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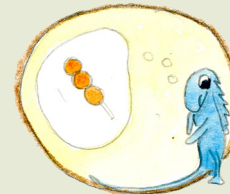
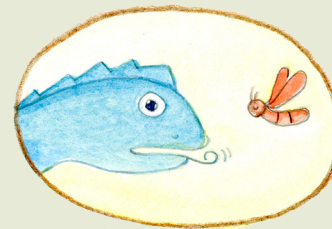
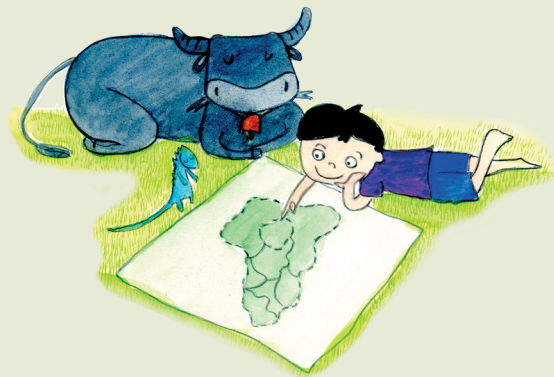
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Thailand Knowledge Park (TK park) mission in society is to develop a love of reading and give people equal opportunities to experience modern learning centers which speak to their interests. TK park has been cooperating with local administrators in many regions of Thailand to build living libraries as a way to achieve its mission.

Bringing local knowledge to children, in a modern and fun way, is an important tool to inspire them to read and explore. The idea is to create books which reflect local wisdom, together with morality and ethics, for children aged 7-12.

The books in the **Roi Et Set** were developed by TK park, scholars, and local writers. Children and adults will get to know about the Roi Et and be proud of the unique traditions found there. Moreover, the books also foster better understandings of and tolerant attitudes toward others from different cultures and societies.

TK park hopes the books will be another learning tool to help encourage Thai people to read more and maximize their learning. TK park aims to make the books fun and easy to read. Readers can enjoy them and appreciate their own hometowns, regions, and country.

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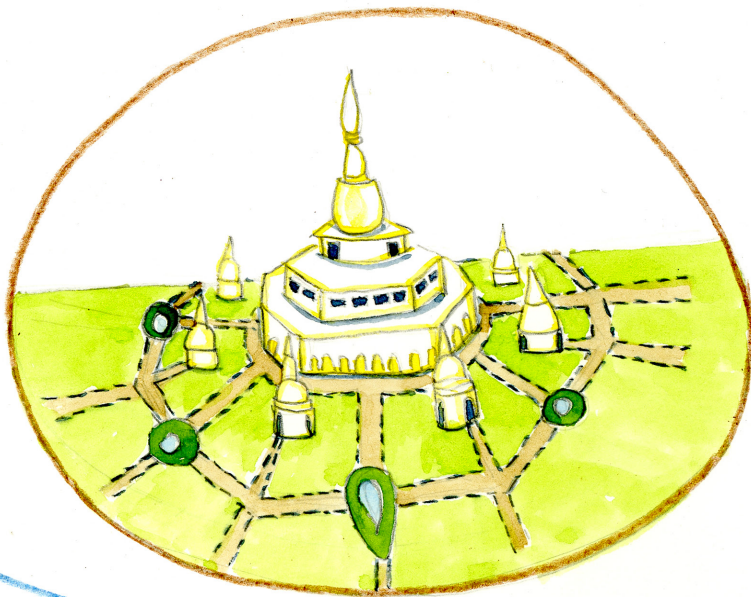
One day Kapom Noi was talking to Kapom Mom and Kapom Dad.

"Teacher asked me to study my hometown."

"You'd better go to Roi Et," said Kapom Mom.



The next day Kapom Noi happily flew to Roi Et.






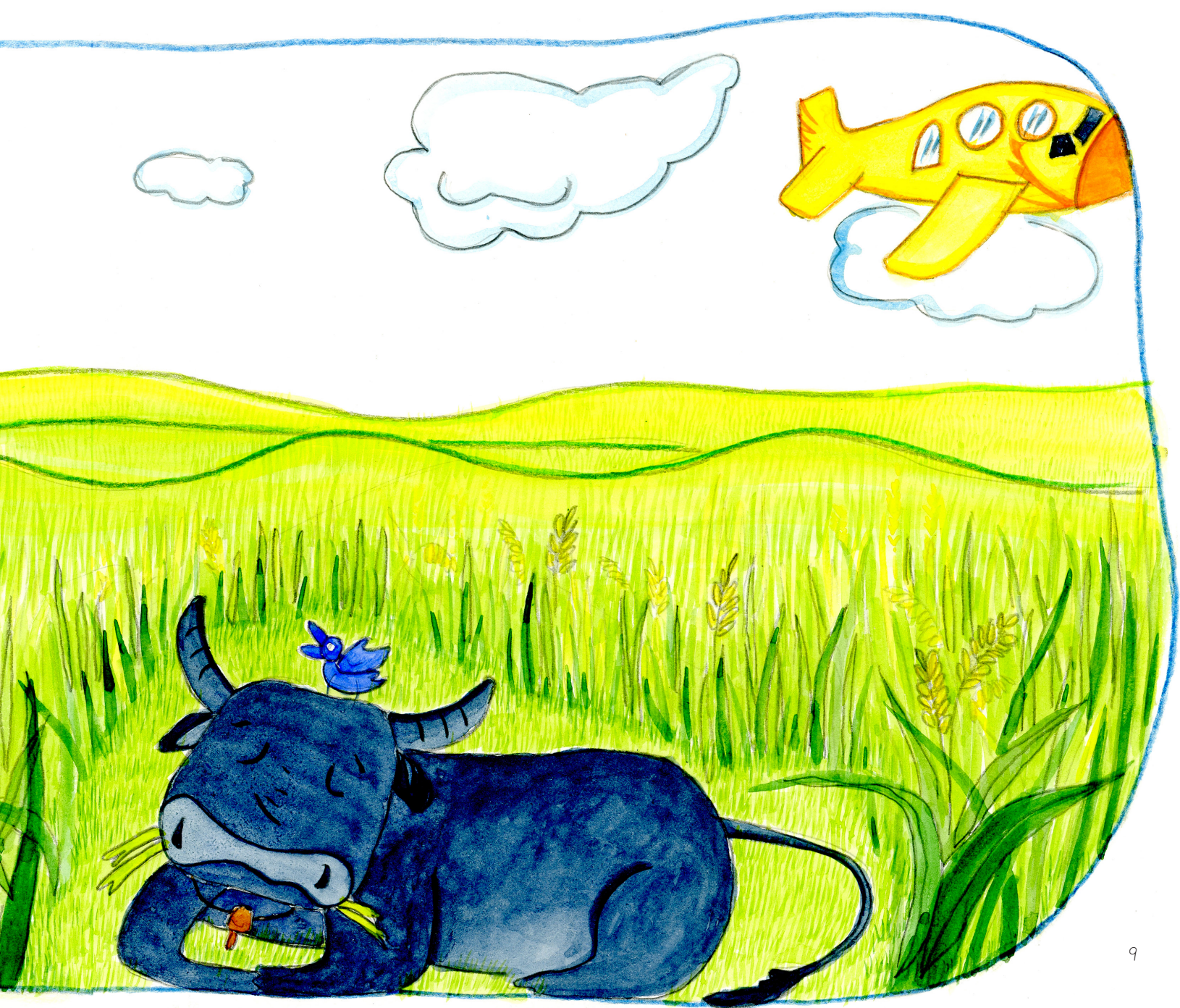
Here we are!  
Kapom Noi is ready to get to know Roi Et.



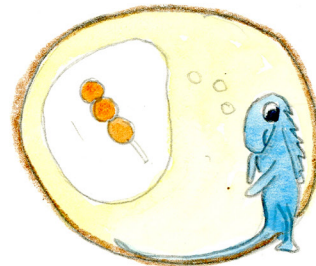
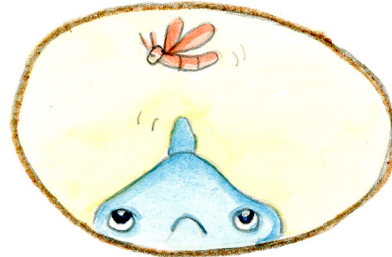
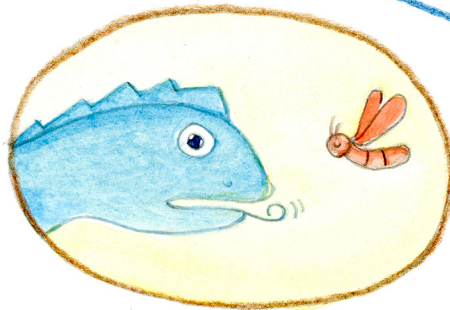




Kapom Noi is parachuting to Thung Kula Ronghai,  
where Biggy Buffalo is enjoying himself.

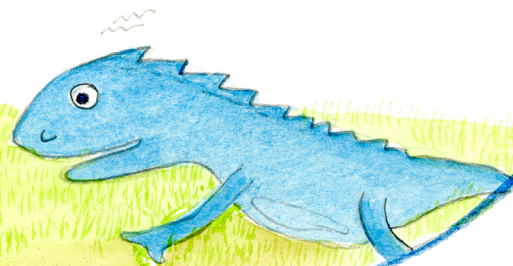


"Hey! Let's catch some insects to eat!"



"I've got one!" Kapom Noi plunges into buffalo dung to catch a beetle.

Biggy Buffalo sighs as he sees Kapom Noi plunging.

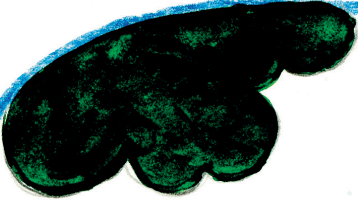




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Kapom Noi sees a roasted Kapom!

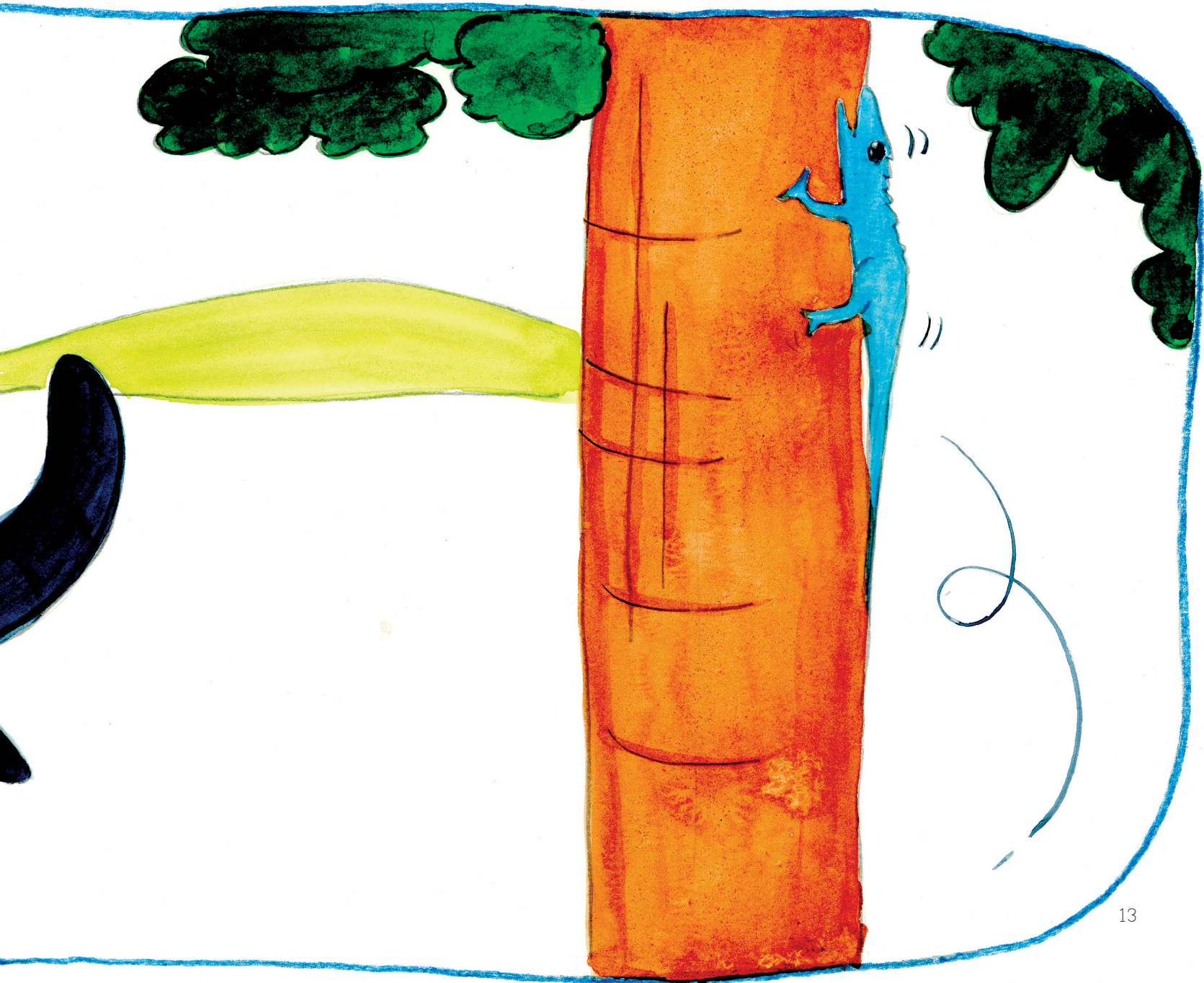


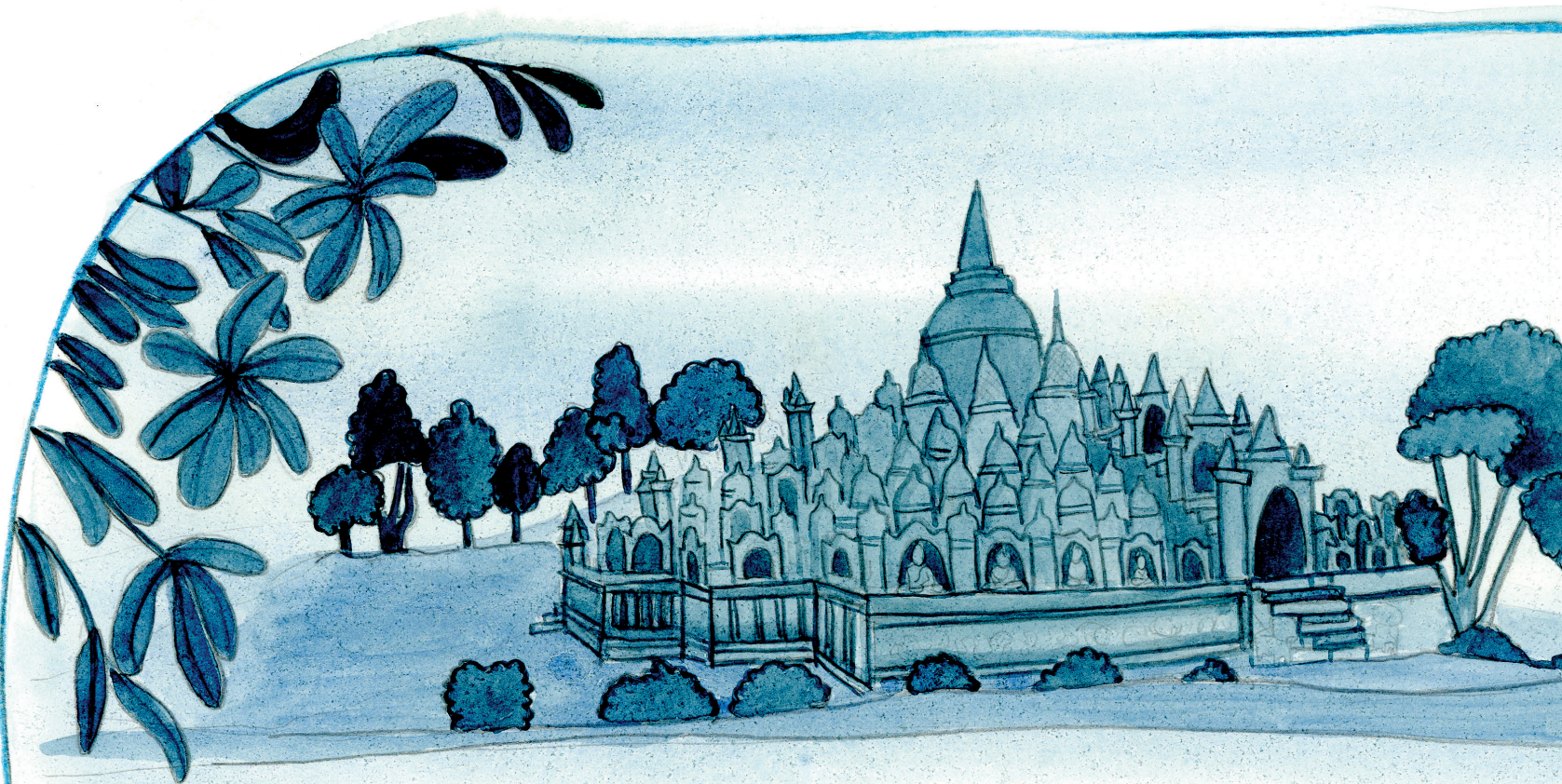
Kapom Noi is startling. Kapom Noi is so frightened that he climbs up the tree fast.



"Umm...who said he can't climb a tree?" Biggy Buffalo laughs.







Biggy Buffalo cares for Kapom Noi who has been tired. Biggy Buffalo finds Kapom Noi some insects. Biggy Buffalo lets Kapom Noi sleep on his back.





Bang! Bang! Bang!



What's the sound?  
That sound wakes them up.

Oh boy! The little gangster is coming!



Joi is shouting at the little gangster.

"Stop! What are you guys doing here?"

The abbot doesn't allow you to catch animals. Remember that? If you do, I'll go tell him!"



The little gangster backs off and Kapom Noi manages to survive.



Now Kapom Noi has two friends: Joi and Biggy Buffalo.



Kapom Noi tells Joi that Kapom Noi is in search of hometown. Joi has some suggestions.

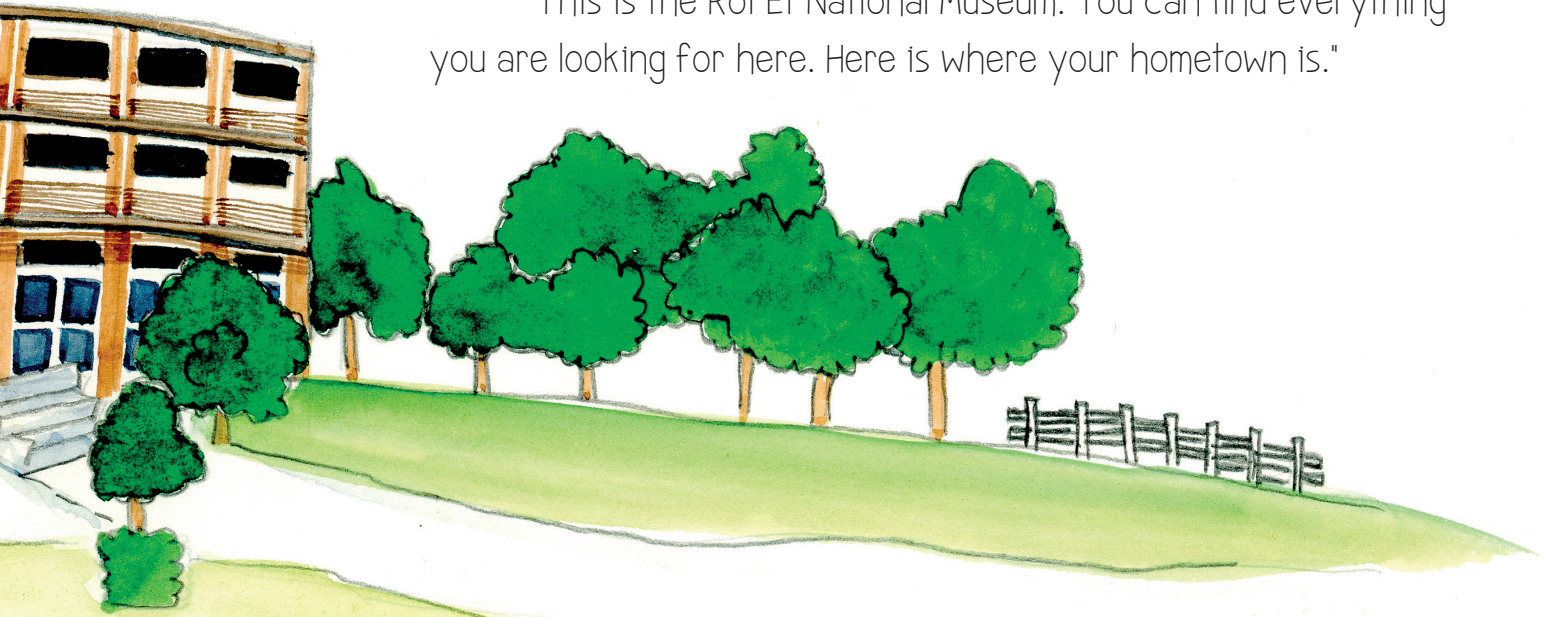


Silk yarn making machine  
and Sa Ket silk

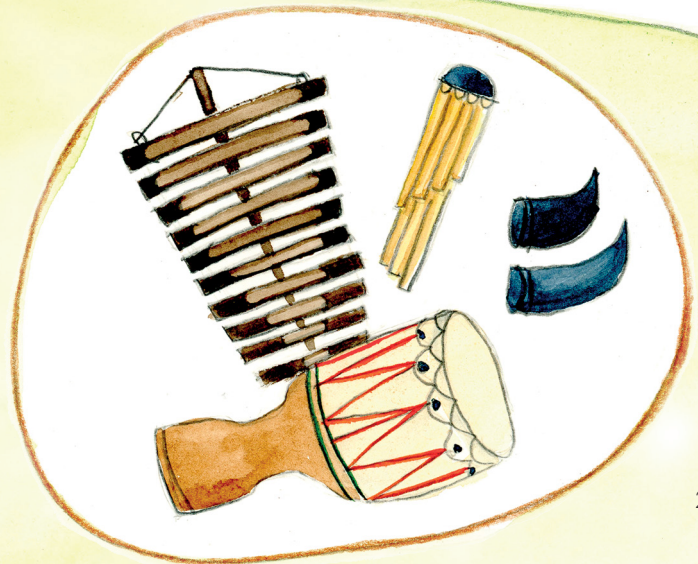
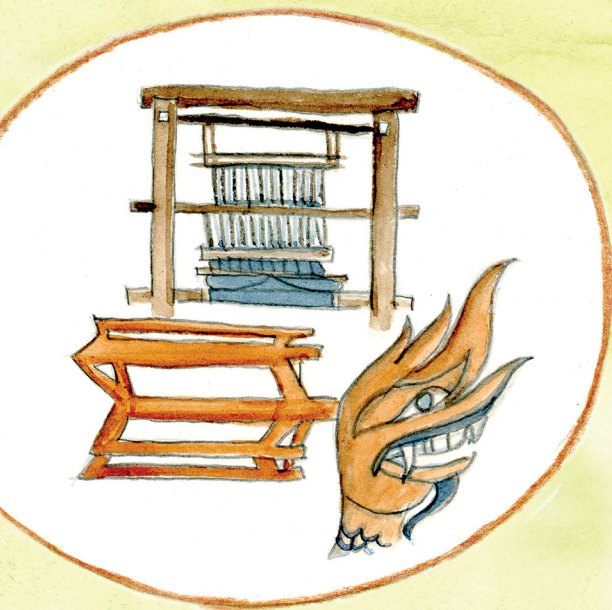


Containers and jewelry in the old days

"This is the Roi Et National Museum. You can find everything you are looking for here. Here is where your hometown is."



The Roi Et local Isan Folk musical instruments



Besides the museum, Roi Et has more to offer.





Joi takes Kapom Noi and Biggy Buffalo to  
the amazing Roi Et Aquarium.



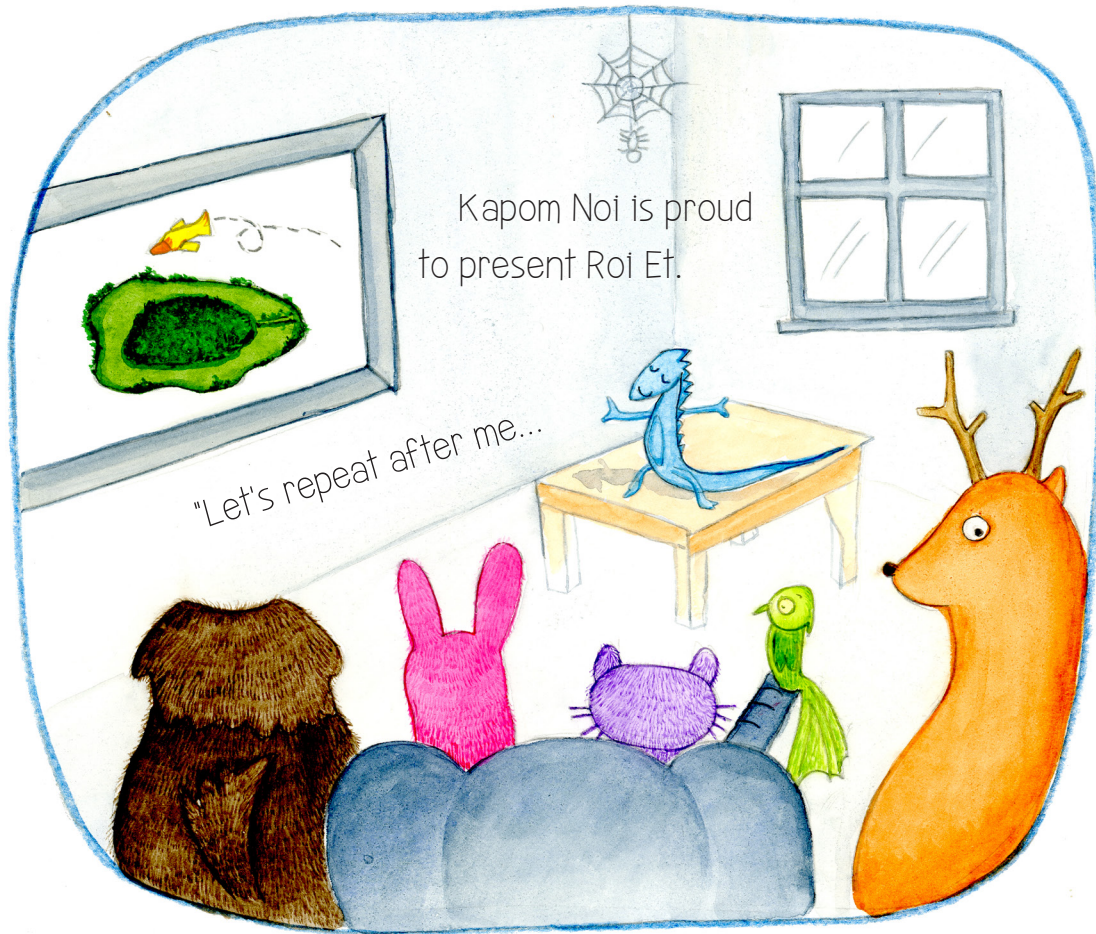
Now they are heading to Bung Phlan Chai. It's huge!



Joi takes Kapom Noi and Biggy Buffalo to pay respect to the Pillar of Roi Et before Kapom Noi returns Bangkok.







The 11 gates to Roi Et are gorgeous. Those Buddha images are enormous. The *Sa Ket* silk is priceless. Bun Pa Wed, a tradition of sacrifices. The big pagoda, Chaimongkol, we respect. Let's relax at Bung Phlan Chai. It's perfect. The vast land, Thung Kula, is prominent. Our jasmine rice is so significant." You can find them in Kapom Noi's hometown, Roi Et.



## What **Kapom Noi** Can Trigger

**Kapom Noi in Roi Et** is a book for children aged 7-9. Although they may be able to read on their own, they love having teachers or adults read to them. Teachers may read it with them for the first few times and encourage them to think critically.

### Suggested Pre-reading Activities

- Teachers read the title **Kapom Noi in Roi Et** and ask their students to predict what the book might be about.
- Teachers can open the book to any page and ask their students what they see and have them guess what might be happening in the story.

### Suggested Post-reading Activities

- Teachers can encourage critical thinking by asking their students why **Kapom Noi** wants to return to his hometown.
- Teachers can ask their students to give reasons why they might or might not want to return to their hometown if they were **Kapom Noi**.

Writer



### Sakunee Nattapoolwat

earned a bachelor of science (Agriculture) and a Master of Arts (Human Environmental Management) from Chiang Mai University. She started working in writing and editing, as an editorial team member at Baan Lae Suan Magazine. Later, she became a research assistant. Her interests are shifting cultivation, minorities, and highland agricultural systems. In 1999, she founded a book store called 'Ran Lao' in Chiang Mai City, Chiang Mai Province. It is one of the first alternative book stores which organizes activities to enhance reading.

Illustrator



### Monthatip Suksopha

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although she is originally from Surin Province, she graduated from Chiang Mai University's Faculty of Fine Arts, majoring in painting. At present, Prasert focuses her artistic skills on flower paintings and is known for her work 'Botanical Friendship.' She also designs puppets under the name "Auntie Toeng."



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