

A hunter

Mr. Nguyen Van Hoan was born in 1961. He lives in a poor village in the buffer zone of Phong Nha - Ke Bang National Park. In the years of 1980, his family was too poor, so he usually went to the national forest to hunting and logging. His family has a large and green corn fields. On that day, he visited his corn fields and he was very angry because his corn fields were dilapidated. With an experience of a hunter, it was not hard for him to identify what kind of animals dilapidate his corn fields that was a Gaur (*Buceros gaurus*). So, he has a plan to kill the Gaur. When the night fell, he sat almost immovable in a bush in three hours, and then the Gaur came, he shot a Gaur and it died. He very pleased to be killed a gaur that destroyed his corn fields. He came home back and called people in his village to eat meat of the gaur. However, a short of his joy was disappeared; a vague fear was coming when he saw two police appeared at the moment. After two policemen explained, he understood that he has just shot and killed a rare animal species. Before, he did not know that animals in Phong Nha – Ke Bang national park also were protected by Vietnamese's law. He sold his properties, two cows and borrowed money from his relation to pay a fine. His gun was confiscated, “what should I do to keep my family?” a big question that he always thought.

Since then, he gave up hunting but he also went to the national forest to exploit non-timber products such as bamboo shoots, honey ... and logging to guarantee his family's life. Besides, he sometimes became a guider for scientists to research in this area.

In 2001, Phong Nha - Ke Bang National Park was formally established, he could be attended into some biodiversity conservation courses that organized by the Management board of Phong Nha - Ke Bang National Park. Thus, he recognized the importance of biodiversity conservation toward human life. He enthusiastically participated and imparted the importance of biodiversity conservation to every people in his village. He was selected to become a conservation collaborator in Phong Nha – Ke Bang national park. Since then, he regularly worked as a field assistant and guided scientists to research adjacent areas of Phong Nha – Ke Bang national park. His experience was very useful for scientists in study biodiversity as well as discovery of many new species for science.

In 2006, he joined into the forest protection group in the villages, this force will coordinate with the national rangers to patrol and prevent some actions that can be harmed to natural resources.

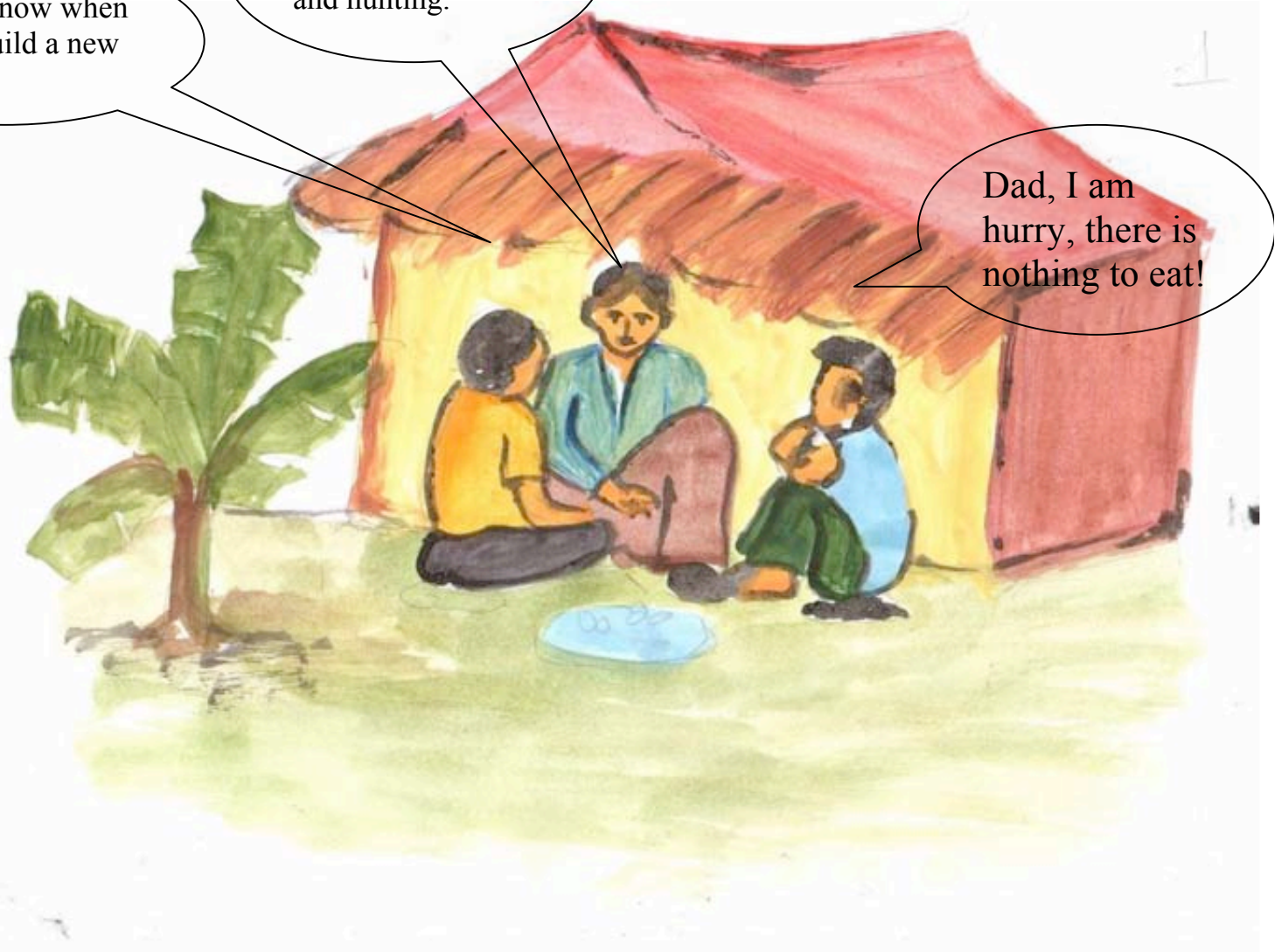
By his efforts, he was commended and awarded certificates of merit by Management board of Phong Nha – Ke Bang. Some international and domestic Media have interviewed and recorded him. Moreover, he has a good job; his living standard is more stability and better.

IN 1992

I do not know when we can build a new house?

Tomorrow I am going to the forest and hunting.

Dad, I am hurry, there is nothing to eat!



Ha ha (smile) Today,
my family has a good
meal. haha



Oh my God! What's a kind of animal destroy my corn fields?!!!!!!



I will kill you! You are a saboteur!



Bang bang

Ha ha (laugh) you must to expiate your sin!



Here is he!

Police!?! Why do they come here?



You have just killed a rare animal which is protected by Vietnamese's law!

I do not understand!
What is my mistake?



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It is 1,000\$

Now, we have to
confiscate your gun and
you must to pay a fine

Oh my God! Too
much! Now, I
understand!

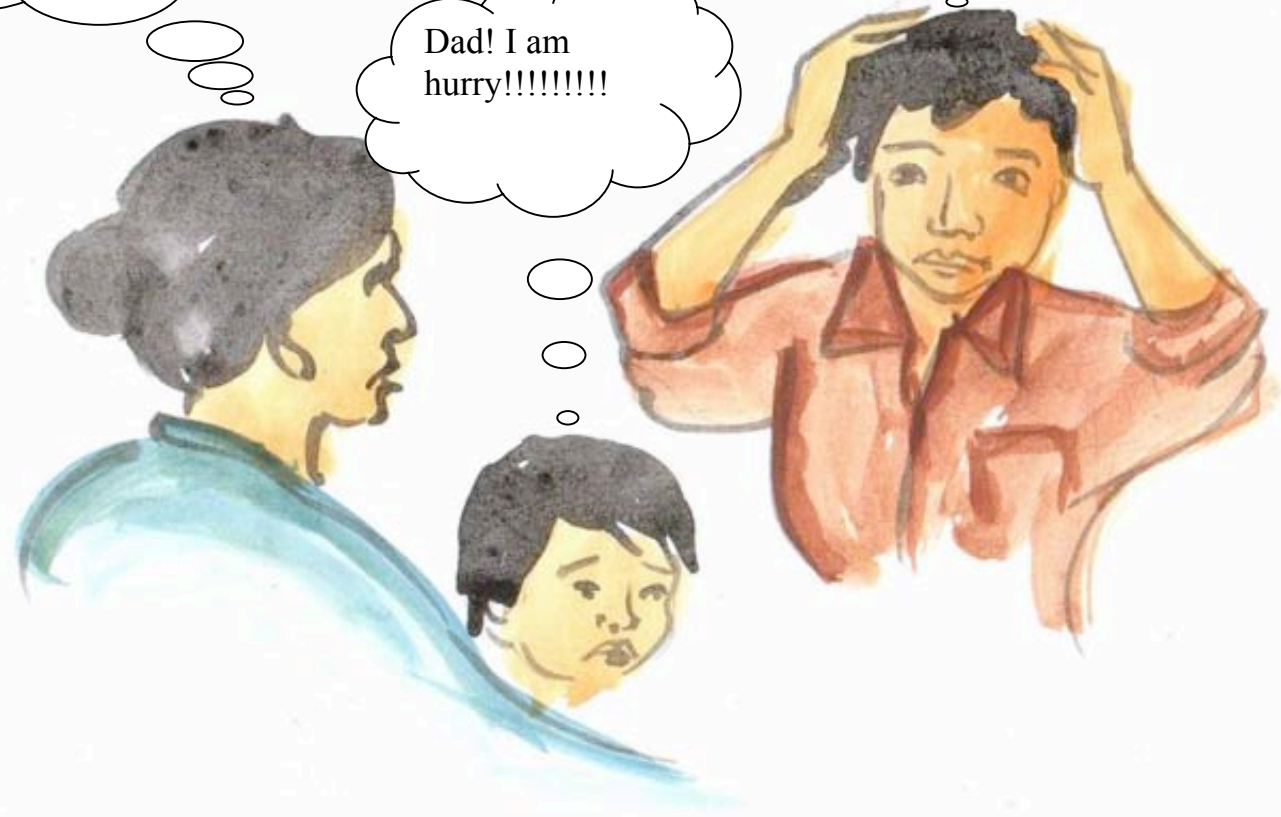
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Hu hu (cry)



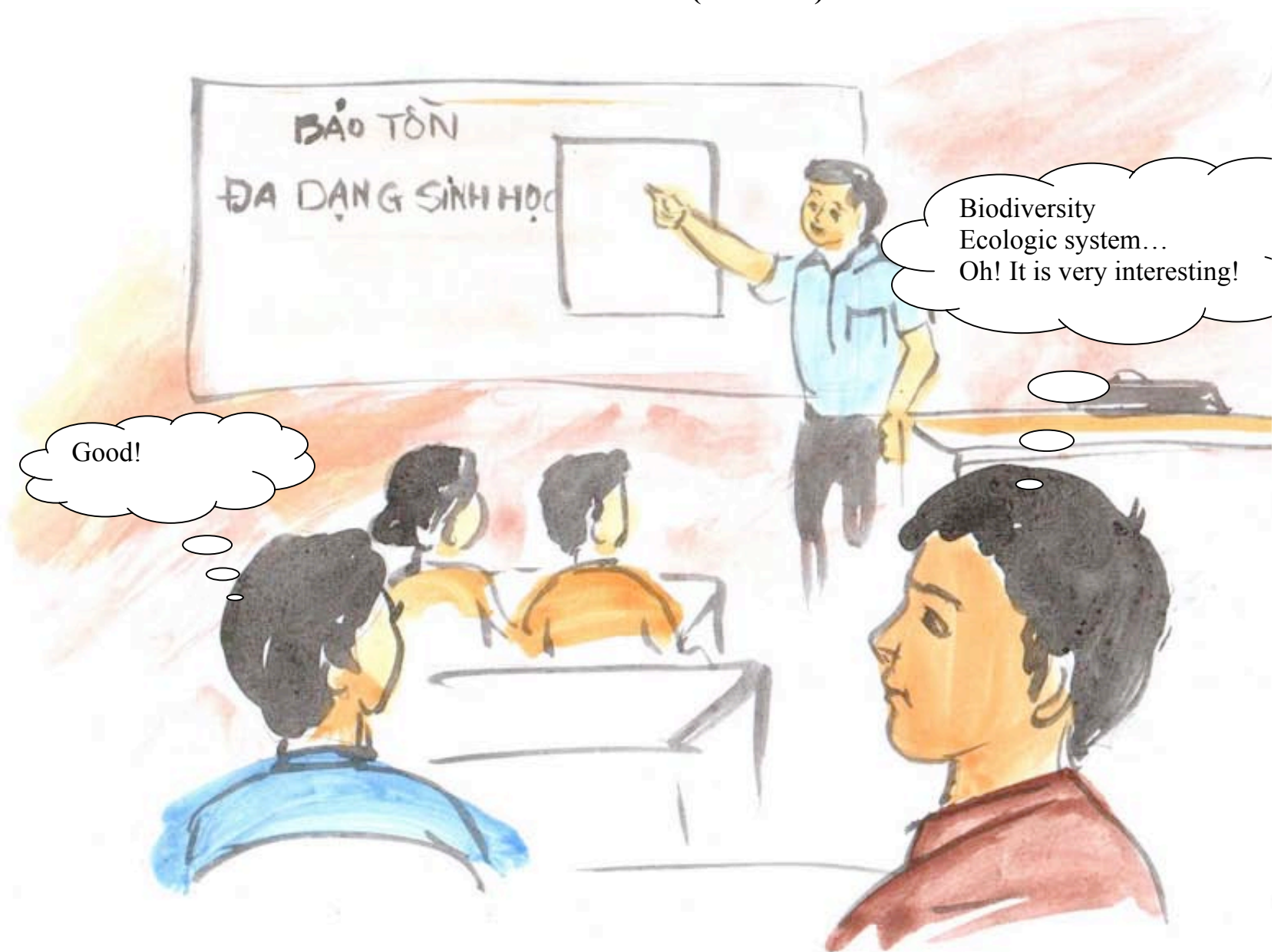
There is no money.
What do we do now???

Dad! I am
hurry!!!!!!!!!!

What do we do
now???



SOME YEARS LATER (IN 2001)




BẢO TỒN
ĐA DẠNG SINH HỌC

Good!

Biodiversity
Ecologic system...
Oh! It is very interesting!

Now I will tell you
what is biodiversity,
ecosystem!





This is the habitat
of Red-shanked
Douc langur!

Really good! You have
a hard experiment on
animal and habitat. In
this survey, you help us
too much. Thank you
very much!

He is enthusiastic!!!

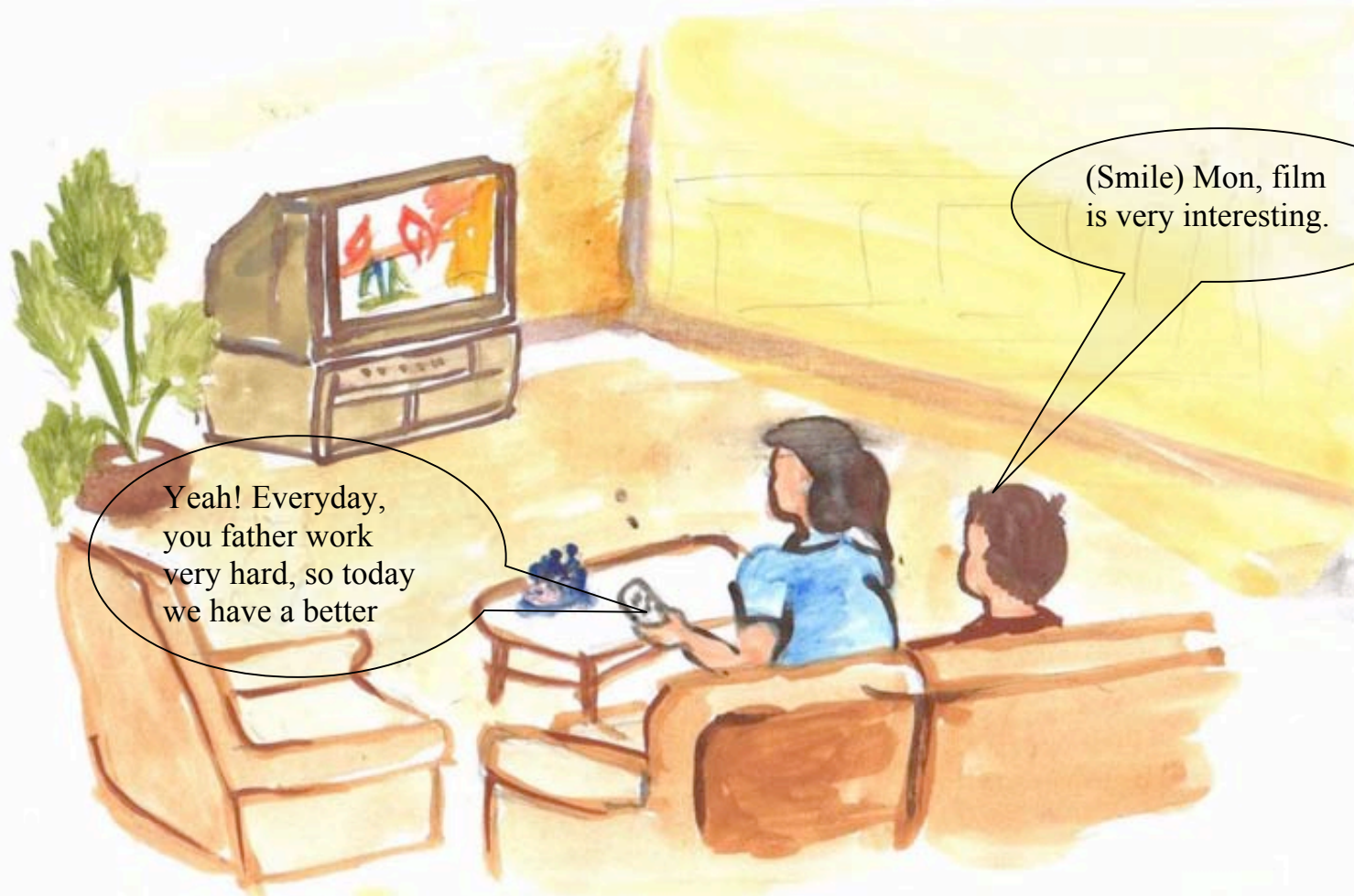
Oh! How's beautiful
our forest!

But, everyday, logging
timber and hunting still
happen in our forest.



LỄ TRAO TẶNG GIẤY KHEN CHO CÁC
ĐỒNG CHÍ ĐẠT NHIỀU THÀNH
TÍCH TRONG CÔNG TÁC BẢO TỒN





Yeah! Everyday,
you father work
very hard, so today
we have a better

(Smile) Mon, film
is very interesting.

I am very happy! Now I have a new house, television, motorcycle and my son can go to school.



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