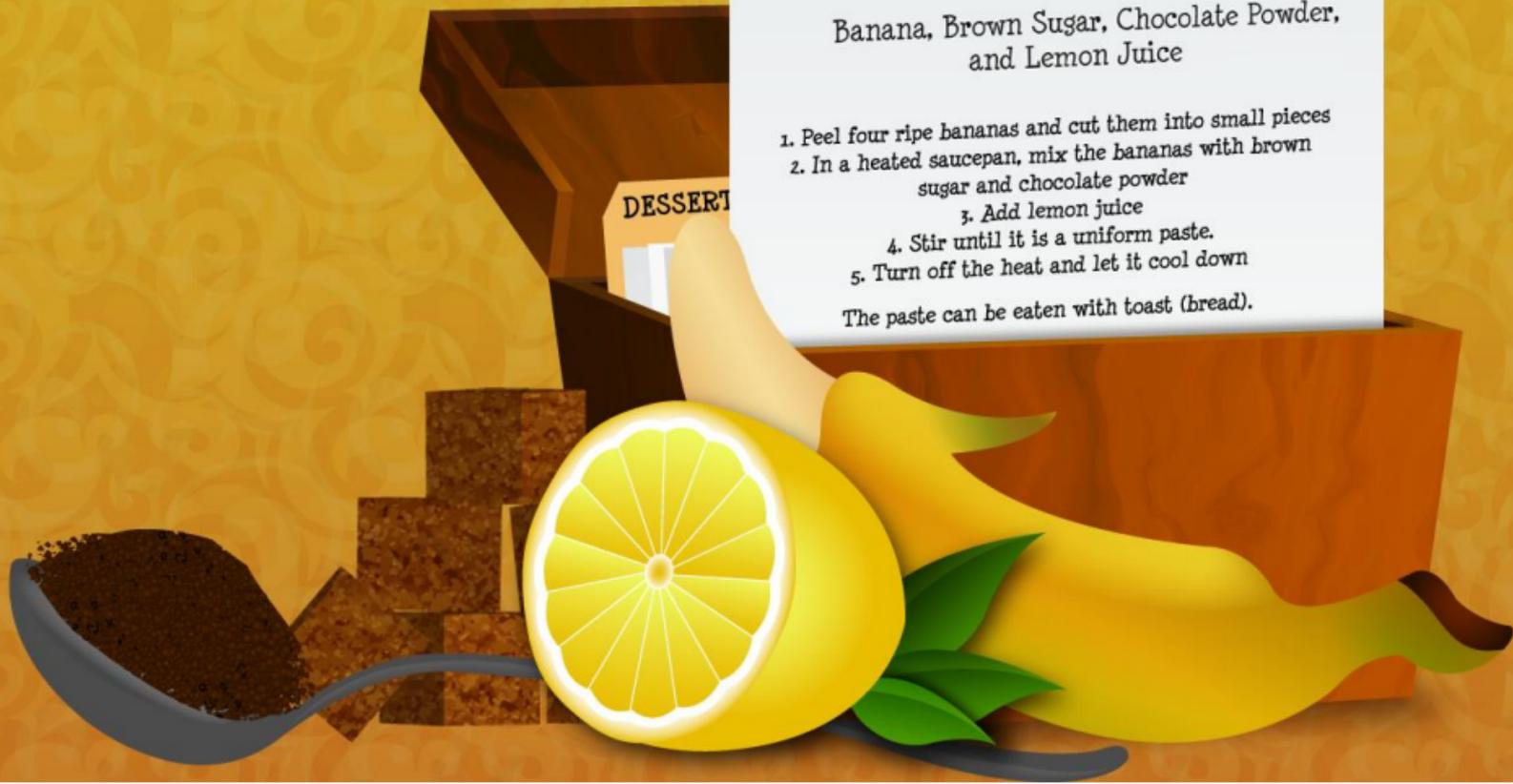
Banana Thingie

Ingredients:

Banana, Brown Sugar, Chocolate Powder,
and Lemon Juice

1. Peel four ripe bananas and cut them into small pieces
2. In a heated saucepan, mix the bananas with brown sugar and chocolate powder
3. Add lemon juice
4. Stir until it is a uniform paste.
5. Turn off the heat and let it cool down

The paste can be eaten with toast (bread).



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Mr. Filio and Va decide to make delicious food for the Hungry Jungle Gang and even teach them how to cook.

But will that make the Gang happy?

To know, and see more Mr. Filio adventures,
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