



The Rainforest Big Lunch

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One summers day, in the heart of Brazil,
The mighty rainforest seemed unusually still.

There was no roaring or howling, no squawking or
tweeting,

Because the rainforest animals were all having
meeting.

By the bank of the river, in an enormous clearing,
A huge crowd had gathered for the important
hearing.

Creatures had come from across the nation,
To discuss a rainforest celebration!

Something that would bring all the creatures
together,
Regardless of fur or scales or feather.

"It has to be special" the jaguars roar...
"A rainforest party like never before!"

The problem however, was easy to see,
None of the animals could seem to agree...

"It should be breakfast"
"No, dinner!"
"No, brunch!"

Before a small monkey stammered...

"We could have a Big Lunch'?"

The idea was fantastic, they all agreed,
And started to list all the things they would
need...

"We'll bring the tunes" call the noisy baboons.
"And we'll bring the hats" shout the jungle cats.
"We could all bring a dish?" suggest the tiger fish.

Everyone seemed to love this plan,
And to get things ready, away they all ran.

Except the small monkey, who's idea it had been,
Who suddenly wasn't feeling so keen.

He loved the idea of the Rainforest Lunch thing...
But just wasn't sure of what food he should bring!

As he slowly swung home, he still couldn't
decide...

"What delicious dish was he going to provide?"

Something that's soft? or chewy with crunch?
What could he bring to the Rainforest Lunch?
Then he had another idea... Oh and this one was
good!
Why didn't he make a 'Rainforest Pud'!



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He rushed quickly home and got out his recipe book.

First, he'd gather ingredients... and then start to cook.

But when he opened the page, it wasn't good news.

All the ingredients had been written as clues!

He needed some help to solve each rhyme,
Or he'd never be able to make the pudding time!

Do you think you can help him? Are you a rhyme whizz?

Well here's the first clue, what do you think it is?

*Slippery yellow skin,
Bendy smiley shape,
Makes a healthy snack
For a monkey or an ape.*

Bananas! That's it. The first thing that goes in.

Let's pick them and peel them and slice them quite thin.

Well done everyone, what would monkey do without you?

Now, are you ready for clue number two?

*Sprinkle on your pudding,
These tiny white grains;
Who'd have thought this sweet treat*

Could come from tall canes.

Sugar! Well done, the next thing for the tin.

Let's get a big spoon and sprinkle some in.

On to the next one, what could it be?

Are you ready for clue number three?

Brown, round and hard

All covered in hair

What is this seed that grows high in the air?

Coconut! You've got it, it tastes great fresh or dried

Now let's open one up and scrape out the inside!

We're nearly there now, just one more to go

What is this one? Do you know?

Milk white or dark,

Hard soft or runny,

Whichever one you choose

It's sure to be yummy.

Chocolate, you're right! That's what this pud needs,

Let's open the pod and throw in the seeds.

Now let's give it a mix, add in some eggs and some flour



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And bake it on high for... roughly an hour.

On the day of the Lunch there was plenty of food
And all of the animals were in an excellent mood

There was singing and dancing and laughter and
fun

A great time being had by everyone!

And with the help from his friends... yes, that's
you!

Monkey was able to solve each clue.

And although all of the animals had a "great
Lunch",

they ate sandwiches and buns and grapes by the
bunch,

Their favourite dish, everyone agreed,
was the one that **you** helped the small monkey to
read!

It was warm, it was sweet and it tasted so good!
The fabulous, wonderful Rainforest Pud!

The Rainforest Big Lunch had brought fun and
good cheer

And they all agreed, they would do one next year!

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