

THE BORNEO BOYS



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PLACES TO GO AROUND KUCHING



Delicious Sarawak Food

Nasi – Rice
Nasi Ayam – Chicken Rice
Mee Goreng – Fried Noodle (Sauteed Noodle)
Mee Sup – Soup Noodle
Satay Ayam/ Daging – Grilled Chicken/ Beef
Kek Lapis Sarawak – Sarawak Layered Cakes

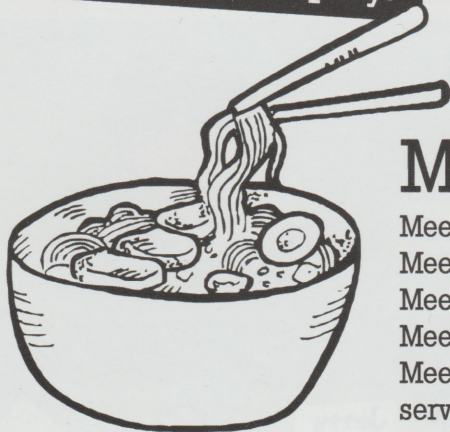
Sarawak Crafts

Pua Kumbu
Batik
Carvings
Souvenirs

Sampan Ride

At the end of the waterfront walkway pass Hilton Hotel.

Tolong, tidak pedas-please, I don't want
the food hot and spicy.



MEE GROUP:

Mee goreng is a noodle that is often sauteed with vegetables or meats
Mee Goreng Daging - Sauteed noodles with beef
Mee Goreng Ayam - Sauteed noodles with chicken
Mee Goreng Seafood - Sauteed noodles with fish, squid and/or shell fish
Mee Kolok - A closely woven thin noodle found only in Sarawak usually served with a beef broth.

NASI GROUP:

Nasi is white rice
Nasi Goreng - Fried rice
Nasi Goreng Ayam - Fried Rice with chicken
Nasi Goreng Daging - Fried Rice with beef
Nasi Goreng Sayur - Fried Rice with vegetables
Nasi Goreng Ikan - Fried Rice with fish



INDIVIDUAL DISHES:

AYAM PENYET

Fried Chicken with a side of cucumbers, sambal (a hot shrimp paste) and local green leaf and soup.

SARAWAK LAKSA

Rice noodles Served in coconut milk with spices, bean sprouts, coriander leaves, shredded chicken and scrambled eggs are included with chilli based shrimp paste and lime served on the side.

ROJAK SOTONG

Chopped fermented squid with soya sauce, belacan (shrimp paste). Quite fishy smelling.

DRINKS:

There are many different types of local drinks made with coconut milk. Try one!

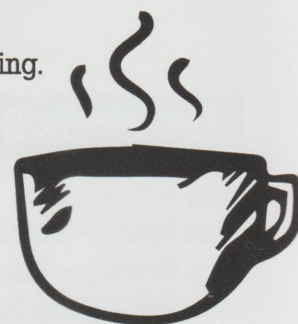
Local Coffee and Tea

Kopi O - black coffee

Kopi gula - coffee with sugar

Kopi gula dan susu - coffee with sugar and milk

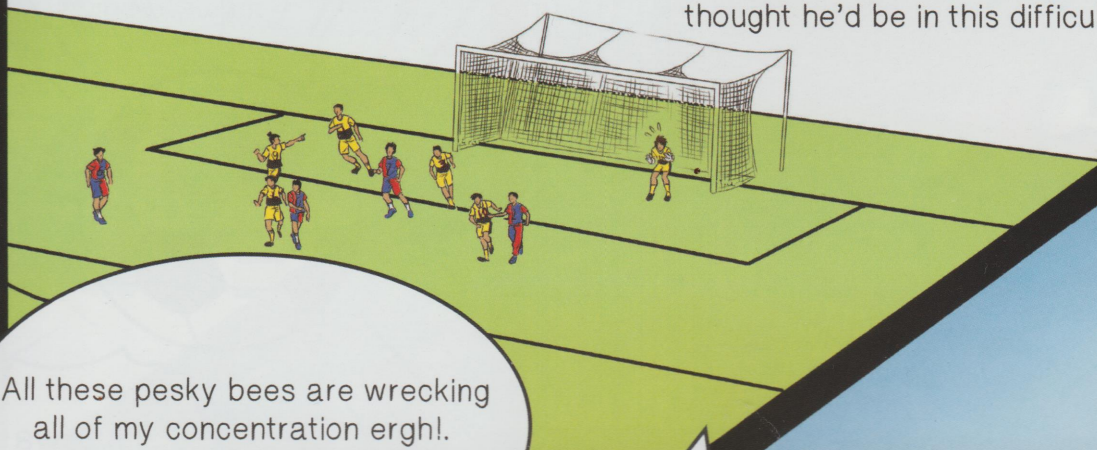
Teh Tarik - Hot water poured several times through a sock with tea leaves served with milk



Its was a normal sunny day in Kuala Lumpur for young Dzul.



The game was close. As the sub goalkeeper, Dzul never would have thought he'd be in this difficult situation.



HOME	TO GO	GUEST
10	1	13
DOWN		QUARTER

All these pesky bees are wrecking all of my concentration ergh!.
Ok! I can do this. Only A few second to go.

Buzz!

Dzul!
The ball is coming your way!

Defend the goal Dzul !!!
If you don't they win!

Hehe..... A day dreaming goalkeeper.
This is going to be easy

Argh
Why Me !???

It was Dzul's shinning moment.

Though not in the way he expected.....

UFF!

STINGS

ARGH THAT
HURTS !!



That was
amazing !!

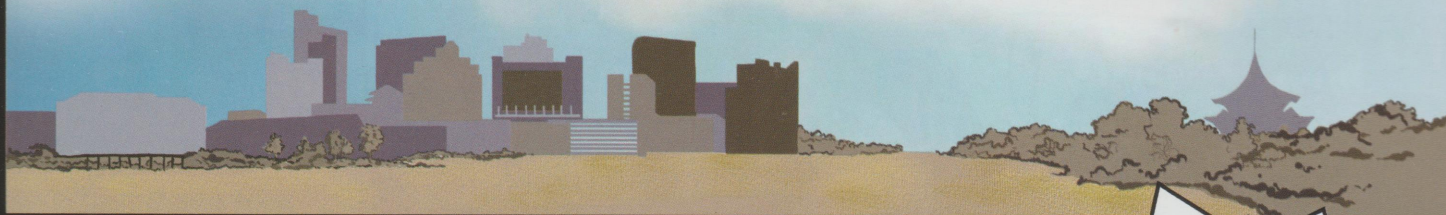
BAM

PREEEEET

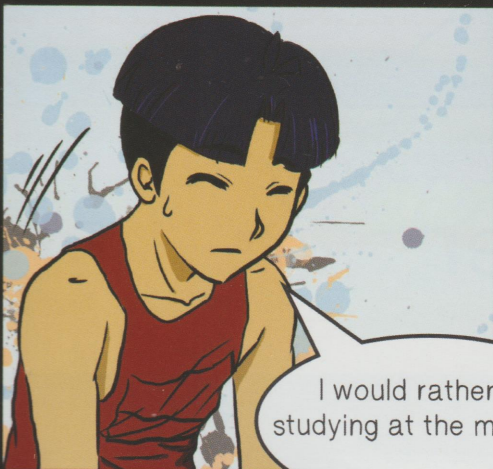
DZHL
WE WON !

That was
Lucky !!

Meanwhile in Kuching City



Kuching Stadium



I would rather be studying at the moment.



PLAT!



HEY KID! STOP!
YOU'VE WON THE
RACE!!



What??
Really??



Hehehe....
Lucky!

A few days later

At Ah Kong's Antique shop



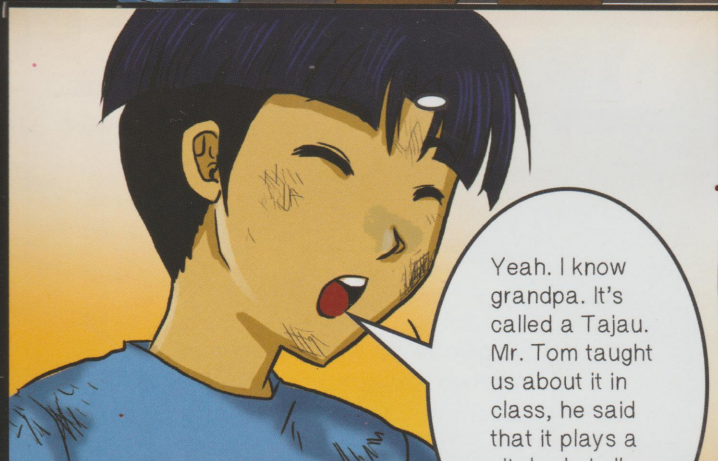


Aiya! Be careful with that, Hong Huat!



Here, let me help you. We'll put it right here.

You know Hong Huat. This is a very valuable antique.



Yeah. I know grandpa. It's called a Tajau. Mr. Tom taught us about it in class, he said that it plays a vital role in Iban culture.



That's really good Hong Huat! You really do enjoy history. I should reward you with an angpow today. You've been such a good helper.

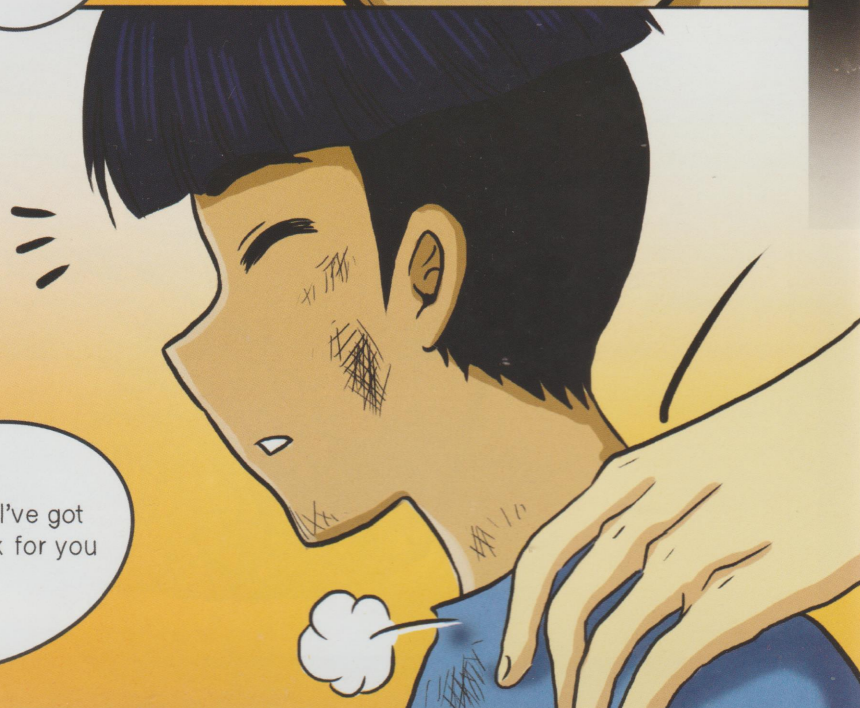


I knew it! Ah Kong is so sly.

But there is still so much clearing to be done. So why don't we take care of that first?



But for now I've got another task for you to do.



Come let's freshen up first.

Your father told me that his friend just got transferred here from KL. He has a son around your age too. Your father wants to bring you to go pick them up from the airport this afternoon.



Go give him a warm welcome. You two are going to have such adventures being friends.

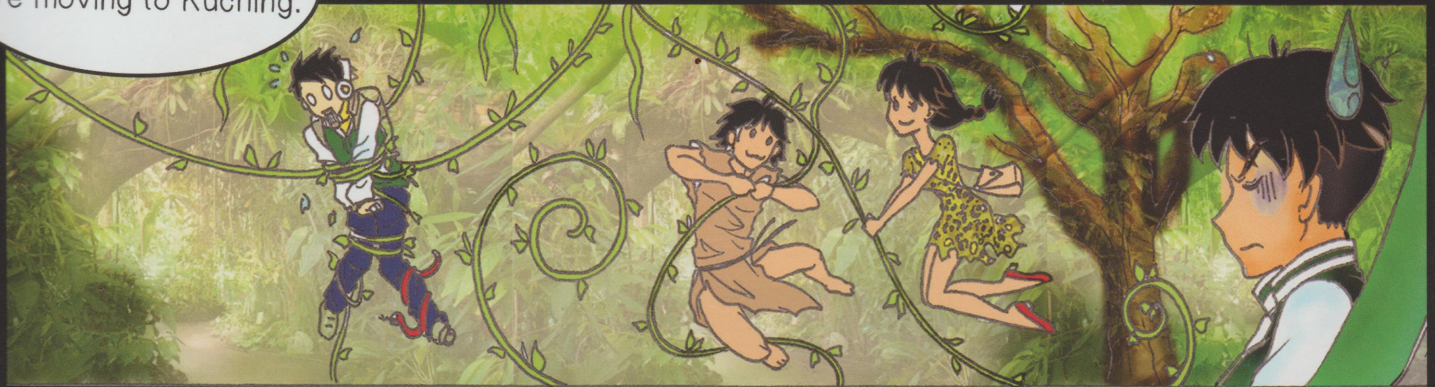




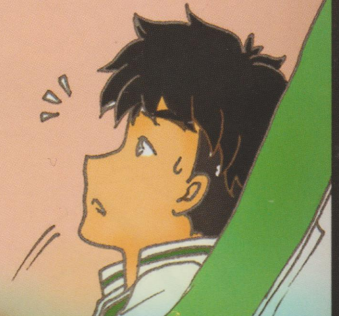
Can't believe we are moving to Kuching.



I bet they live in tree houses and they look like Orangutan.



STEWARDESS:
We are now preparing for landing...

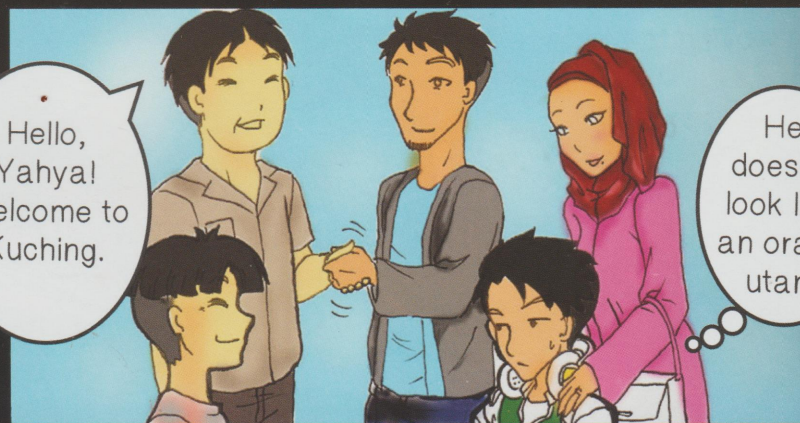


Kuching International Airport

Wow! they look normal.



Hello,
Yahya!
Welcome to
Kuching.



He
doesn't
look like
an orang
utan.

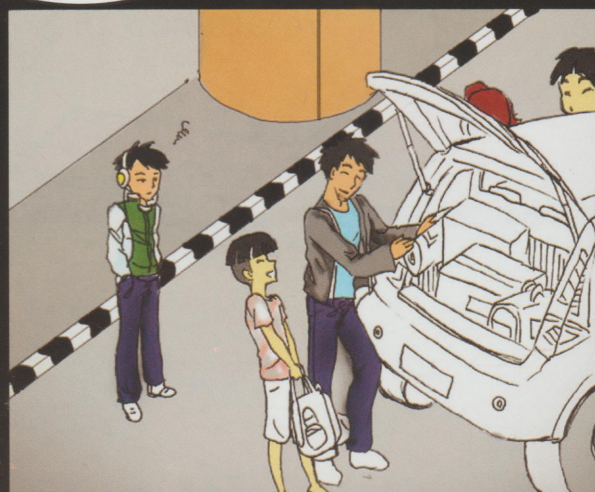
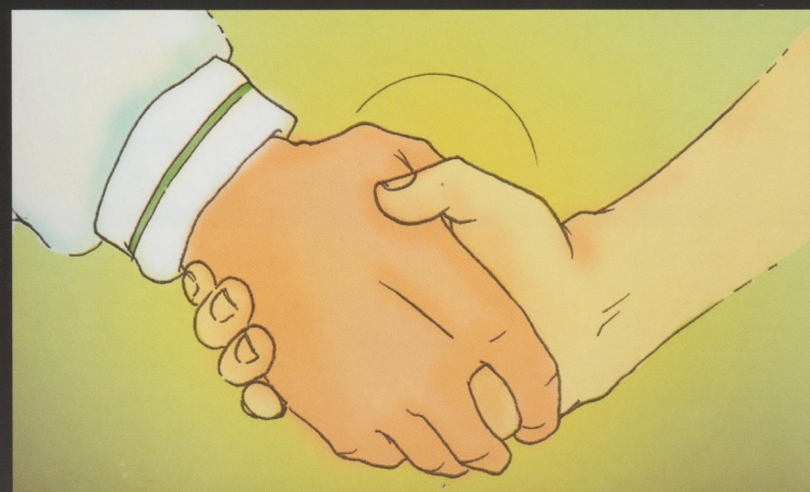
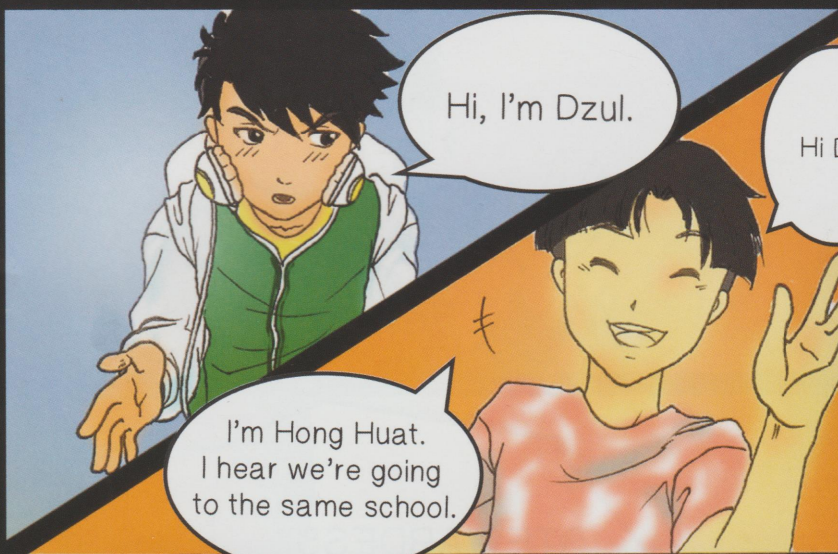
Introduce
yourself, Dzul.

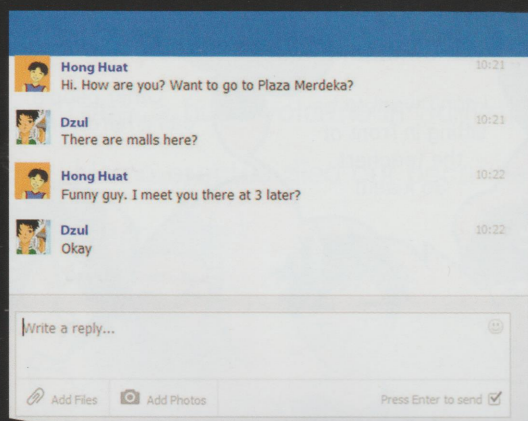
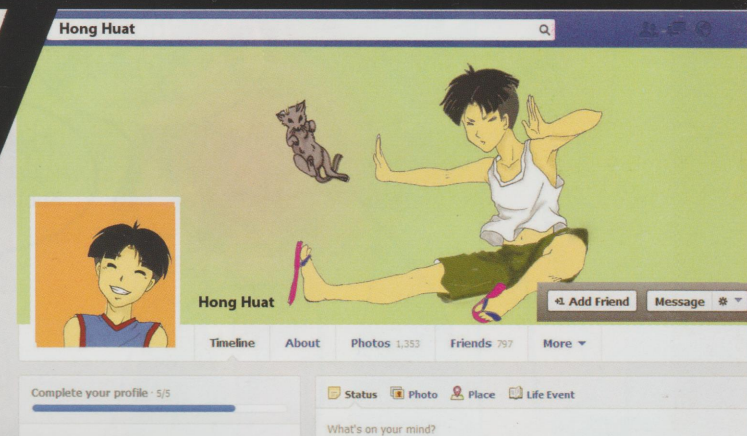
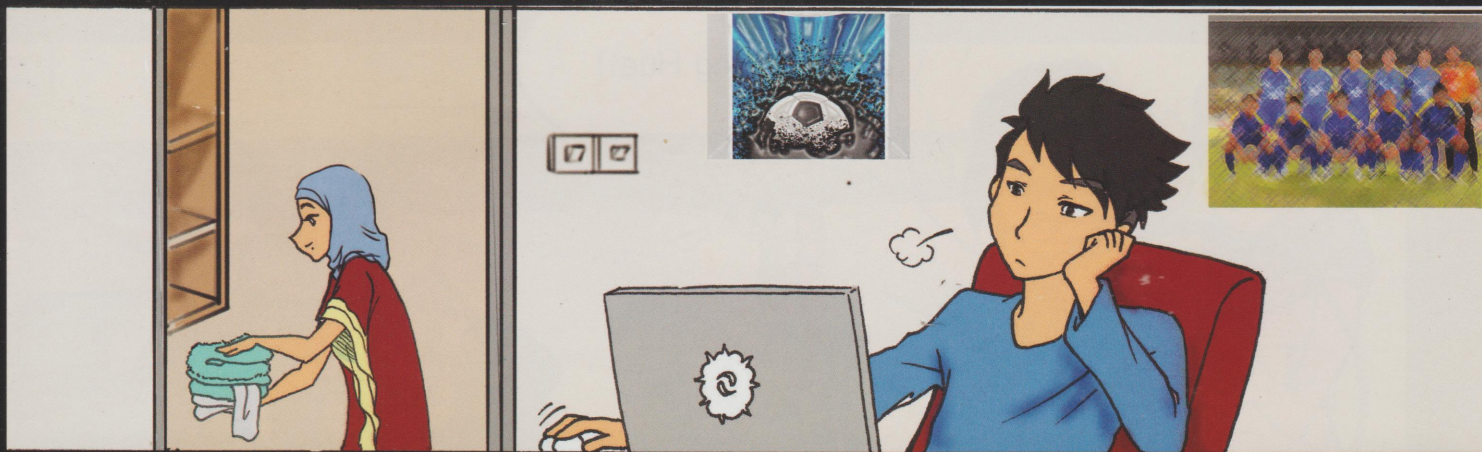


Hi, I'm Dzul.

Hi Dzul.

I'm Hong Huat.
I hear we're going
to the same school.







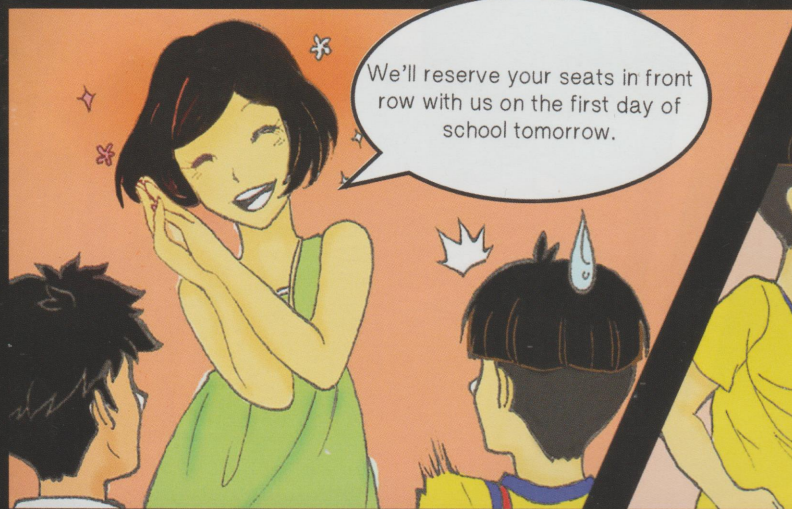
Hi, Hong Huat!

Who's your friend?

This is Dzul, he just moved to Kuching from KL.

Yeah.

You're going to the same school as us?



We'll reserve your seats in front row with us on the first day of school tomorrow.



I don't want to be sitting in front of the teacher! So kiasu!

Other people call it hardworking!



Err...Want to go watch a movie?

A Conversation about the Sarawak River Basin

by Suriani binti Sahari and Tom McLaughlin

"Mr. Tom ! Mr. Borneo Tom !

"Hi guy..whoops and the ladies too!

"We want to know more about history!"

" I thought you guys hated history!"

"Not the real old stuff"

"Okay. About 100,000 years ago early man came down the Malay Peninsula"

" You mean Semenanjung"

"Yes, there"

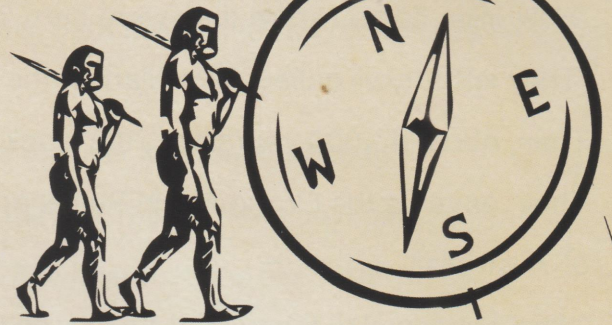
"And they had a difficult name called Homo erectus.

"You mean they were gay?"

"No, they were just not as developed as we are today"

"During that early time, they were able to move between the islands."

"Then, Toba, a huge volcano in Sumatera exploded. It was one of the largest eruptions in history. Homo erectus died out because of the ash and dropping temperatures may have caused the ice age."



"How do you know?"

"When they were digging the hole for the car park at Crown Plaza for the new hotel, I saw a long gray area about six centimetres wide with a layer of dirt above it "

"How else do you know they were here ?"

"They left a skull called Java Man on the island of Java."

Then, about 40,000 years ago, the black people came. It was the "Out of Africa" wave."

They gave us the Orang Asli in Semenanjung, the people of New Guinea and the aborigines of Australia"

"What happened to them? Why are they on only just a few islands?"

"They probably lived in the highland areas and hunted down on the plains. You see, the sea between Borneo and Semenanjung was now land because all of the water was taken up by ice at the poles. Then the ice melted and they had to move where the animals were to hunt"

"Then about 2,000 years ago a group of people came out of Taiwan. They were like the Bumiputera of Taiwan. They migrated to The Philippines and Borneo. They built boats and populated Semenanjung, Sumatera and Java. Others travelled east and visited Celebes and Easter Island. It was termed one of the fastest migration in history"

"I am bored"

"Wait wait ! Here in Borneo, we think right around Kuching, they developed the Malay language! And to top it all off, they spread it to Semenanjung, Sumatera and all the way to Africa, Madagascar!

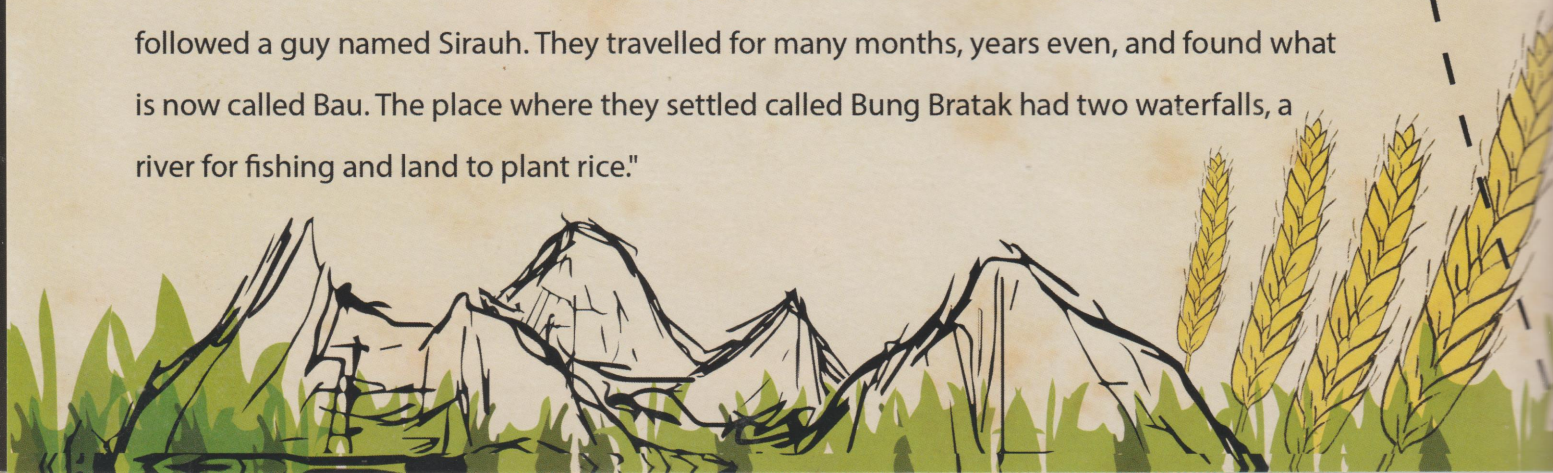
"How did they do that?"

" Want to hear more?"

"Yes please!"

"The first people from Taiwan entered Borneo from the south and became the Bidayuh and the Orang Ulu people."

"The Bidayuh moved to a place called Sungkung in central Borneo, in Indonesia only it wasn't called that then. About 775 years ago, give or take a few hundred years, they followed a guy named Sirauh. They travelled for many months, years even, and found what is now called Bau. The place where they settled called Bung Bratak had two waterfalls, a river for fishing and land to plant rice."



"Whew ! Wait, let me get a glass of water." Are you guys still with me?"

"Yea! We want to hear more!"

The Malays were in small towns around Santubong. They lived in river ports.

They traded with the Serian Bidayuh for jungle produce like birds nest, honey and other stuff for gongs, porcelain jars and metal.

"Now we have to talk about the Sarawak River. If you take the river from Santubong to Kuching you take the tide which flows from the South China Sea. Then, it flows out again. The tide flows in and then flows out stopping at Kuching. But, after that, the people must paddle and fight the fast flowing current to Lidah Tanah because the water is flowing out from the mountains. The two waters meet at Kuching!"

"You mean Kuching had always been there ?

"Yup! Only then it was known as Serawak with an "e".

"Now, at Santubong we have a large Chinese city. It lasted for about 300 years. Ships came from Funan and unloaded their ballast."

"Their what?"

"Ballast, the stuff that they put in the boats to make them heavier. It was from broken pottery called sherds."

A metal working complex was also established. Then it all disappeared"

"What happened?"

"We are pretty sure it was cholera, a fatal disease"

"Some of the survivors, the Chinese, married into the Bidayuh population and became farmers. They moved up the Sarawak River and probably founded wells and planted Mata Kuching trees."

"The Malays left and went to Lidah Tanah, as far as they could get, from the diseased area. We know that because my wife, Suriani, rediscovered a tombstone there that dated from the 1300's. There were five Patinggis who were part of the area beginning with Patinggi Mengadi. But trade from Lidah Tanah and the Chinese farmers continued"

"What did they trade?"

"They traded bird nests, honey and antimony."

"What is antimony?"



"Ohh, it was used to as substance to decorate skulls, as an eye makeup and when separated from the sulphur, a light yellowish dye for cloth"

"This trade continued on peacefully from about the 12th to 1300's until the early 1820's"

"The Hakka's from the mining areas around the gold fields began to filter in and mined for gold, planted crops and mined some of the antimony."

Then what happened?

"The English came"

"You mean Brooke?"

"Before then. The English wanted the antimony because it made metal soft so you could roll it into a cup, glasses and pound it into a plate. "

"The Sultan of Brunei was very greedy and he sent Hashim and then Mahkota to seize the antimony mines. They brought the brothers along and the Brunei Malays went to Lidah Tanah and forced the locals Malays and Bidayuhs to give them rice and antimony.

But the owners of the mines and bird nests refused and fought back. There was some trade with Singapore but Mahkota wanted it all."

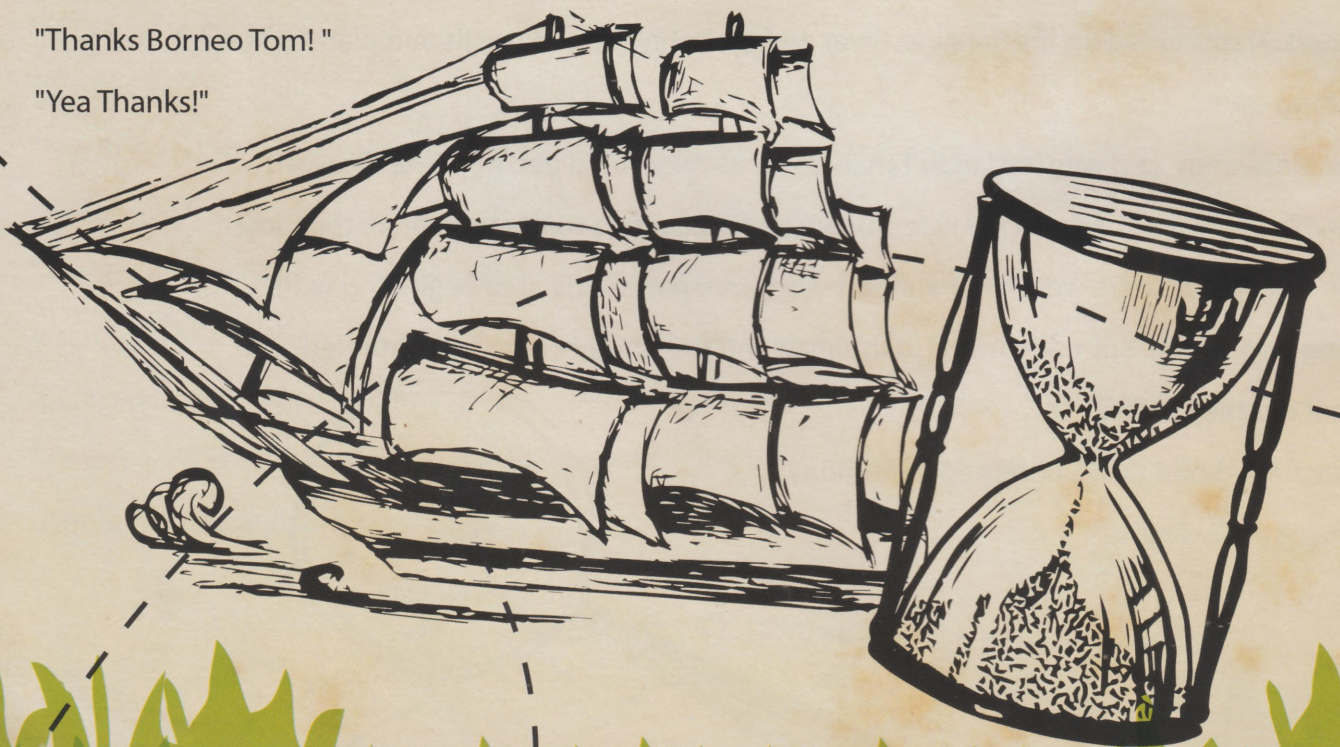
"What happened then?"

" Then James Brooke entered the picture. He helped Mahkota defeat the Malays and Bidayuh at Lidah Tanah and supported the Brunei people. They then turned around and made the rebels his friends. He then filled the "Royalist" his ship, with antimony and sent it to Singapore and sold the stuff. He sold many boat loads to Singapore."

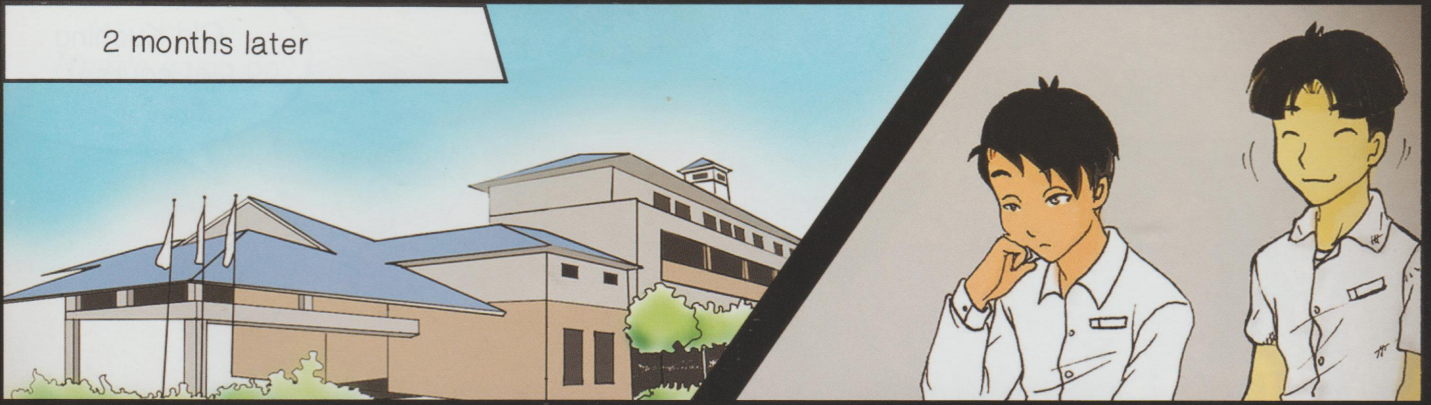
"Whew!" I need some tea !"

"Thanks Borneo Tom! "

"Yea Thanks!"

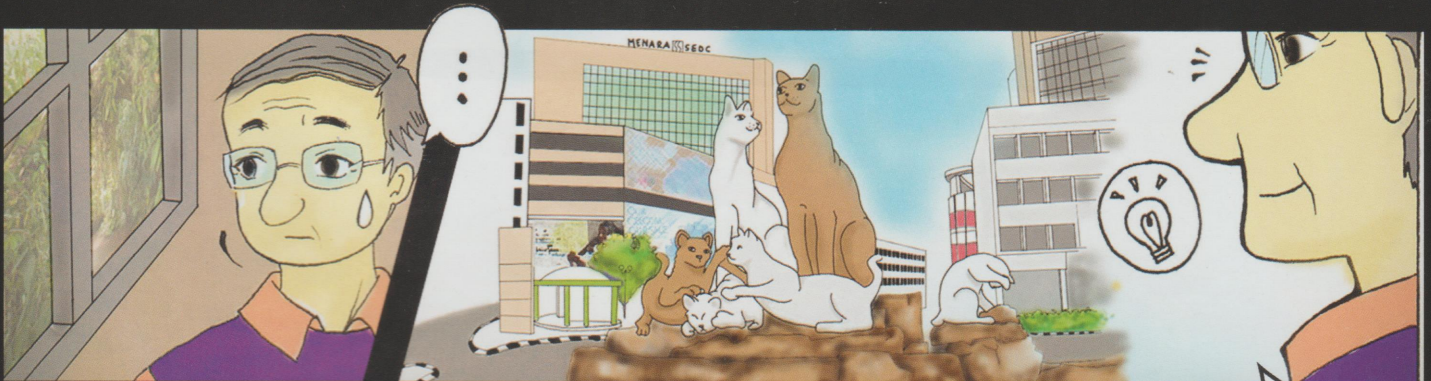


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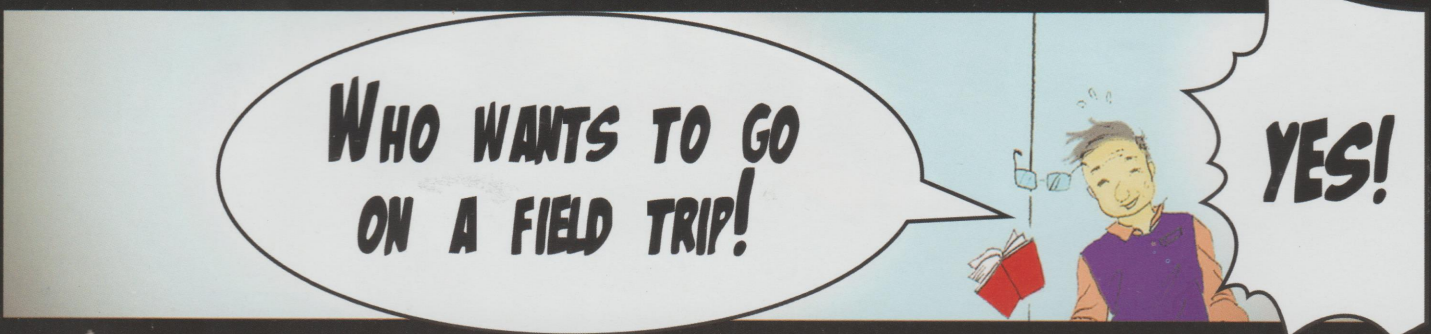
...and that's
how Parameswara
founded Malacca.

Any questions
class?



**WHO WANTS TO GO
ON A FIELD TRIP!**

YES!





Where to teacher?



Old Kuching of course!



I want you guys to learn about Old Kuching and write about it.



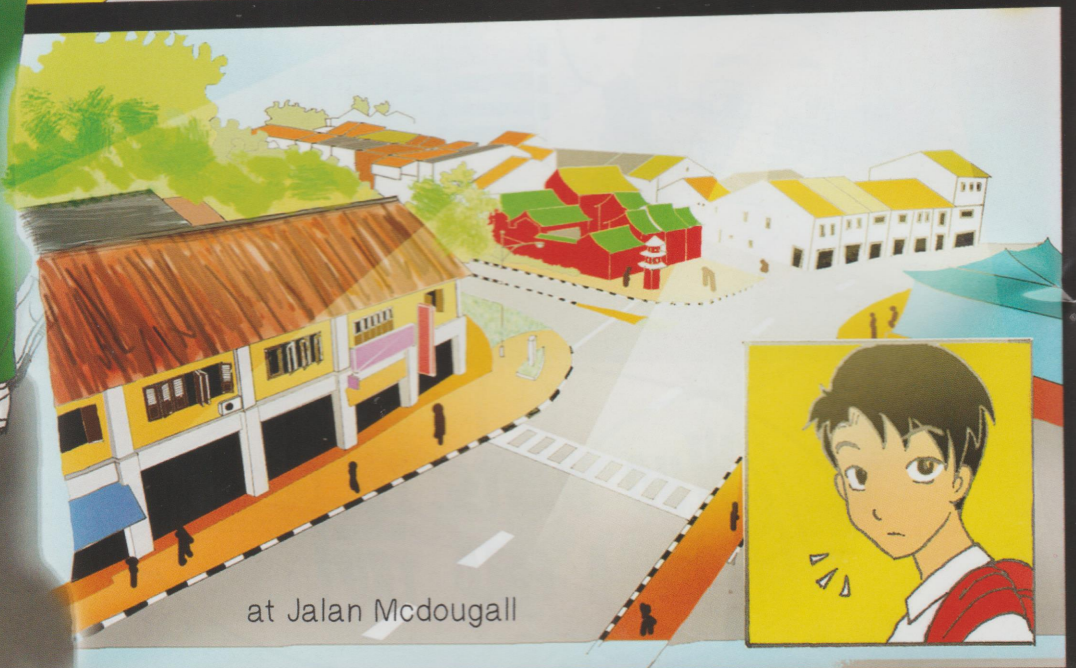
I miss home.



Want to go to Plaza Merdeka?



Hurm...okay.



at Jalan McDougall

What's going on?

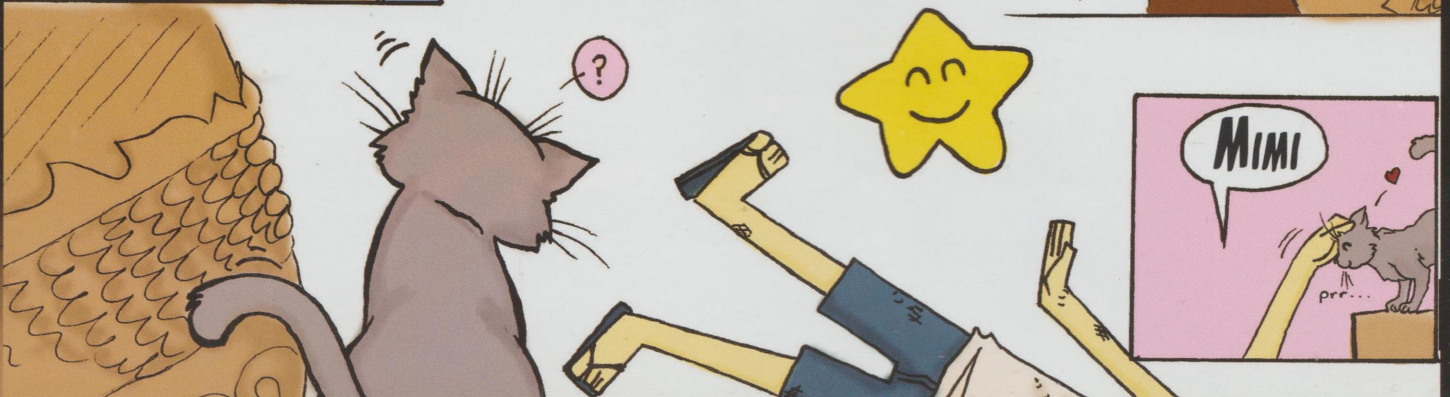
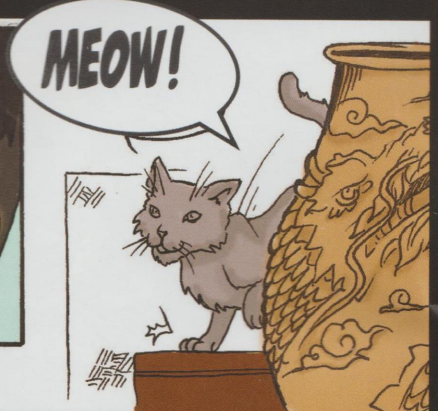
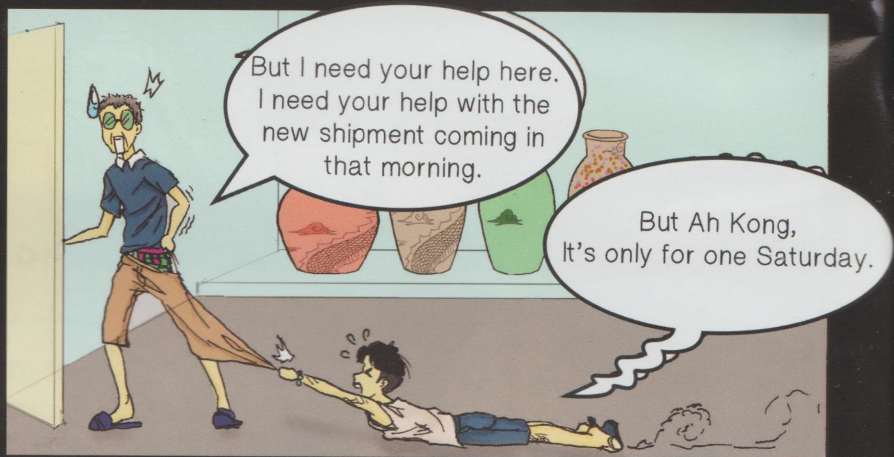
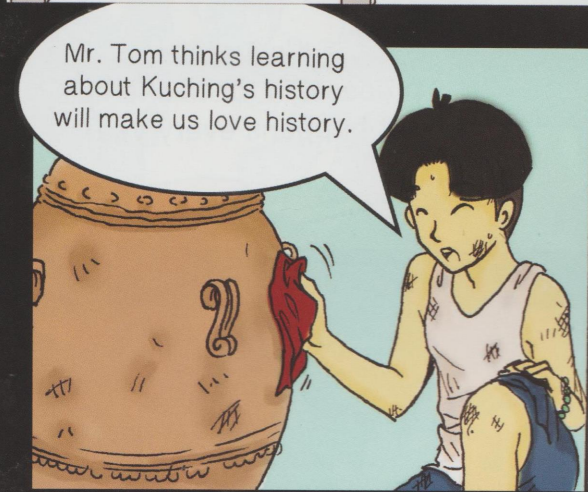
CLING! CLING!

It's just the procession for this temple. It happens every year.

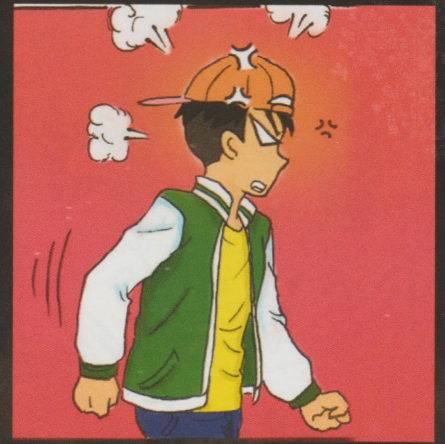
People say that the deity for this temple stopped a fire that nearly burnt the whole of Kuching town.

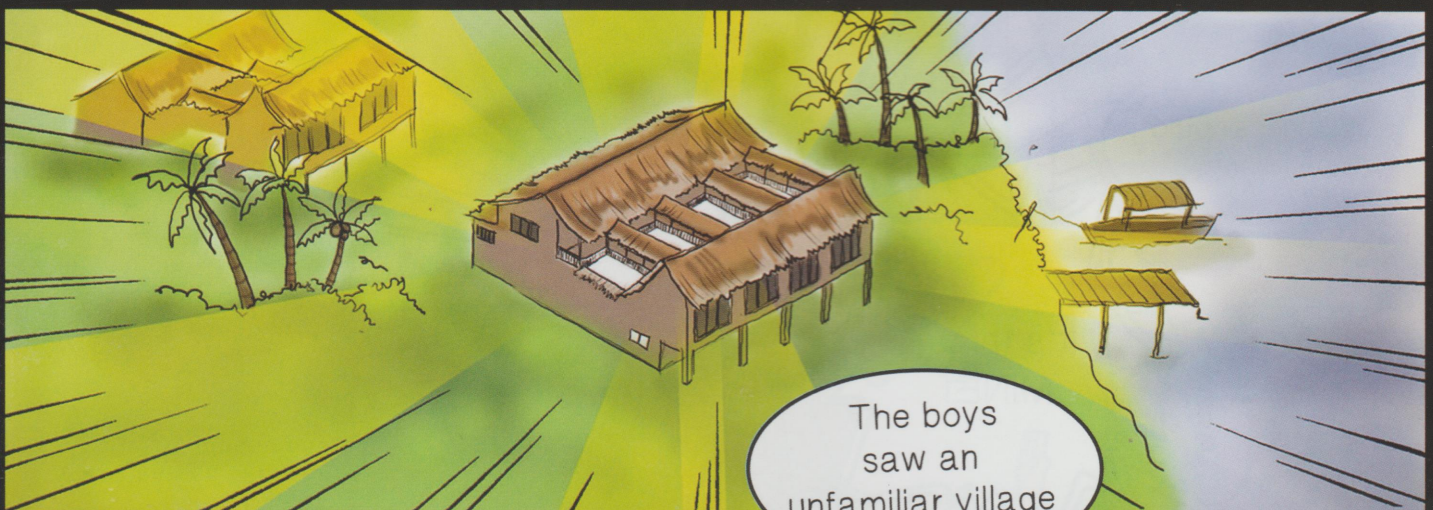
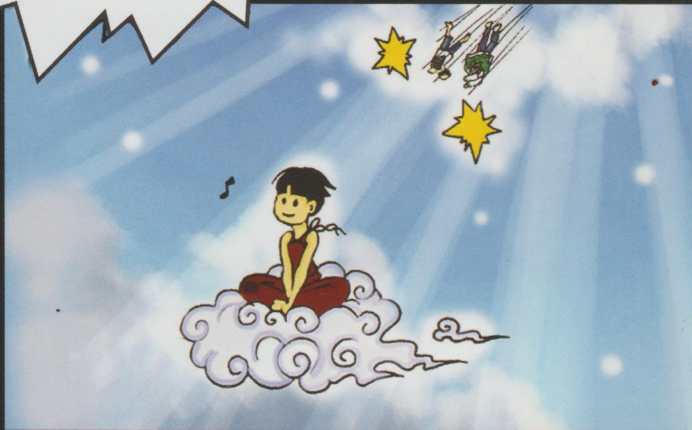
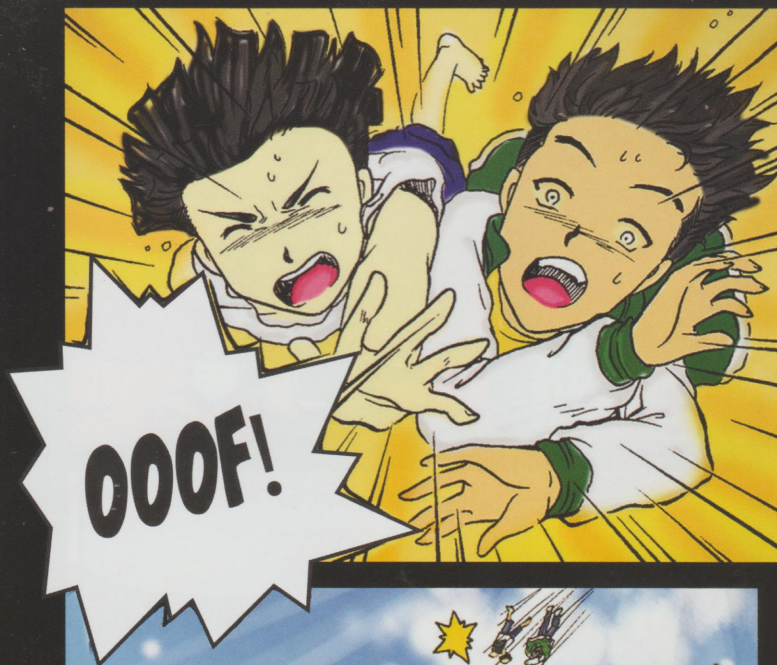
Forget about homework, let's go to the mall.

VIEW: A RELIEF WALL SCULPTURE OF A FIRE ELEMENT DRAGON

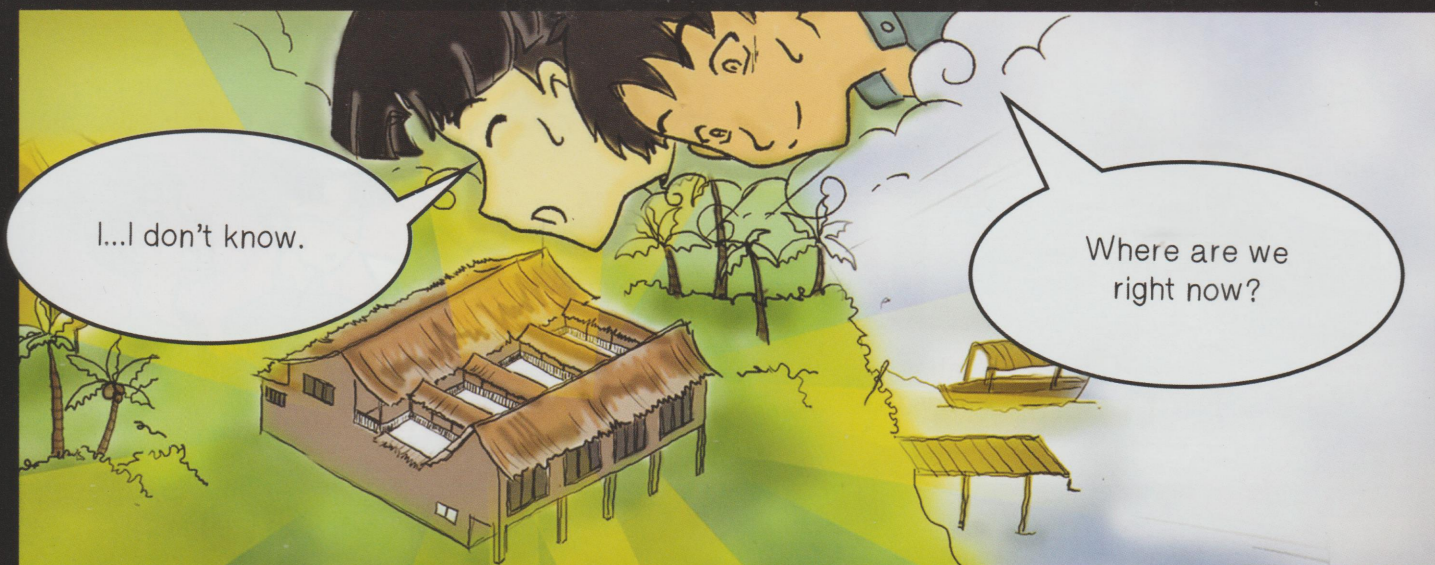


That Saturday afternoon at waterfront





The boys
saw an
unfamiliar village

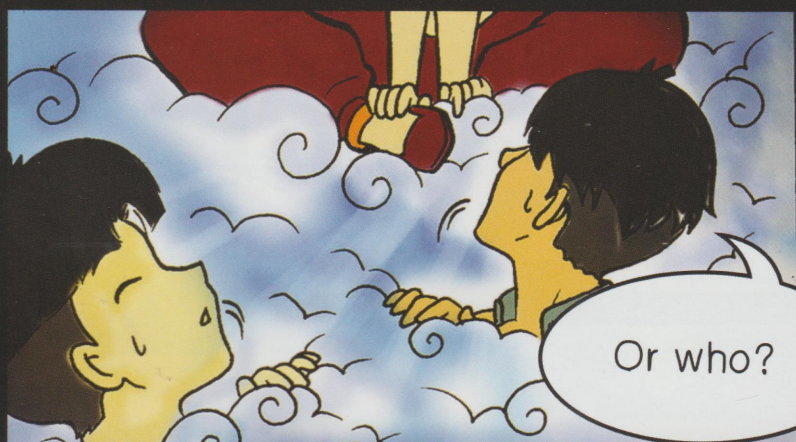


I...I don't know.

Where are we
right now?



What's holding
us up?



Or who?



Dzul look at him,
he is glowing.

Where are we?

What am I wearing?

Don't you know anything?
You're in Kuching.

This can't be Kuching! Where are the malls!

Who are you?

Sarawak River?

There's no Kuching river. They covered that river up in 1928.

That's the Kuching River!

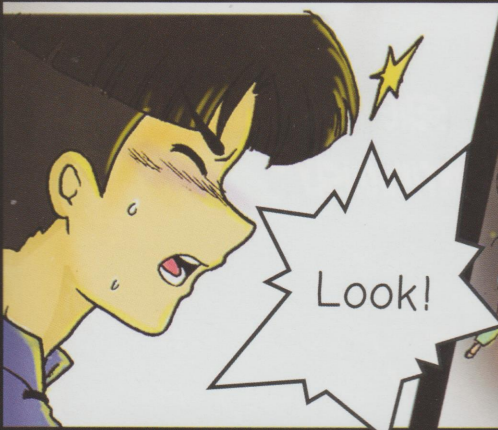
Well there's those Mata Kucing trees along the banks. Chinese farmers planted them long ago. That's how Kuching got its name. You can get the Mata Kucing fruit from them.

Kuching was named for a cat!
Kuching in Malay means Cat! Why else would it be called Cat City?

What? So we fell into a time-portal?

HEY!

FIRE! HELP



Look!



**THE FLAME IS
GETTING STRONGER**

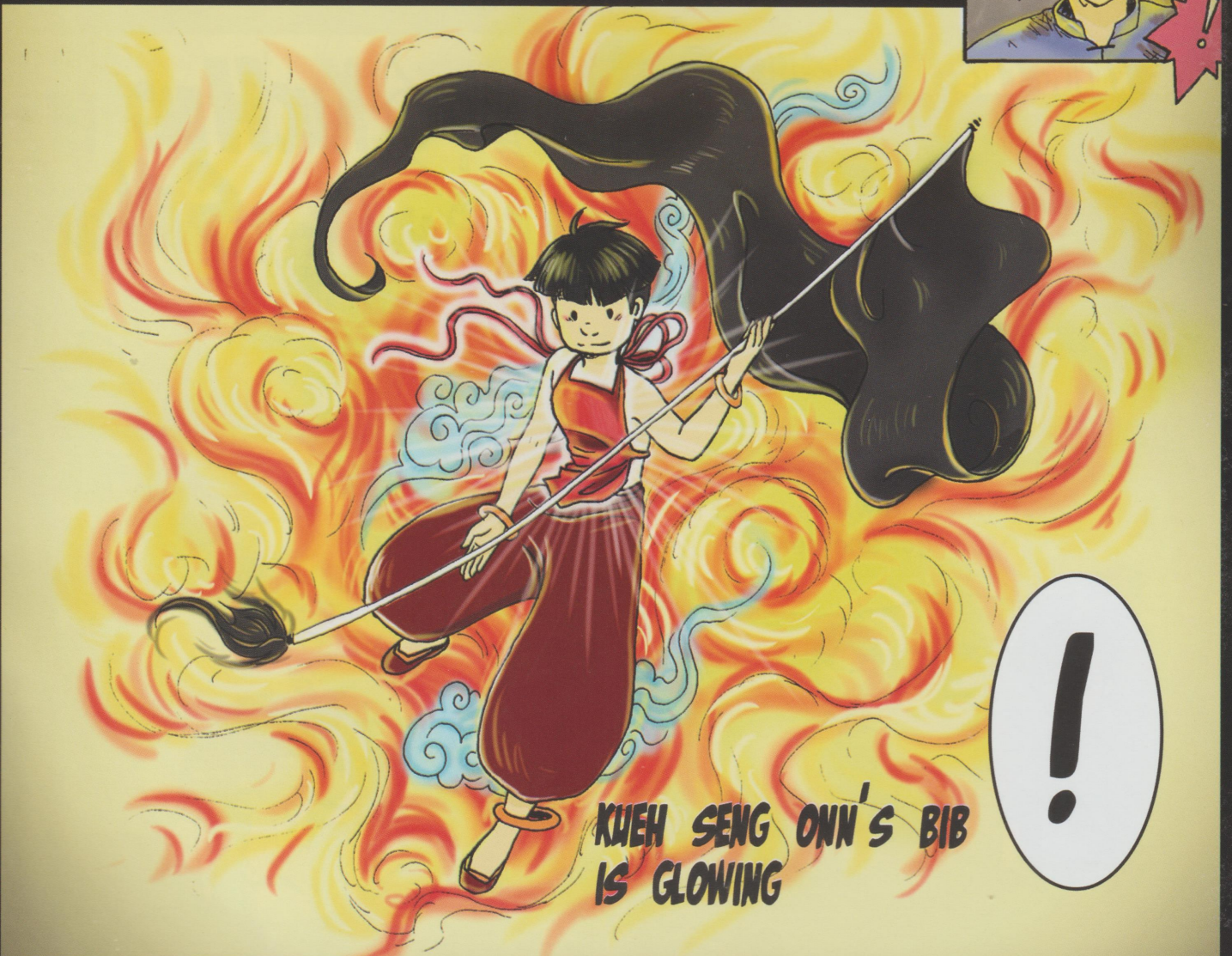
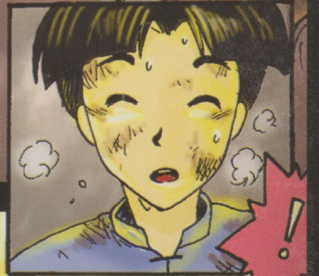


Let's
help out!

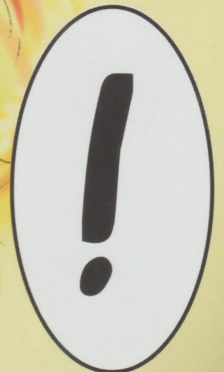


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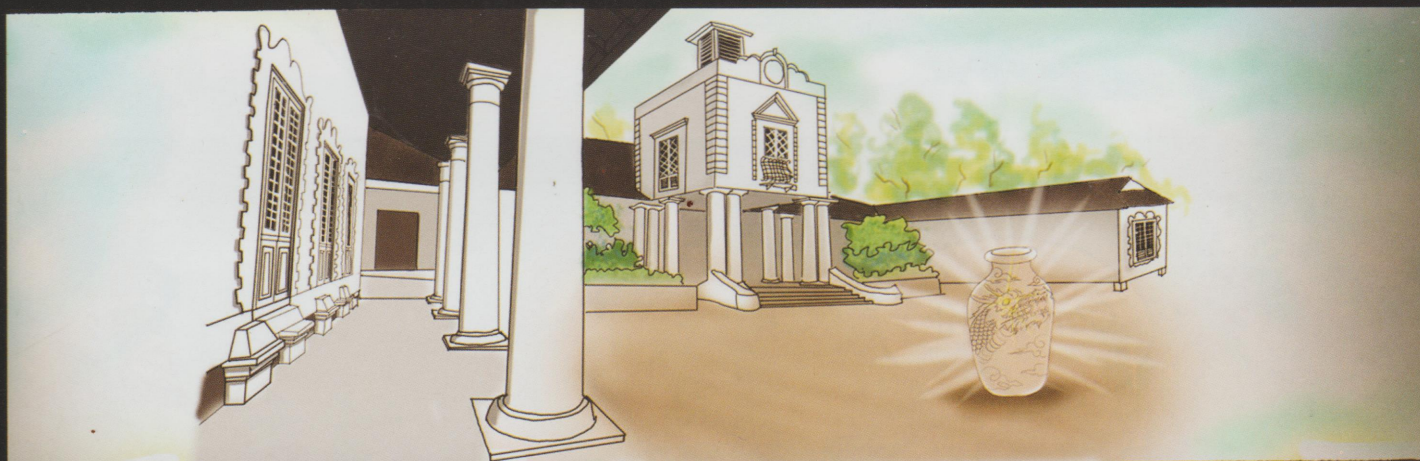
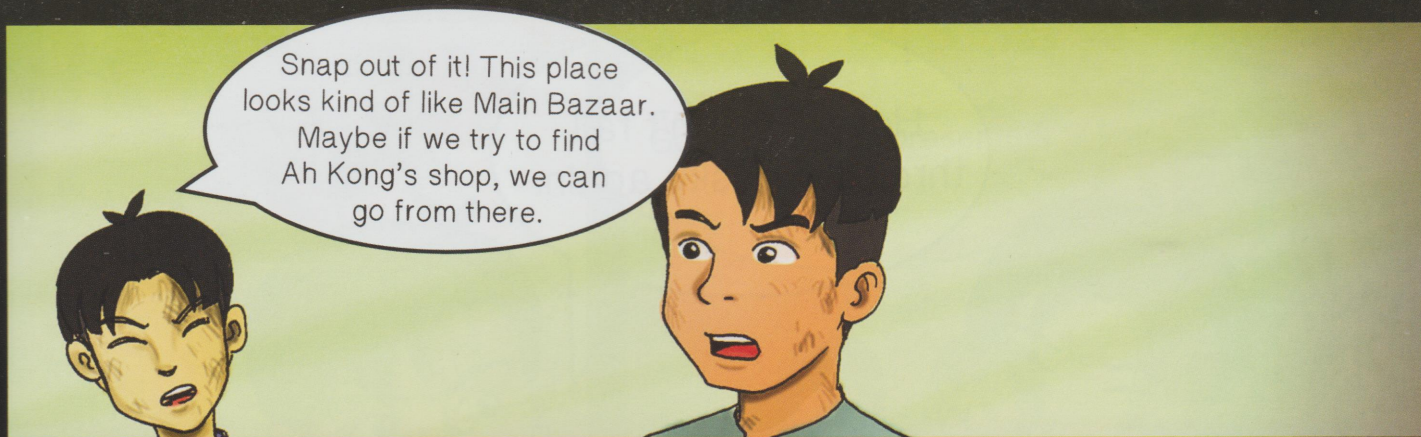
**THIS IS WAY
TOO SLOW!**



**KUEH SENG ONN'S BIB
IS GLOWING**









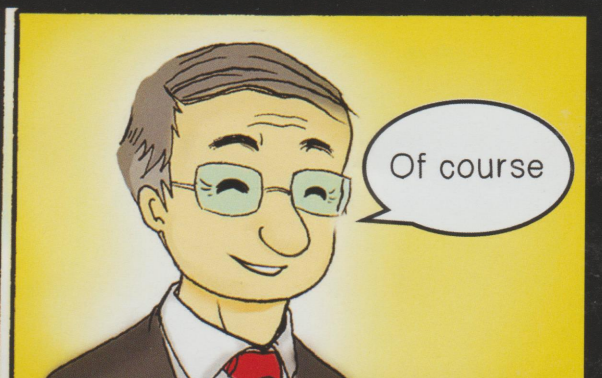
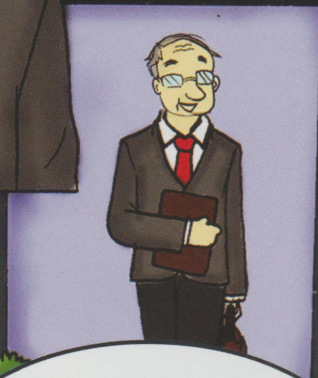
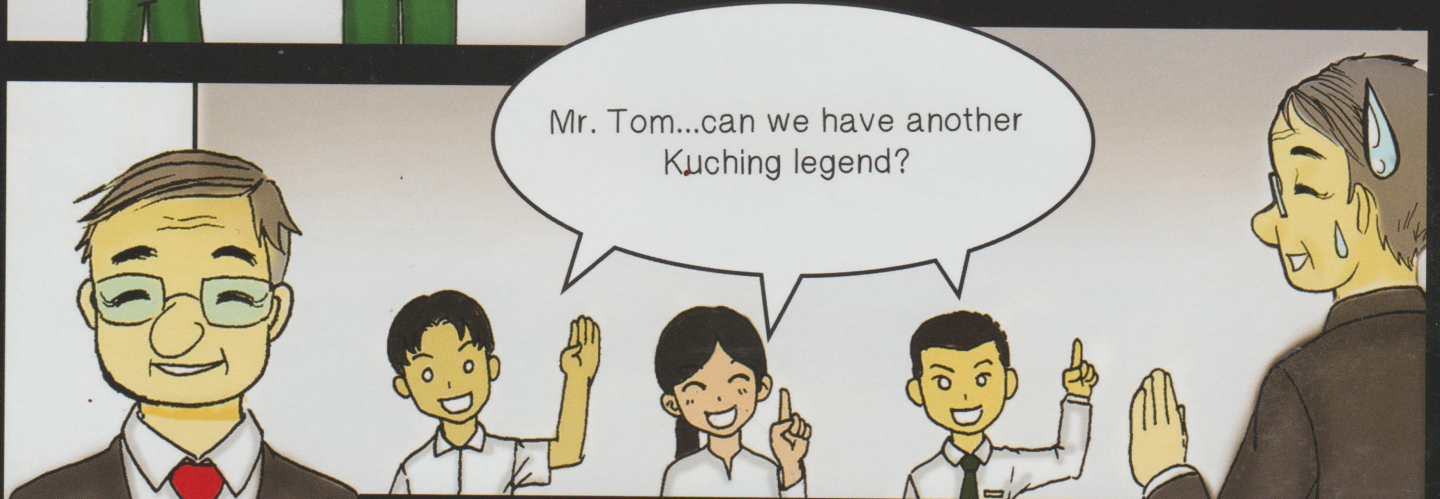
That's the story of
Kueh Seng Onn.



Good Job! Well presented!



Mr. Tom...can we have another
Kuching legend?



That's all from us! Till we
meet again!



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