

# THE HEROES OF OUR TALE

BANDI SCAT - BANDICOOT POO,  
THE GREAT SPORE DISTRIBUTOR!



BANDI - SOUTHERN  
BROWN BANDICOOT, AND A  
HUNGRY LITTLE BANDIT!



FUNGI-  
TRUFFLE-LIKE  
FUNGUS AND  
BANDI'S FAVOURITE  
SNACK!



TREE - A TALL AND DIGNIFIED  
FOREST-DWELLER



WITH SPECIAL GUEST  
APPEARANCE BY  
MYCELIUM!



ONCE UPON A SUNNY DAY, NOT SO VERY FAR AWAY...  
LIFE IS GOING WELL FOR TREE. HIS TRUNK, HIS  
ROOTS, HIS CANOPY. AND AT HIS FEET, (BENEATH  
THE PEAT) RESIDES HIS FAITHFUL FRIEND, FUNGI.



(THEY'RE A SYMBIOTIC  
PAIR, SINCE MANY  
NUTRIENTS THEY SHARE!)



LATER ON THAT VERY DAY,  
BANDI COMES IN SEARCH OF PREY...



BANDI'S NOSE HAS GOT A HUNCH  
THAT HE'LL HAVE FUNGI FOR HIS LUNCH!



CRUNCH!

BANDI DIGS AND SNIFFS  
AND SNUFFLES,  
TIL HE'S FOUND ALL THE  
TASTY TRUFFLES.

GULP!

ONCE HE'S FULL-UP TO THE BRIM,  
THE URGE TO NAP COMES OVER HIM.  
HE LAYS RIGHT DOWN TO HAVE A REST,  
AND LET HIS FUNGI-FEAST DIGEST...



SOMETIME LATER,  
BANDI WAKES,  
TO FIND HIS LITTLE  
TUMMY ACHES.



IT GURGLES, GRUMBLES, GROWLS AND POPS,  
THEN, JUST AS SUDDENLY, IT STOPS!




RELIEVED THAT NOW HE FEELS OKAY,  
HE SCAMPERS OFF ABOUT HIS DAY...  
BUT WHERE HE SLEPT, THERE ON THE GROUND,  
HE'S LEFT SOMETHING TO BE FOUND...



LITTLE PELLETS, BROWN AND FAT,  
(BUT WE KNOW THEM AS BANDI SCAT!)



AFTER SEVERAL NIGHTS AND DAYS,  
THE BANDI SCAT SLOWLY DECAYS.  
THEY ARE ABSORBED INTO THE GROUND,  
WHERE ONCE FUNGI COULD BE FOUND,  
AND FROM THE SPORES THAT THEY CONTAIN,  
THE CYCLE WILL BEGIN AGAIN!

A hand-drawn illustration on aged paper. Two trees with green foliage and brown trunks stand on either side of a central area. In the middle ground, a mole is shown in profile, facing right. Above the mole is a thought bubble containing a solid red heart. The background is a light blue sky, and the ground is a light brownish-green. The drawing uses black outlines and flat colors.

THANKS TO BANDI'S CLEVER NOSE,  
MORE DELICIOUS FUNGI GROWS,  
AND, SINCE FUNGI IS ALIVE,  
OUR OLD FRIEND TREE CAN ALSO THRIVE.  
AND THANKS TO SHELTER FROM OLD TREE,  
BANDI CAN SLEEP PEACEFULLY.

SO, FROM OUR HUMBLE LITTLE STORY,  
CAN BE GLEANED THIS ALLEGORY,  
EVERYBODY PLAYS A ROLE,  
EACH PART ESSENTIAL FOR THE WHOLE.