

TALES OF THE TRIBE : EPISODE II
Script Draft #2 (23rd December 2016)

*The evening is quiet with sounds of insects chirping. The village is almost settling in for the night. A **VILLAGE GIRL** is seated on the teepee stage left with a **BALL PYTHON** in her hand. The snake is her pet and she shows it off by parading it around but also protecting it from harm. The sound of a woman's voice humming can be heard as **MAKALANI** walks out on stage, distractedly feeding the raccoon on her shoulder, not noticing the audience watching. She sits and plays with the raccoon for a bit until she finally notices the crowd watching her.*

MAKALANI

Oh hello! I didn't see you there. Oh at this age, everything starts to go. Anyway, where's my manners now; *Humalaya Malayana!* Welcome, everyone to Monkey Valley! I see that some of you have returned for your second visit even. Welcome, welcome!

My name is Makalani, storyteller and teacher of the ancient art of healing.

And this little fellow here is **ROMEE**. Cute little guy, isn't he? How many of you know what kind of animal **ROMEE** is? Put your hands up if you know the answer! *(sets an example by putting her hand up like an eager school girl, then sees one and chooses him/her)* Yes, you over there *(simply pick a child between 7 – 14 years of age)*.

*Followspot lights up the area where the chosen volunteer is for quick crowd interaction. **MINDER** passes handheld microphone to **VOLUNTEER** for reply.*

MAKALANI

You are right, my little one! **ROMEE** IS a raccoon. And raccoons originate from North America. Now, **ROMEE** here is a very intelligent creature. Would you like to see what he can do? Let me share with you one interesting fact about raccoons before we begin. Take a look at their hands. Whose hands do you think they look like? *(pauses as the audience ponders)* Correct! Their hands look like our hands! So, that means that these little creatures can do all the things we can do with our OWN hands. Now, are you ready to see what **ROMEE** can do? Before we begin, let me call **TIKO** out to help me with this. **TIKO**, come on out here. Come meet our new friends!

***TIKO** enters from the middle stage with a **COCKATOO** perched on his shoulder. He waves at the audience.*

MAKALANI

Now, how many of you here have already met **TIKO**? Anyone? Wonderful, I see *(number)* hands in the crowd. Well, for all of you who haven't; may I introduce to you, **TIKO** the Malayana Animal Whisperer.

TIKO

Humalaya Malayana, my friends.

MAKALANI

TIKO has a special ability to communicate with the animals around the village. The reason why he can do this is because he spends most of his time in the jungle, bonding with these wonderful little creatures.

He and **ROMEE** have been friends for a very long time. Allow him to show you what **ROMEE** can do.

TIKO, are you ready?

TIKO

Yes, I am, *nehu**. Come on, **ROMEE**.

ROMEE STUNT MUSIC CUE plays. TIKO begins his little stunt with ROMEE. Stunt ends.

MAKALANI

Well done **ROMEE**. (*beat*) Clever little one, isn't he. Come on, everyone; put your hands together one more time for little **ROMEE** and the ever wonderful **TIKO**. (*Audience clap*) Thank you, thank you, my friends.

TIKO and ROMEE exit centre stage.

We, the Malayana tribe, share a special bond with all animals. These animals aid us in times of need or when danger arises. And in return, we care for these animals; treat their wounds and tend to their needs. Being an expert animal whisperer, **TIKO** is able to communicate more intimately with the animals and as an exchange, he can learn skills and harness primal talents learnt from every creature that he encounters.

Let me tell you a story about how **TIKO** met his two best friends.

Back then; **TIKO** was only a 9 year old boy playing with his friends in the jungle. He wandered a little too deep and found himself outside a huge dark cave. Being the adventurer that he is; not knowing what fear is or how to feel it, **TIKO** enters the cave and what does he find? 2 crying wolf pups, alone and shivering in the cold.

In the following few days, **TIKO** kept returning to the cave to feed and take care of the 2 wolf pups. Soon, the 3 of them became fast friends. The pups gained enough strength and eventually followed **TIKO** back to the village and his journey of Animal Mastery began.

Since then, many years have passed. And as you know, **TIKO** is all grown up now. But his bond with his animal friends have only gotten stronger. And, those 2 pups have now become warriors of the tribe too.

Would you like to meet them?

TIKO, come join us back on stage.

TIKO enters centre stage sheepishly.

MAKALANI

Oh **TIKO**, don't be shy. Come now, everyone wants to meet (*please insert names of pups*)! Can you call them out for us please?

TIKO beams proudly and is eager to showcase his friends.

TIKO

(Calls out to the two huskies) [Please insert names of pups] Come here, my friends!

The 2 HUSKIES appear from the roof of Monkey Valley stage.

TIKO

Everyone, say hello to my two best friends! *[Please insert names of pups]*

MAKALANI

Handsome fellows, aren't they? Now, my friends; the Malayana tribe would like to present to you the Malayana celebratory dance as a token of appreciation to all of you who have come out tonight. So, my friends; the Malayana Celebratory Dance!

Music begins. MALAYANA WARRIORS begin their dance while TIKO and MAKALANI exit the stage. Cue PIGEON release as soon as the dance ends. Pigeon feed can also be placed on the AMPHITHEATRE walkway so the audience can be immersed in the experience as well. After the dance, TIKO goes up to the roof to play with the HUSKIES, showing off their bond and waving goodbye to guests.

There, there everyone. Wonderful well wishes to all of you for coming to join us tonight.

Make sure you come back next time for more Tales of the Tribe, my friends! And do make sure not to harm the birds on your way out. With that, my name is **MAKALANI**, and together with **TIKO, ROMEE, [Please insert names of pups]** and on behalf of the entire Malayana tribe, thank you for coming and good night to all!

(Final bow)

(Proceeds with photograph session)

(Exit)

NOTES :

- 1) **RACCOON TRICK TO TEACH ROMEE** - (<https://youtu.be/8oNkXg0UNdk>)
- 2) **Malayana language** - Humalaya Malayana = Greetings from the Malayana
- * 'nehu' = respected elder