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Margaret Atwood offers “A Christmas Lorac,” about Ebenezer Scrooge in Tory Ontario. In “The Banana Wars,” **Yves Beauchemin** writes about the Big Foot monkeys and the Long Hand monkeys, and the designation of certain banana trees as distinct banana trees. **Timothy Findley**’s title fable describes Noah’s attempts to join the select few aboard the ark that appears in his garden. **Neil Bissoondath** conjures up a farmer’s wife who dreams of a new life; **Rohinton Mistry**, a land where, thanks to selective cutbacks, kite-flying and mountain-climbing are no longer possible; and **Jane Urquhart**, an axe that glories in felling trees – until its handle breaks. Here is a collection of fables to provoke, entertain, and delight.

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