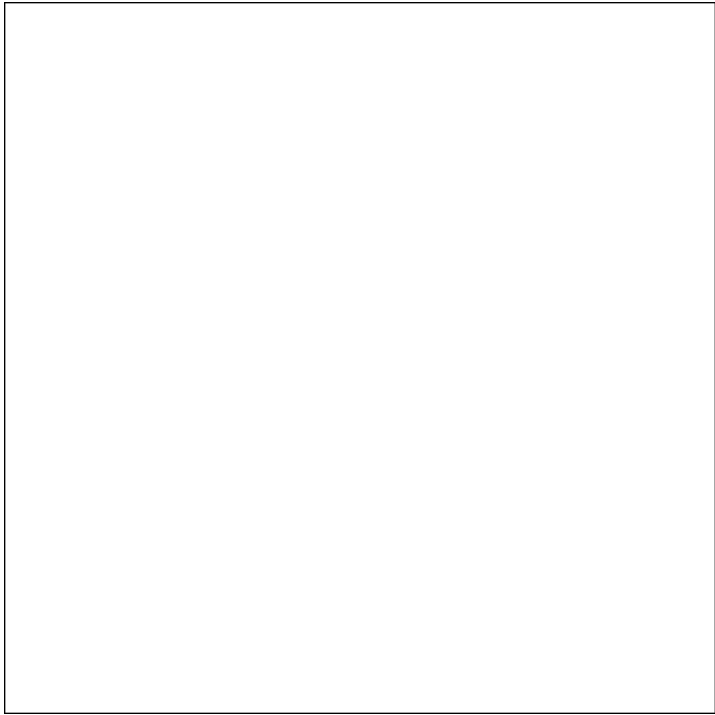




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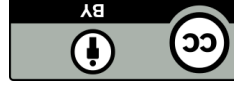
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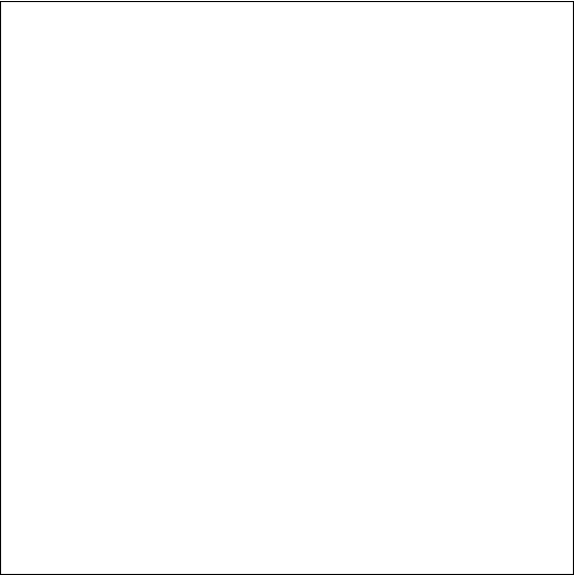
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Tom lleva una cesta de plátanos maduros.

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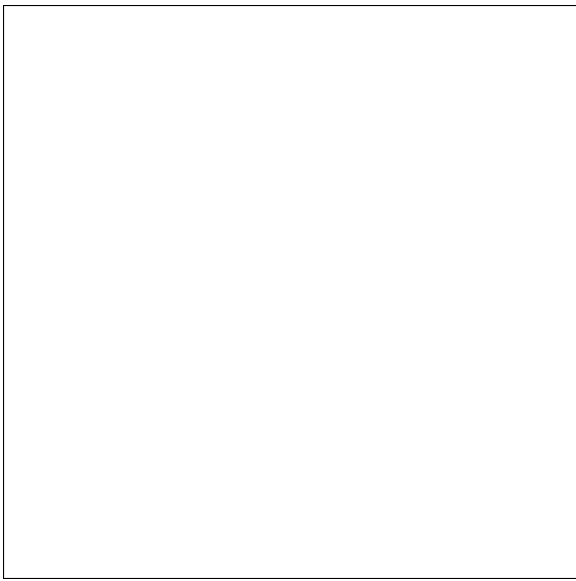
Tom carries a tray of ripe bananas.



Tom va al mercado a vender plátanos.

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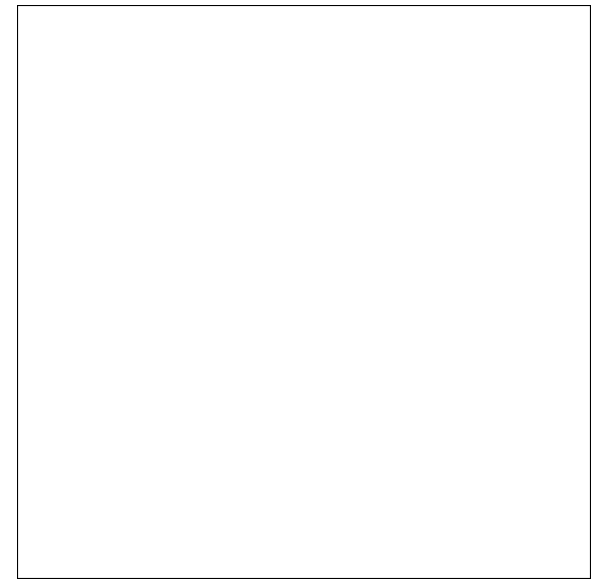
Tom goes to the market to sell bananas.



La gente compra fruta en el mercado.

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People at the market are buying fruit.



Tom carga la cesta sobre su cabeza y se va a casa.

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Tom balances the tray on his head and goes home.



Pero nadie compra los plátanos de Tom.  
Preferien comprarle a las mujeres.

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But no one is buying Tom's bananas. They  
prefer to buy fruit from women.



Luego, Tom compra jabón, azúcar y pan. Pone  
las cosas en su cesta.

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Then Tom buys soap, sugar, and bread. He  
puts the things in his tray.



“En nuestra comunidad, sólo las mujeres venden fruta,” le dice la gente. “¿Qué clase de hombre es éste?” se pregunta la gente.

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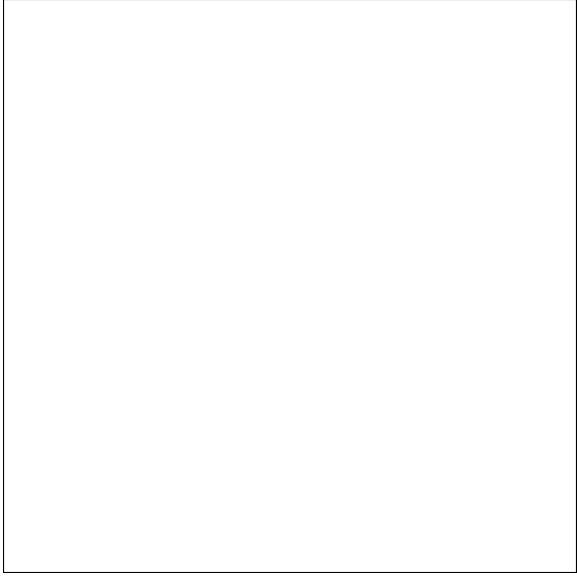
“In our community, only women sell fruit,” people say. “What kind of a man is this?” people ask.



Al poco rato, la cesta está vacía. Tom cuenta el dinero que ganó.

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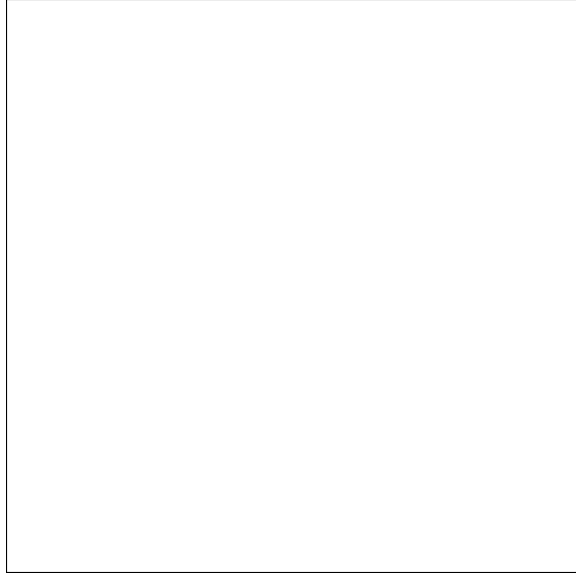
Soon, the tray is empty. Tom counts the money he earned.



Pero Tom no se rinde. Sigue gritando,  
"¡Compren mis plátanos! ¡Compren mis dulces  
plátanos maduros!"

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But Tom does not give up. He calls, "Buy my  
bananas! Buy my sweet ripe bananas!"



Más gente viene al puesto. Compran los  
plátanos de Tom y se las comen.

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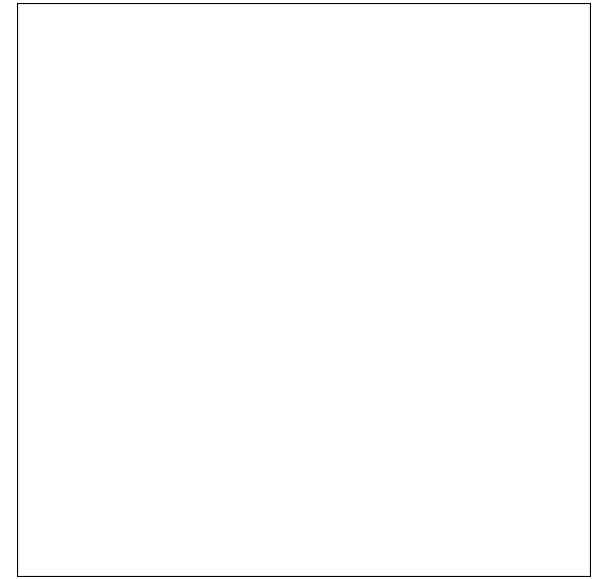
More people come to the stall. They buy Tom's  
bananas and eat them.



Una mujer coge un montón de plátanos de la bandeja. Revisa las plátanos cuidadosamente.

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One woman picks up a bunch of bananas from the tray. She looks at the bananas carefully.



La mujer compra los plátanos.

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The woman buys the bananas.