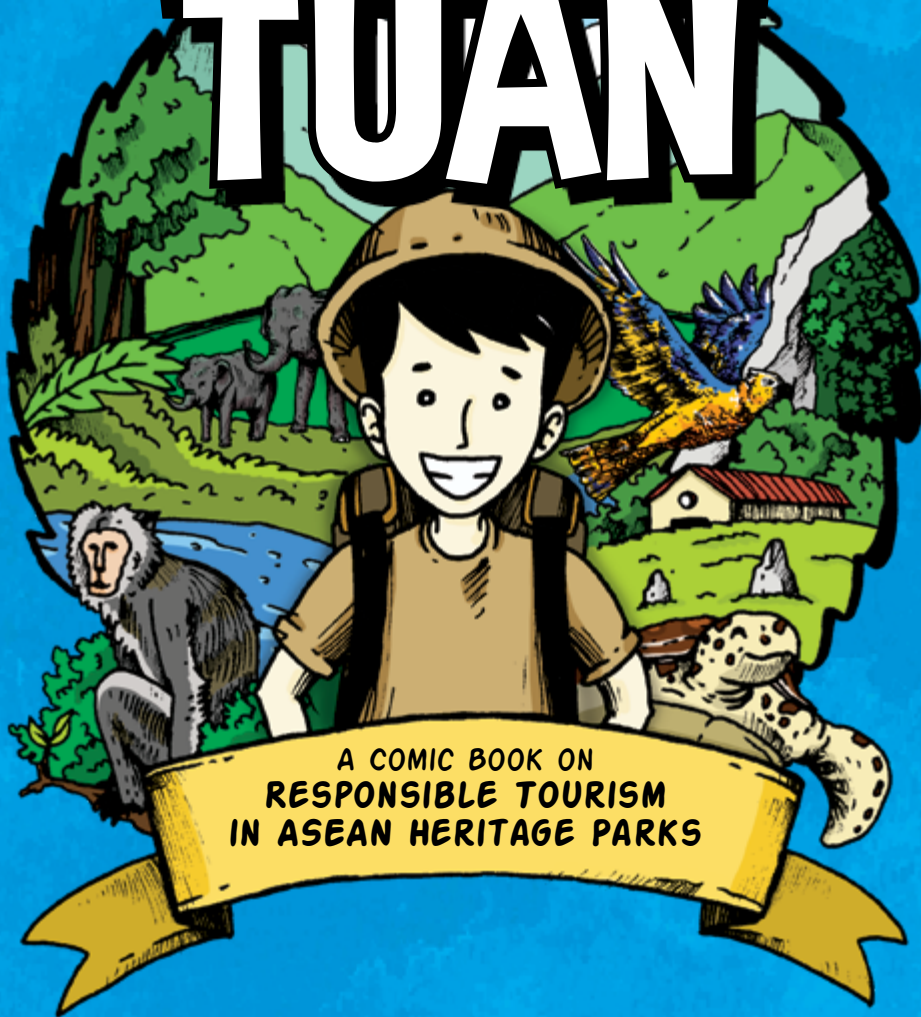
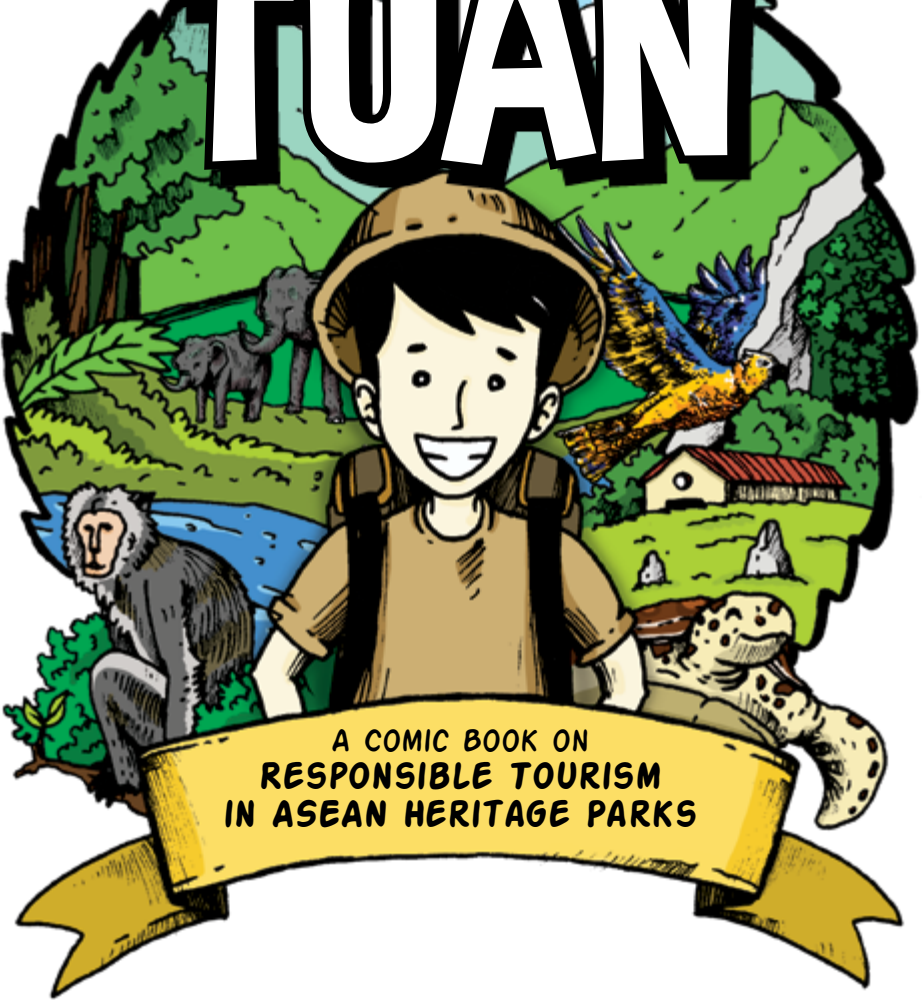


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Being a nature-lover and a travel enthusiast, Tuan's ultimate dream is to visit all ASEAN Heritage Parks (AHPs). AHPs are protected areas of high conservation importance, preserving in total a complete spectrum of representative ecosystems of the ASEAN region. The ASEAN Heritage Parks (AHP) Programme is one of the flagship biodiversity conservation programmes of ASEAN. The establishment of AHPs stresses that the ASEAN Member States (AMS) share a common natural heritage and should collaborate in their efforts to protect the rich biodiversity that supports the lives of millions of people in the region. The ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB) serves as the Secretariat of the AHP Programme.

This comic book will take us to Tuan's adventures in each AHP that he visited and will teach us important lessons on how to become responsible tourists in protected areas. The AHPs featured in this publication are Tasek Merimbun Heritage Park of Brunei Darussalam; Virachey National Park of Cambodia; Kepulauan Seribu Marine National Park of Indonesia; Nam Ha National Protected Area of Lao PDR; Gunung Mulu National Park of Malaysia; Indawgyi Lake Wildlife Sanctuary of Myanmar; Mount Makiling Forest Reserve of the Philippines; Bukit Timah Nature Reserve of Singapore; Ao Phang Nga-Mu Ko Surin-Mu Ko Similan National Park of Thailand; and Hoang Lien National Park of Viet Nam.

The next adventures of Tuan will take us to other AHPs and will give us a glimpse of the beauty and bounty of biological resources in the ASEAN region.

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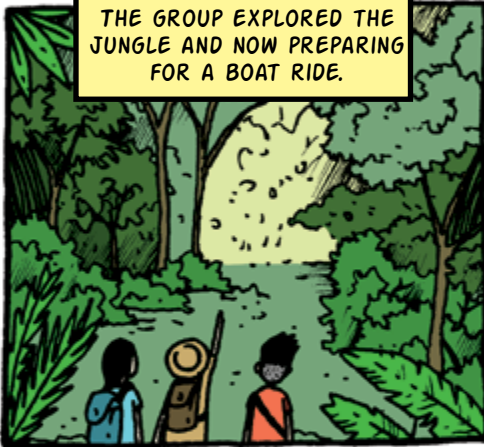
DO NOT LITTER!

TUAN'S ADVENTURE IN
TASEK MERIMBUN
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BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

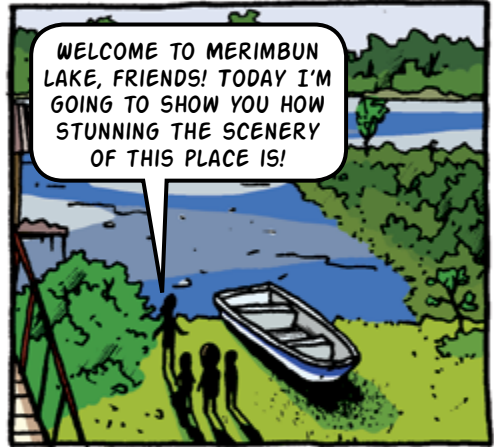
TUAN, TOGETHER WITH HIS FRIENDS PLANNED AN ADVENTURE TRIP TO TASEK MERIMBUN - A BEAUTIFUL PLACE IN BRUNEI JUST AN HOUR TRAVEL FROM THE CITY.



THE GROUP EXPLORED THE JUNGLE AND NOW PREPARING FOR A BOAT RIDE.

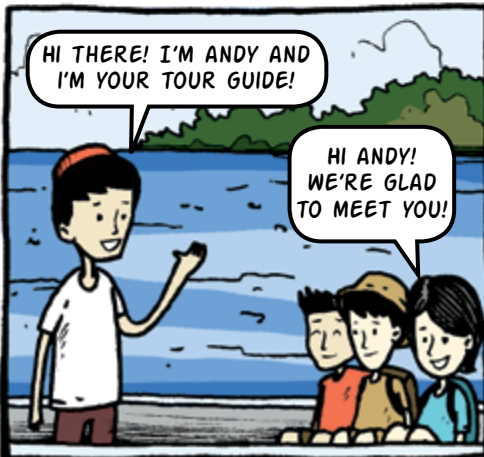


WELCOME TO MERIMBUN LAKE, FRIENDS! TODAY I'M GOING TO SHOW YOU HOW STUNNING THE SCENERY OF THIS PLACE IS!



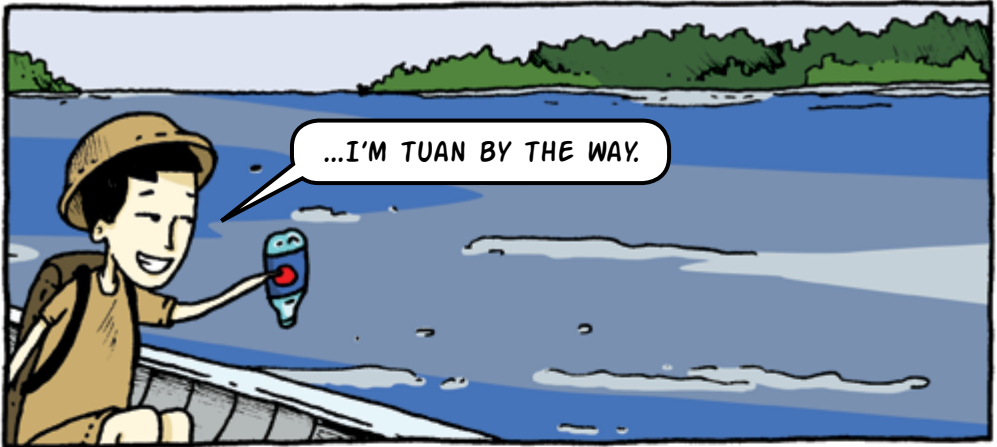
HI THERE! I'M ANDY AND I'M YOUR TOUR GUIDE!

HI ANDY!
WE'RE GLAD
TO MEET YOU!



YAY! YOU KNOW WE GOT REALLY TIRED FROM OUR TREKKING ACTIVITY BUT I'M SO EXCITED BECAUSE I HEARD THAT THIS LAKE IS THE GATEWAY TO BRUNEI'S PAST AND CULTURE!

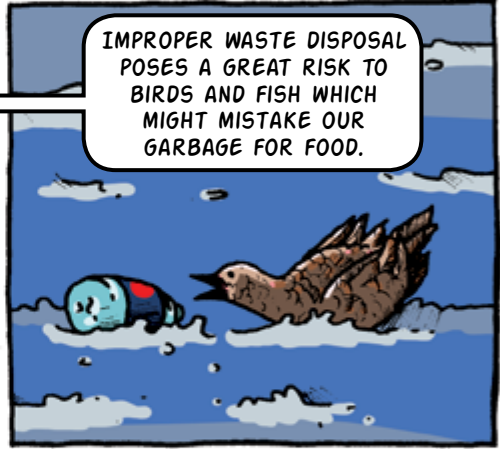




...I'M TUAN BY THE WAY.



OOPS! SORRY TUAN BUT WE ARE NOT SUPPOSED TO THROW PLASTIC BOTTLES IN THE LAKE!



IMPROPER WASTE DISPOSAL POSES A GREAT RISK TO BIRDS AND FISH WHICH MIGHT MISTAKE OUR GARBAGE FOR FOOD.



OHHH! I'M SO SORRY. I NEVER KNEW THAT THROWING A PLASTIC BOTTLE IN THE LAKE CAN BE THAT HARMFUL.

NOW WE KNOW, TUAN. WHAT SHOULD WE DO?



RECYCLING BOTTLES IS A BETTER OPTION THAN THROWING THEM IN THE LAKE OR IN THE GARBAGE BIN.



NOT ONLY DOES IT HELP BEAUTIFY OUR ENVIRONMENT, BUT IT ALSO CONSERVES ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES BY REDUCING PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS CONSUMPTION AND THE RESULTING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS.



I GET IT. THANK YOU FOR THE INFORMATION, ANDY. FROM NOW ON I WILL BE MORE CAREFUL WITH MY ACTIONS. I WILL DISPOSE MY GARBAGE PROPERLY AND I WILL ALSO PRACTICE RECYCLING. THANK YOU, ANDY!

END.

TUAN AND RAYA ARE TRAVEL BUDDIES FOR YEARS. THEY ARE FASCINATED BY NATURE AND ALWAYS WANTED TO HIKE FOR WATERFALLS, WILDLIFE AND NATURE. PLANNED MONTHS BEFORE, THEY ARE ON THEIR WAY HERE IN CAMBODIA TO EXPERIENCE PHNOM VEAL THOM WILDERNESS TREK IN VIRACHEY NATIONAL PARK.

BE PHYSICALLY FIT

TUAN'S ADVENTURE IN VIRACHEY NATIONAL PARK, CAMBODIA

TUAN IS VERY MUCH EXHAUSTED WHEN HE BOARDED THE PLANE. THE DAY BEFORE THE TRIP, HE STAYED OVERNIGHT WITH FRIENDS CELEBRATING HIS TRAVEL TO CAMBODIA.



ARRIVING AT THE AIRPORT, HE MET RAYA.

HEY TUAN! YOU LOOK UNWELL.

YES, I STAYED UP 'TIL MIDNIGHT WITH FRIENDS.

ARE YOU SURE YOU CAN MAKE IT TO VIRACHEY?

OF COURSE! I AM EXCITED TO CAMP OUTDOORS.





THE NEXT DAY, THEY TOOK A RIDE TO BANLUNG - THE TOWN OF TAKE-OFF FOR THE HIKE. IT IS LOCATED ALMOST 650 KMS FROM PHNOM PENH, THE CAPITAL OF CAMBODIA.

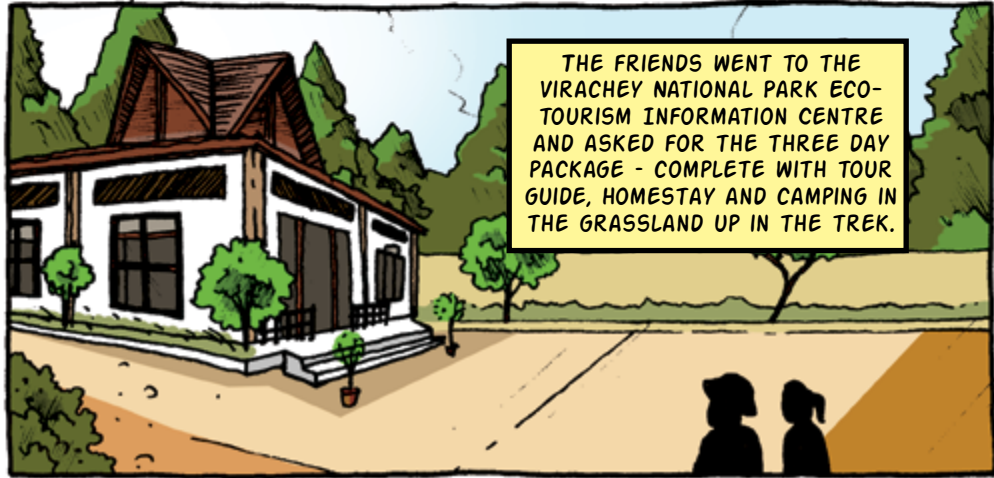


WE ARE HERE, TUAN.

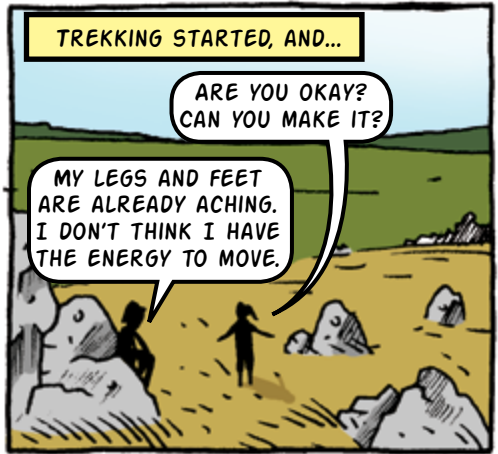


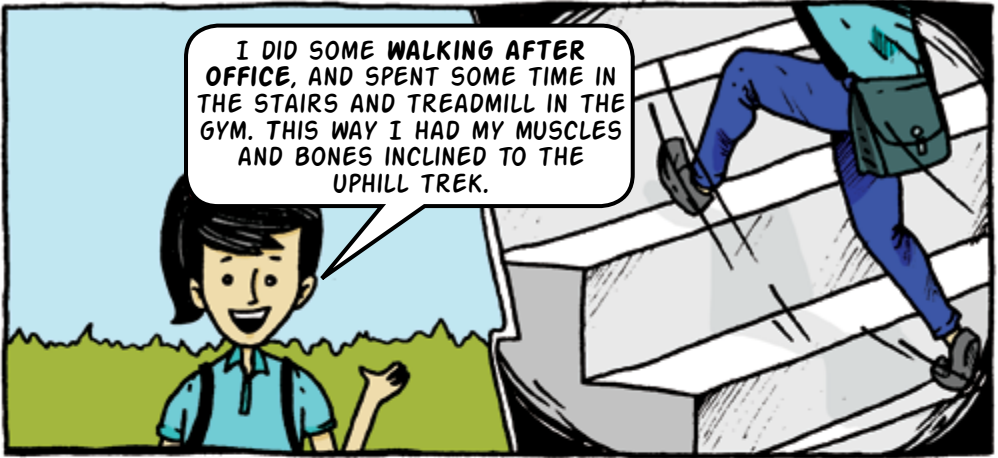
AT LAST WE ARE HERE! I HOPE THE EIGHT-HOUR TRIP GAVE ME SOME REST.

IT SHOULD SINCE THE TREK, THEY SAY, IS VERY CHALLENGING.



THE FRIENDS WENT TO THE VIRACHEY NATIONAL PARK ECO-TOURISM INFORMATION CENTRE AND ASKED FOR THE THREE DAY PACKAGE - COMPLETE WITH TOUR GUIDE, HOMESTAY AND CAMPING IN THE GRASSLAND UP IN THE TREK.





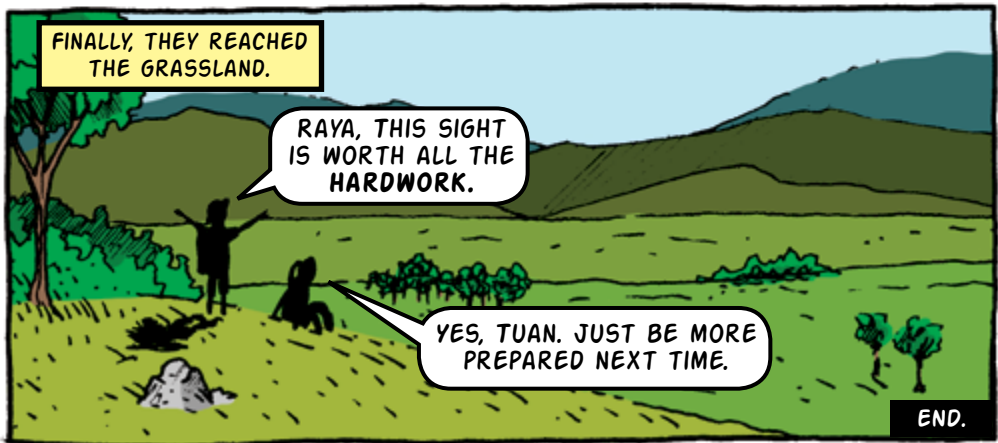
I DID SOME WALKING AFTER OFFICE, AND SPENT SOME TIME IN THE STAIRS AND TREADMILL IN THE GYM. THIS WAY I HAD MY MUSCLES AND BONES INCLINED TO THE UPHILL TREK.



TREKKING IS MORE FUN IF YOU ARE FIT TO ENJOY THE LONG WALKS, AND THE UPHILL TREK.



I WILL KEEP THAT IN MIND, RAYA.



FINALLY, THEY REACHED THE GRASSLAND.

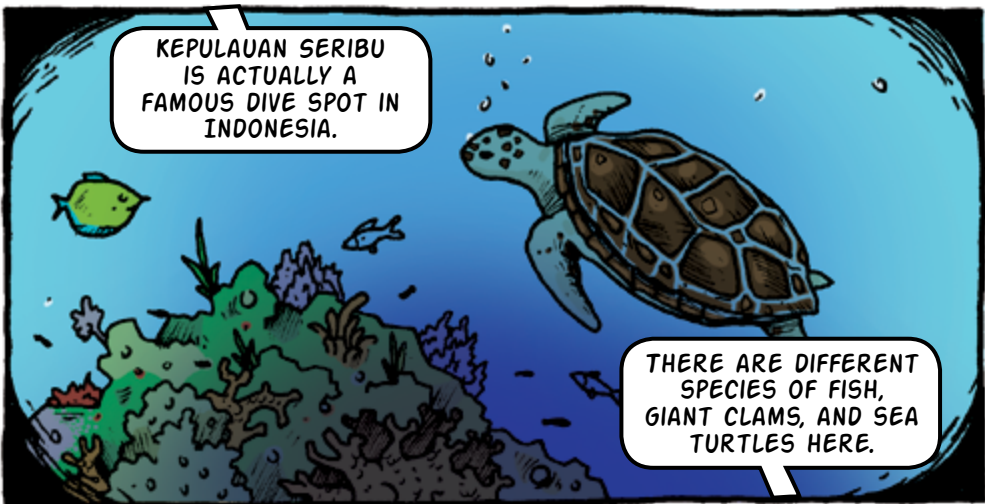
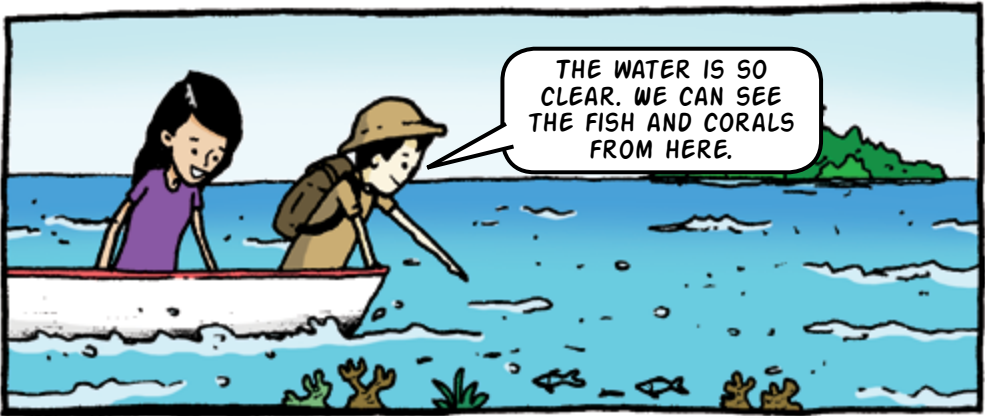
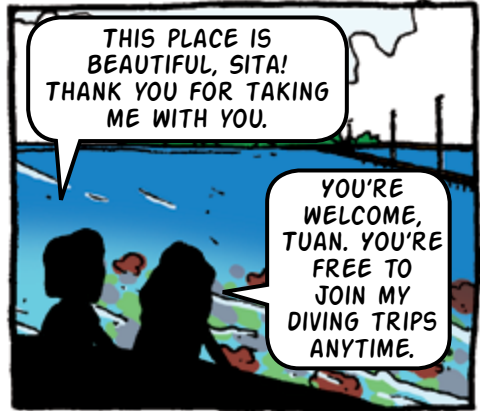
RAYA, THIS SIGHT IS WORTH ALL THE HARDWORK.

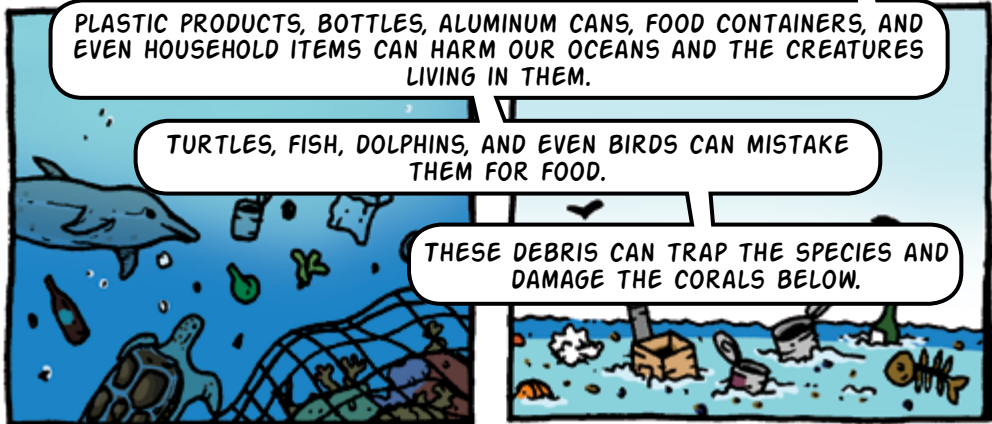
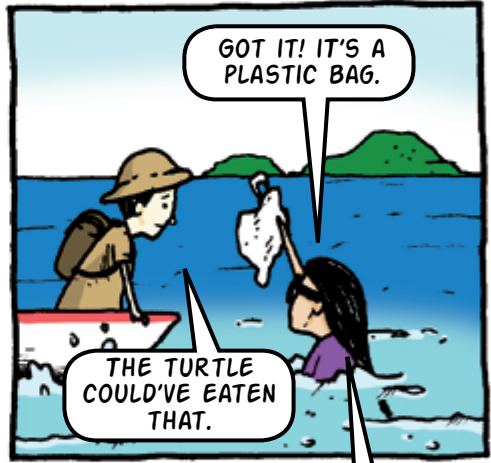
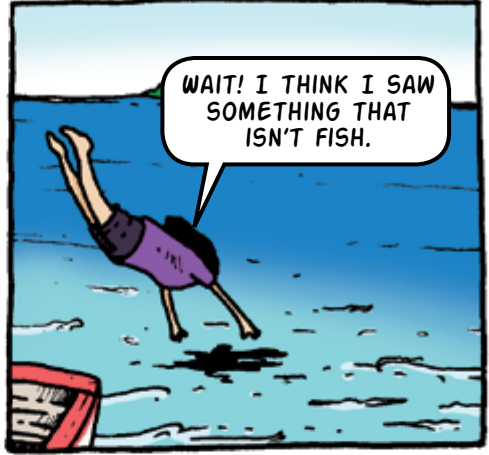
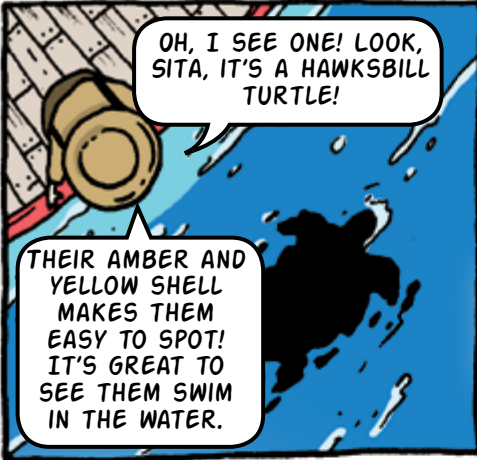
YES, TUAN. JUST BE MORE PREPARED NEXT TIME.

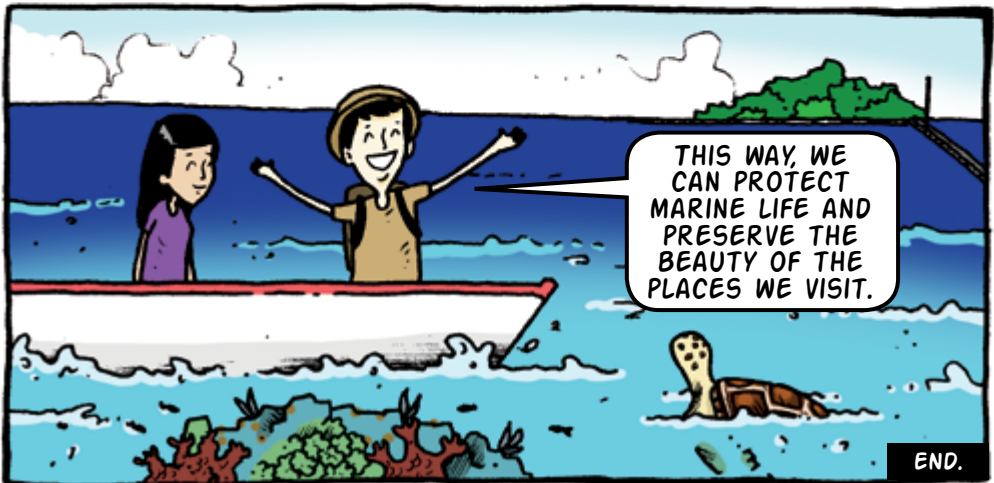
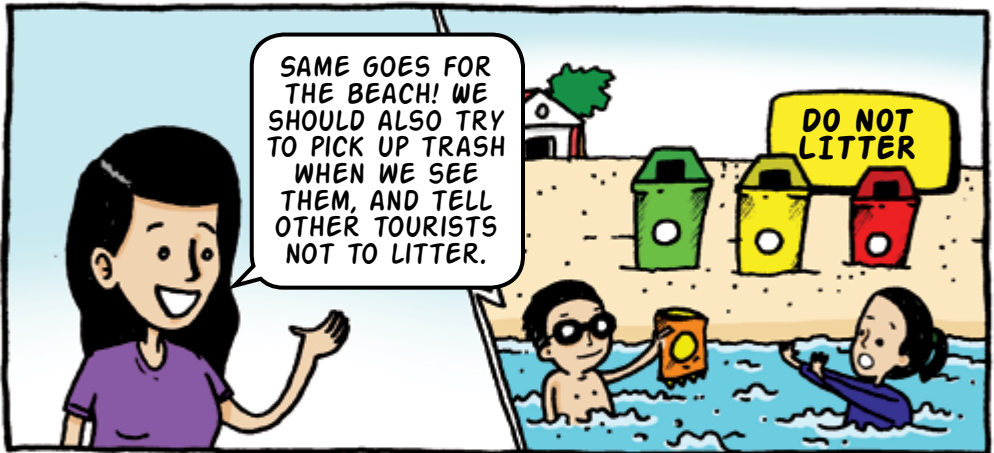
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PROTECT MARINE LIFE

TUAN'S ADVENTURE IN
KEPULAUAN SERIBU
MARINE NATIONAL PARK,
INDONESIA







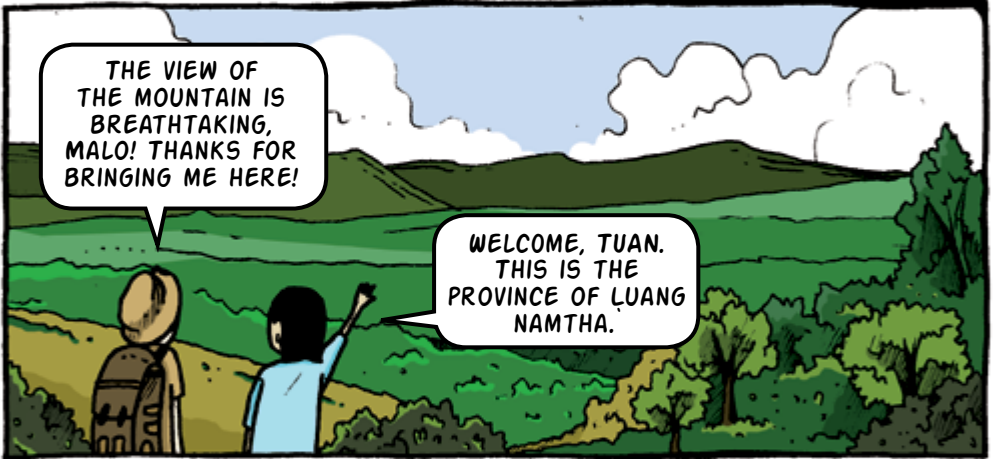
TUAN AND HIS FRIEND MALO SCHEDULED A 1-DAY TREK IN NAM HA NATIONAL PROTECTED AREA, THE SOLE AHP IN LAO PDR.



DO NOT PATRONIZE WILDLIFE PRODUCTS

TUAN'S ADVENTURE IN NAM HA NATIONAL PROTECTED AREA, LAO PDR

THE VIEW OF THE MOUNTAIN IS BREATHTAKING, MALO! THANKS FOR BRINGING ME HERE!

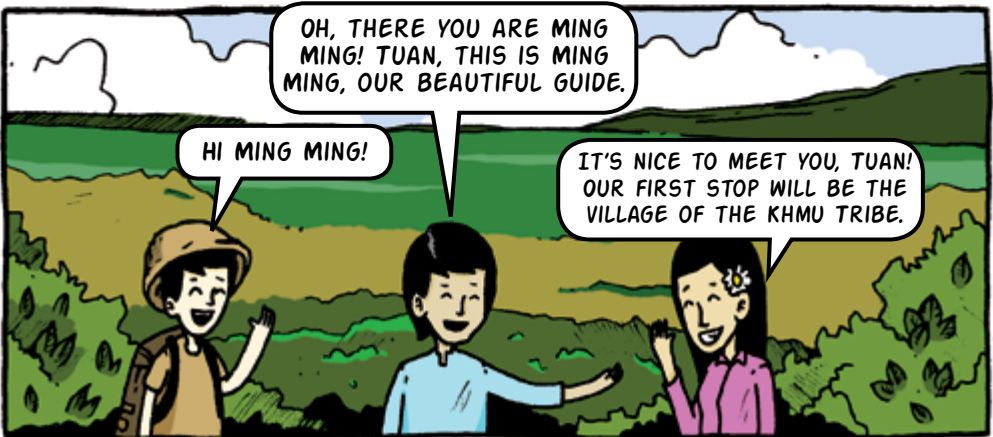


WELCOME, TUAN. THIS IS THE PROVINCE OF LUANG NAMTHA.

OH, THERE YOU ARE MING MING! TUAN, THIS IS MING MING, OUR BEAUTIFUL GUIDE.

HI MING MING!

IT'S NICE TO MEET YOU, TUAN! OUR FIRST STOP WILL BE THE VILLAGE OF THE KHMU TRIBE.

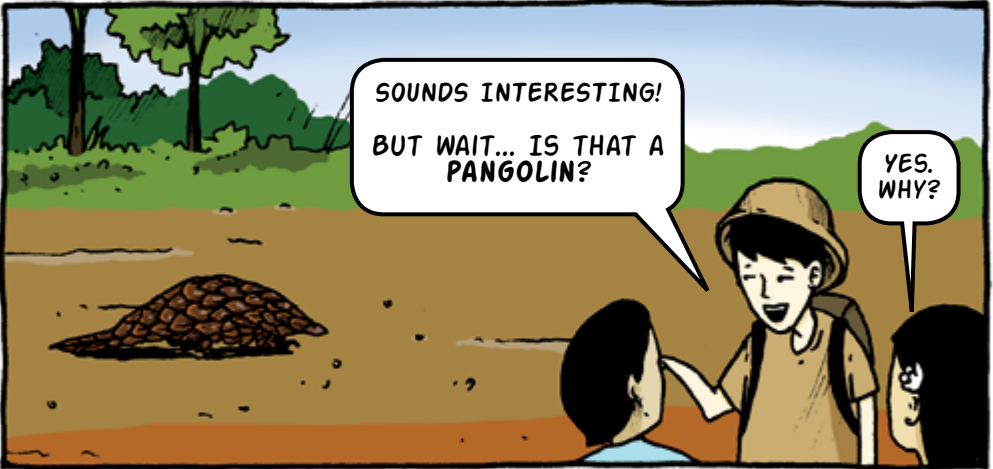


THE PROTECTED AREA IS HOME TO A VARIETY OF ETHNIC GROUPS INCLUDING TAI LUE, TAI DAM, KHAMU, AKHA, LANTAEN, LAHU, YAO, AND HMONG. IF YOU WANT TO STAY HERE FOR A FEW DAYS, PLEASE AVAIL OF THE HOMESTAY SERVICE OF THE LOCALS. ECOTOURISM IS ONE OF THEIR MAIN SOURCES OF LIVELIHOOD.



SOUNDS INTERESTING!
BUT WAIT... IS THAT A
PANGOLIN?

YES.
WHY?



MY FRIEND TOLD ME THAT
IT HAS AMAZING MEDICINAL
VALUES BUT IT IS VERY
EXPENSIVE!

BUYING WILDLIFE PRODUCTS FOR
MEDICINE AND FOR FOOD IS STRICTLY
PROHIBITED IN THIS PARK, TUAN.

PLEASE DO NOT PATRONIZE WILDLIFE PRODUCTS
ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD. IT THREATENS THE
ABUNDANCE OF OUR BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES.





BEHAVE IN CAVES!

TUAN'S ADVENTURE IN
GUNUNG MULU
NATIONAL PARK,
MALAYSIA

TUAN IS WITH HIS FRIEND
TOTO FOR ADVENTURE CAVING.
IT'S TOTO'S FIRST TIME
TO ENTER A CAVE AND HIS
EXCITEMENT MADE HIM SO
NOSY AND NOISY HE WAS
BREAKING THE RULES.



TUAN AND TOTO
ENTERED THE
CAVE. TOTO WAS
SHOCKED IT WAS
SO DARK HE
COULDN'T SEE
ANYTHING. HE
STARTED MAKING
FUN OF THE ECHO.

THIS PLACE IS
DARK. I WONDER
WHERE THE BATS
ARE. AWOOH!
ANYBODY HOME?

STOP MAKING
NOISE. THERE
ARE OTHER
TOURISTS HERE.
YOU'LL SEE THE
BATS IN A BIT.



TUAN AND TOTO
CONTINUED WALKING.

OHH, THERE! I
SEE ONE. OH NO!
THERE'S A LOT!



WHILE TUAN AND TOTO WERE WALKING, THEY SAW A PICTURESQUE VIEW.

NICE VIEW! OH LOOK AT THIS!

THAT IS A STALACTITE!

Noooooooooooo!



TUAN REMINDED TOTO TO BE MINDFUL OF THE RULES. OUT OF ANGER, TUAN SHOUTED.

THERE ARE THINGS YOU MUST BE MINDFUL OF WHEN ENTERING AN AHP. IT INCLUDES FOLLOWING THEIR RULES!

SHHHH.... TONE DOWN YOUR VOICE.

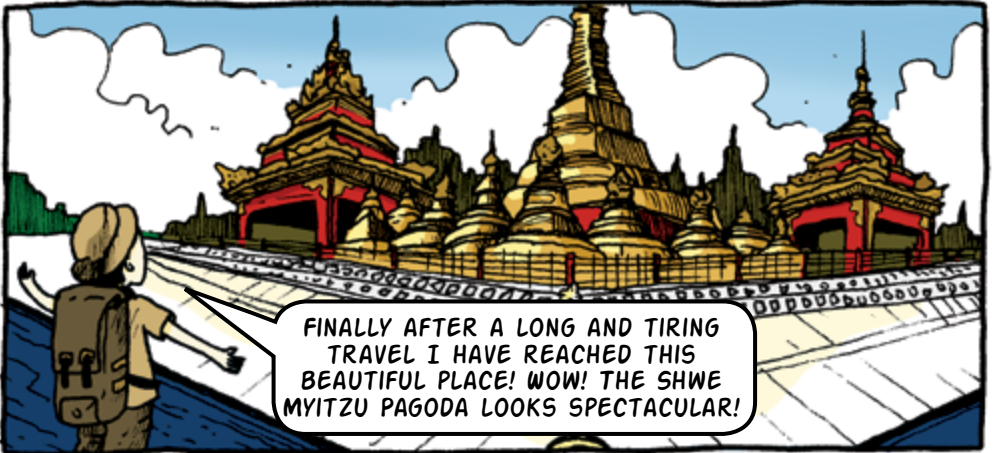


END.

ALWAYS SHOW RESPECT

TUAN'S ADVENTURE IN
INDAWGYI LAKE
WILDLIFE SANCTUARY,
MYANMAR

TUAN VISITS THE COUNTRY OF
MYANMAR WHERE HE VISITS
THE BEAUTIFUL INDAWGYI LAKE
WILDLIFE SANCTUARY.



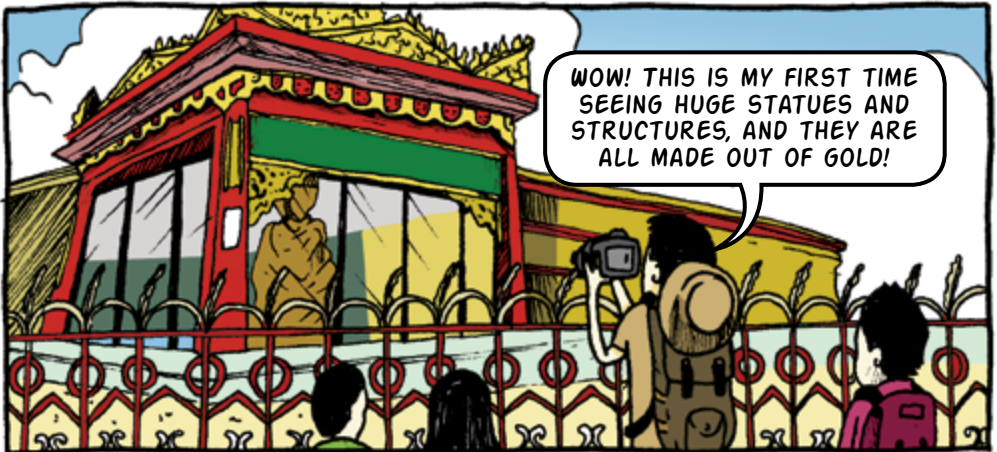
FINALLY AFTER A LONG AND TIRING
TRAVEL I HAVE REACHED THIS
BEAUTIFUL PLACE! WOW! THE SHWE
MYITZU PAGODA LOOKS SPECTACULAR!

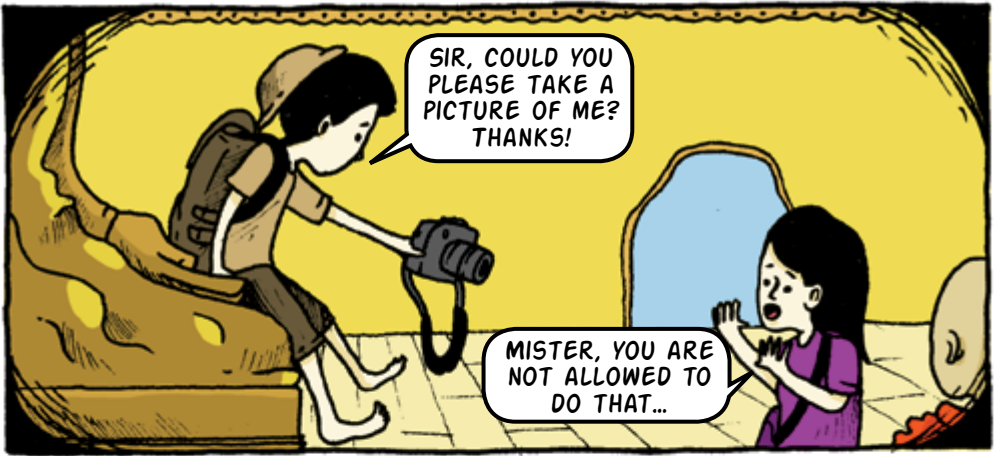


HMM... WHAT DO I EXPLORE HERE?
LET ME TAKE A CLOSER LOOK
AT THE PAGODA AND TAKE NICE
PICTURES FOR MY FRIENDS AND
FAMILY TO SEE BACK HOME.



I THINK IT WOULD BE A LOT BETTER
IF I ENTER THE PAGODAS, THEY
SAID IT IS REALLY BEAUTIFUL INSIDE
WITH PLENTY OF THINGS I CAN TAKE
PICTURES OF.





SIR, COULD YOU PLEASE TAKE A PICTURE OF ME? THANKS!

MISTER, YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO DO THAT...



SIR, PLEASE BE RESPONSIBLE WITH YOUR ACTIONS, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU NOTICED BEFORE ENTERING THE PAGODA ENTRANCE, BUT THERE IS A HUGE SIGN BOARD WITH THE LIST OF THE DOS AND DON'TS WHEN ENTERING THIS SACRED PLACE.

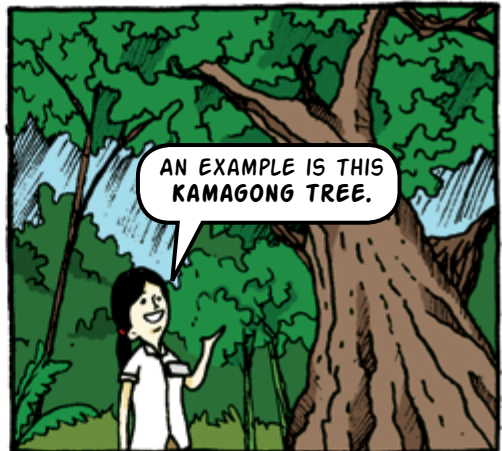


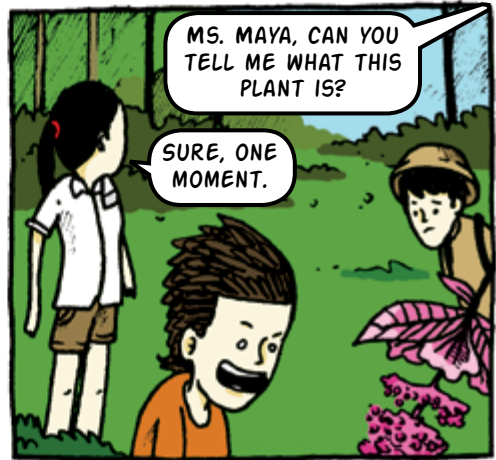
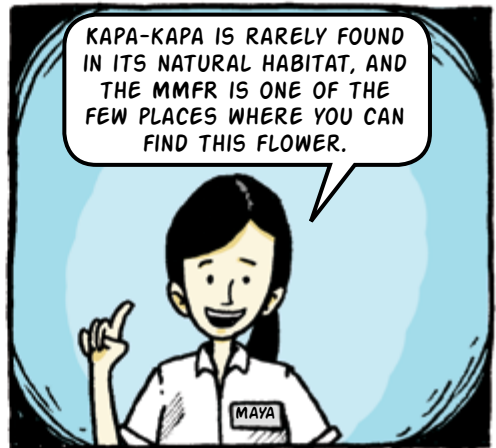
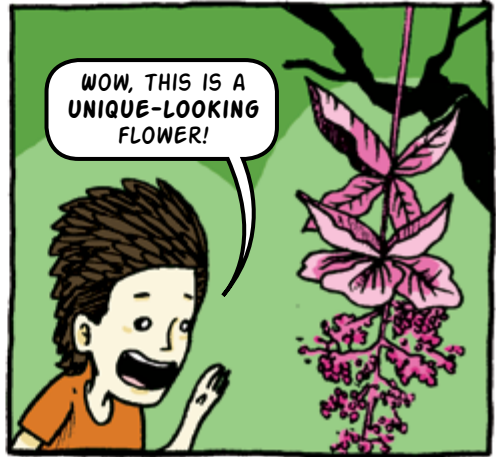
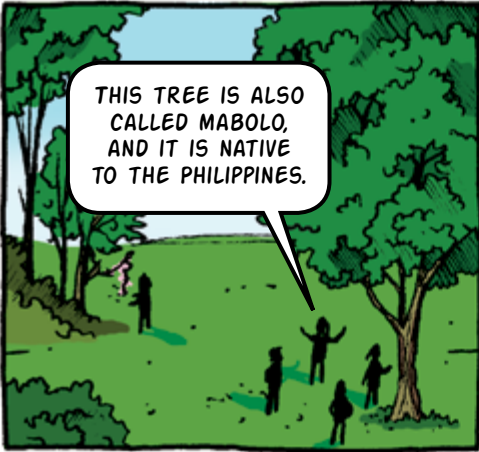
I AM SO SORRY ABOUT THAT PLEASE FORGIVE MY WRONG ACTIONS. I WILL MAKE SURE TO READ THE RULES AND INFORM MY FRIENDS TO ALSO RESPECT THIS PLACE ONCE THEY VISIT.

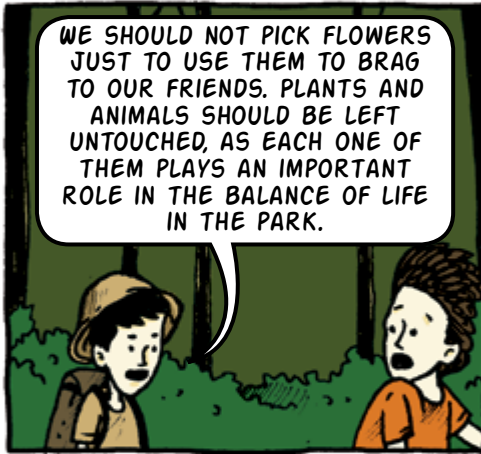
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TAKE NOTHING BUT PICTURES

TUAN'S ADVENTURE IN
MOUNT MAKILING FOREST
RESERVE, PHILIPPINES







FOLLOW THE RULES

TUAN'S ADVENTURE IN
**BUKIT TIMAH
NATURE RESERVE,
SINGAPORE**

TUAN IS NOW READY TO EXPLORE THE BIOLOGICAL RICHNESS OF SINGAPORE! SINGAPORE HAS TWO ASEAN HERITAGE PARKS - SUNGEI BULOH WETLAND RESERVE AND BUKIT TIMAH NATURE RESERVE. HE DECIDED TO VISIT BUKIT TIMAH.



TUAN CALLS YI LING, HIS SINGAPOREAN FRIEND.

HELLO! THIS IS TUAN.
MAY I SPEAK WITH
YI LING?

THANKS FOR
REPLYING TO MY
FACEBOOK MESSAGE.
SO WHEN CAN WE
VISIT BUKIT TIMAH?

HI TUAN! THIS IS
YI LING!

I'M EXCITED TO SEE
THE LONG-TAILED
MACAQUES!

OKAY!
GOT IT.

I VISITED THE WEBSITE
OF NPARKS AND ALREADY
REGISTERED FOR A GUIDED
"MONKEY WALK." WE WILL MEET
TOMORROW AT THE BUKIT TIMAH
NATURE RESERVE VISITOR
CENTRE A AROUND 5 P.M...

THE NEXT DAY...

HI YI LING! IT'S SO NICE TO SEE YOU HERE!

WELCOME TO SINGAPORE, AND WELCOME TO BUKIT TIMAH NATURE RESERVE, TUAN!

BUKIT TIMAH
NATURE RESERVE

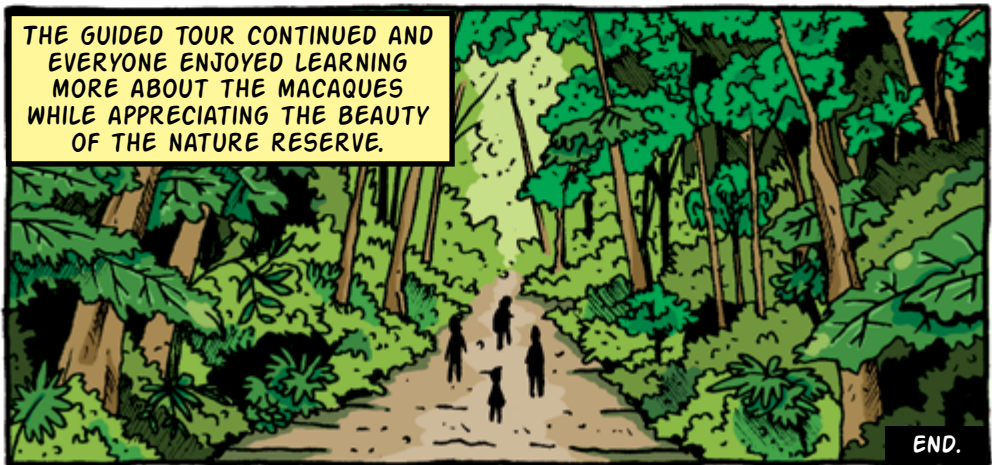
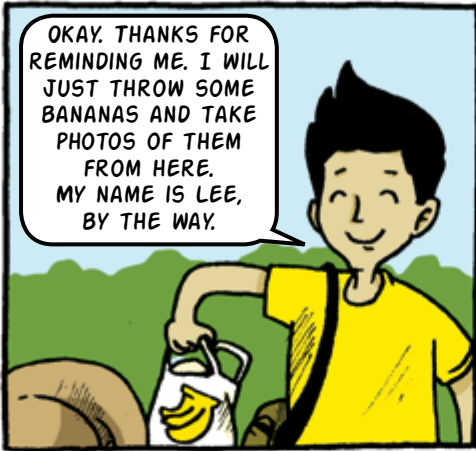
THE STAFF FROM THE NATIONAL PARKS BOARD ARE BRIEFING THE VISITORS ON THE DOS AND DON'TS INSIDE THE NATURE RESERVE.



WHILE INSIDE THE PARK, THREE MONKEYS APPROACHED THE GROUP.

OH MY! I SHOULD TAKE SOME SELFIES WITH THE MONKEYS!

HI, SIR! I'M SORRY BUT OUR GUIDES ASKED US TO STAY AT LEAST 1.5 METERS AWAY FROM THE MONKEYS.



NEVER HARM SEA LIFE

TUAN'S ADVENTURE IN
AO PHANG-NGA-MU KO
SURIN-MU KO SIMILAN
NATIONAL PARK, THAILAND

THIS IS SUCH A WONDERFUL DAY TO GO SNORKELING AND EXPLORE THIS BEAUTIFUL BEACH, I WILL DEFINITELY TAKE MEMORABLE PHOTOS.



OKAY GROUP LET'S GATHER UP AND GET READY TO BOARD THE BOAT. PLEASE WEAR YOUR LIFE VESTS AND GEAR ON YOUR SNORKELS AND BRING YOURSELVES TOGETHER. YOU ARE ALL GOING TO HAVE THE TIME OF YOUR LIVES.



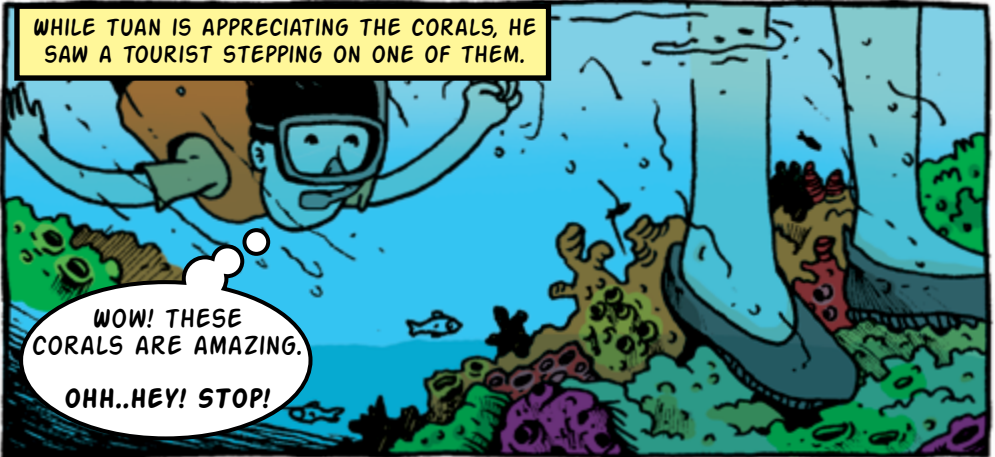
I'M EXCITED FOR THIS! I WILL FINALLY SWIM WITH THE FISHES AND TAKE AMAZING PHOTOS OF CORALS, AND HOPEFULLY I GET TO HAVE A GLIMPSE OF A SEA TURTLE.

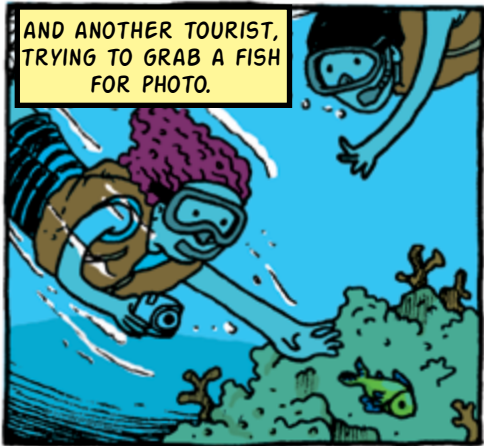


WHILE TUAN IS APPRECIATING THE CORALS, HE SAW A TOURIST STEPPING ON ONE OF THEM.

WOW! THESE CORALS ARE AMAZING.

OHH..HEY! STOP!





TUAN ALSO TOLD ME NOT TO GRAB ANY MARINE LIFE TO TAKE PHOTOS OF THEM.



THAT IS VERY RESPONSIBLE OF YOU, TUAN. ASIDE FROM THOSE TIPS, YOU SHOULD ALSO REFRAIN FROM FEEDING THE FISH FOR THEY MIGHT RELY ON THESE INSTEAD OF EATING THEIR OWN FOOD.



NOW, LET US MOVE TO OUR NEXT ADVENTURE! ARE YOU READY?

YES WE ARE!

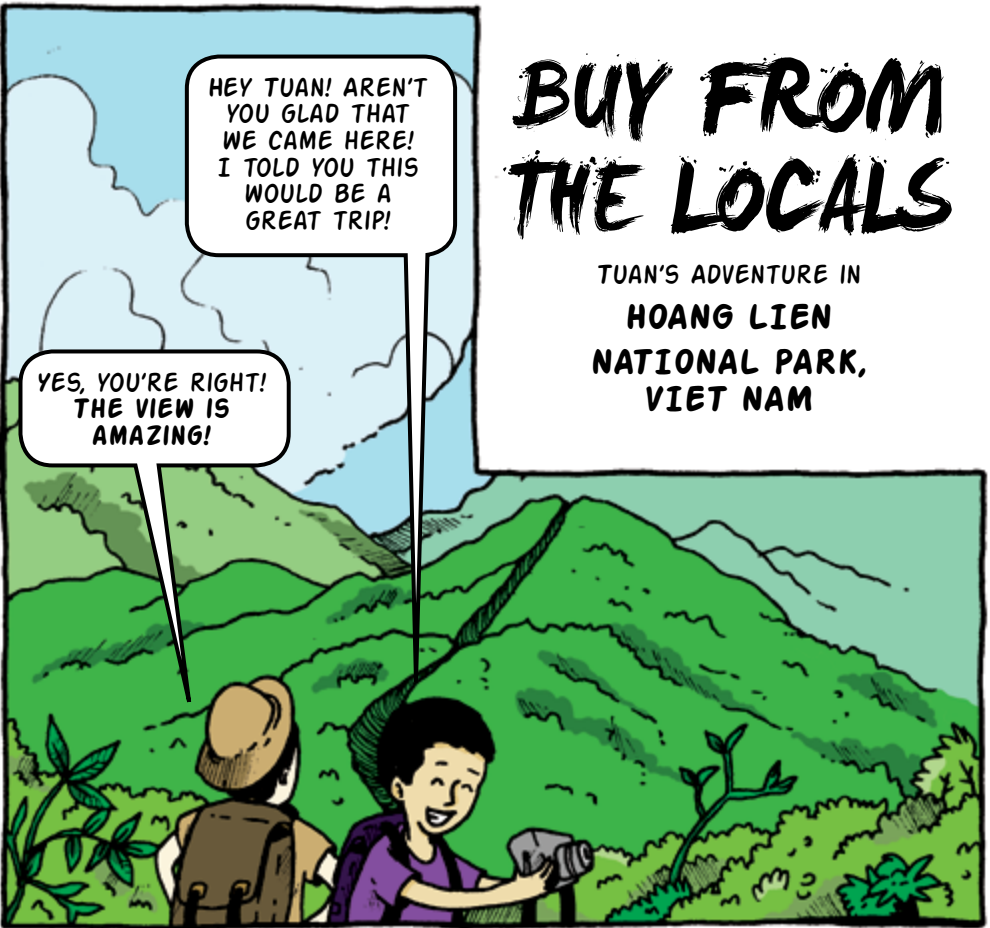
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BUY FROM THE LOCALS

TUAN'S ADVENTURE IN
HOANG LIEN
NATIONAL PARK,
VIET NAM

HEY TUAN! AREN'T YOU GLAD THAT WE CAME HERE! I TOLD YOU THIS WOULD BE A GREAT TRIP!

YES, YOU'RE RIGHT! THE VIEW IS AMAZING!

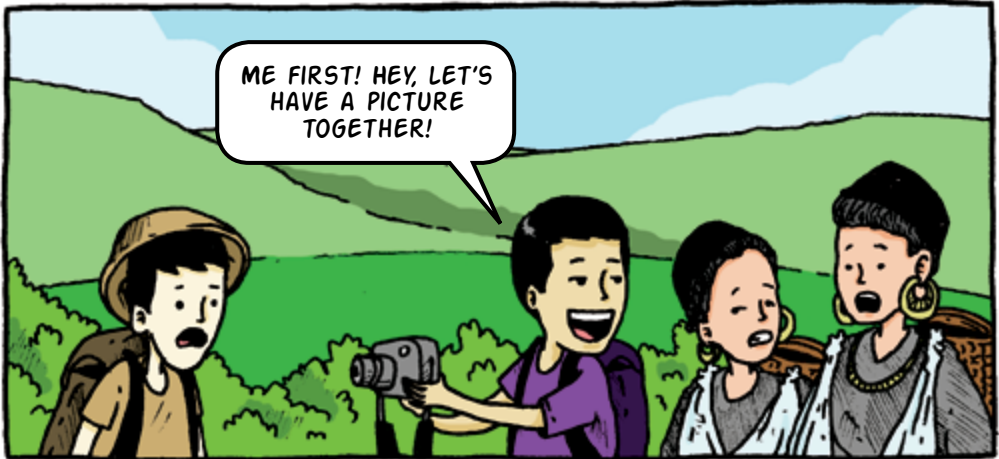


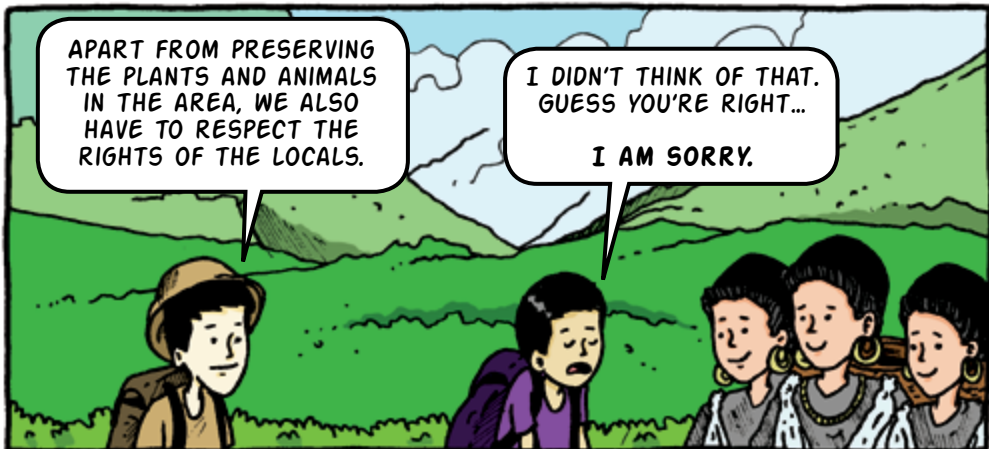
OUR FRIENDS BACK HOME WOULD SURELY LOVE THESE PHOTOS.

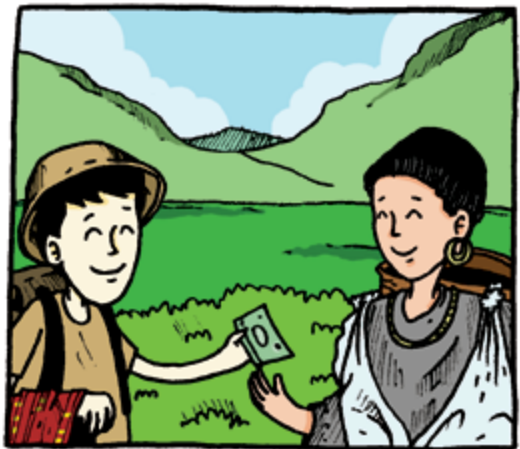
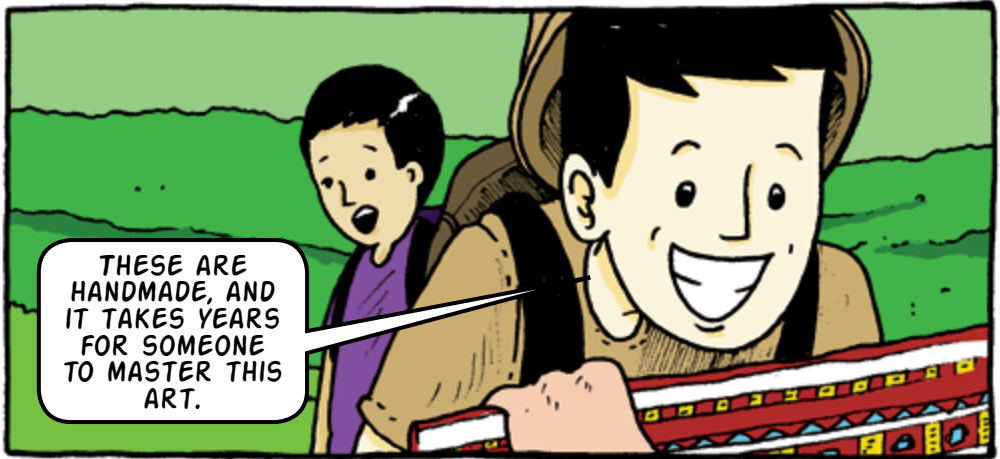


CHAN AND TUAN CONTINUE THEIR TREK, AND CHANCED UPON A GROUP OF WOMEN FROM THE LOCAL VILLAGE.











The
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Heritage
Parks**



ASEAN Heritage Parks are defined as “protected areas of high conservation importance, preserving in total a complete spectrum of representative ecosystems of the ASEAN region”. These areas are established to generate greater awareness, pride, appreciation, enjoyment and conservation of ASEAN’s rich natural heritage, through a regional network of representative protected areas, and to generate greater collaboration among AMS in preserving their shared natural heritage.

- 1 Tasek Merimbun Heritage Park
- 2 Gunung Leuser National Park
- 3 Kerinci-Seblat National Park
- 4 Lorentz National Park
- 5 Gunung Mulu National Park
- 6 Kinabalu National Park
- 7 Taman Negara National Park
- 8 Mount Apo Natural Park
- 9 Mounts Iglit-Baco National Park
- 10 Khao Yai National Park
- 11 Tarutao National Park
- 12 Preah Monivong (Bokor) National Park
- 13 Virachey National Park
- 14 Nam Ha National Protected Area
- 15 Alaungdaw Kathapa National Park
- 16 Hkakaborazi National Park
- 17 Indawgyi Lake Wildlife Sanctuary
- 18 Inlay Lake Wildlife Sanctuary
- 19 Lampi Marine National Park
- 20 Meinmahla Kyun Wildlife Sanctuary
- 21 Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve
- 22 Ao Phang-Nga - Mu Ko Surin - Mu Ko Similan National Park
- 23 Kaeng Krachan Forest Complex
- 24 Ba Be National Park
- 25 Chu Mom Ray National Park
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- 27 Kon Ka Kinh National Park
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