



#31 *The Monkey with the Wrench*



It happened one day that a stubborn monkey was trying to work on his house using only a wrench. “I would like to build a house that is cool in the summer and warm in the winter,” he murmured. His friend came by and suggested that he use the ancient method of weaving leaves and branches that could keep out rain, yet let in air. The monkey refused to imitate the ancestors, citing that they probably used leaves simply because they were not as smart as we are today! Still trying to help, his friend offered the technique of using straw huts, as do the monkeys on the other side of the mountain. “I never consort with those straw monkeys. I doubt that they have found an advantage from straw that I haven’t considered,” countered the monkey. In a desperate effort to save the conversation, his friend proposed

*that perhaps some time in the future a way would be found.
“That does not console me at all,” uttered the monkey, almost
under his breath, “I doubt that we’ll grow new abilities that we
don’t have now.”*

*IF YOU PROJECT YOURSELF
BACKWARD, SIDEWARD, AND FORWARD,
THEN YOU ARE DOOMED TO BE ALONE*