A Day in the Life of Hanuman-Based on Monkeys in My Backyard by Scharada Dubey Hanuman - The Most Mischievous of them all Hanuman was a naughty, cute and mischievous monkey who stayed in an orchard of coconut and litchi trees near the Gir forest of Gujarat. He was ginger coloured, lean and tall and would love to play pranks on his two brothers and little sister but would land up getting into trouble himself.

One morning Hanuman woke up with some other naughty tricks on his mind. He found himself snuggled up with his brothers and sister. He decided that he would play his first trick on Anjana, his youngest sister. He took a coconut from the tree, broke it in a way it wouldn’t show and drank up all the coconut water. He then got some litchis from a nearby tree and squeezed some juice out of it. He poured the juice into the coconut as he knew that she did not like litchis. Then he woke her up and gave her the coconut (with litchi juice in it) and told her that “Mamma has asked you to have this.” She being Mamma’s ladli (loving one) gulped it down and said “It is Yuck! tastes horrible…like litchi”. To this Hanuman replied “It is litchi, I fooled you.” She was so upset with him that she flung the coconut at him but he dodged it and ran into the nearby forest.

He decided to explore on his own, so he went off swinging from one tree to another and reached deep into the forest. After sometime, he could not find his way back home and was quite scared. He began searching everywhere, hoping to find his family, but was unable to do so. He was very sad as if it was the end of the world. His mom realized he was missing and started to look for him too. Finally, Hanuman found a coconut and knew he was somewhere close to his home. But a tiger came in front of him and he didn’t know what to do. At that moment, he saw his mom and frantically called out to her “Mamma, mamma, please help!” His mom flung down from a tree, caught him and rescued him to safety. He apologized to all of them for being troublesome and vowed never to repeat his mistake.

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