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Retelling of an ADI FOLK STORY

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RETELLING OF AN ADI FOLK STORY

In the jungles of the Siang Valley, all the animals, birds, insects, fishes, and reptiles lived together.



One day, a deer was resting
by the tree, a squirrel was
nibbling on a nut, and crabs were
playing by the stream.



Just then, Tangkung the bird
sang its song.

Kut Kut! it called.



Gasp! The squirrel jumped at the sound, and its nut fell on the deer resting below.



Ah! the deer was startled
awake, and it kicked a stone.



The stone rolled down the hill
and hit a banana tree.

Whoosh!, the banana tree fell.



The fallen banana tree hit a
crab. Ouch! it cried.



Who is to blame for all of this? All the animals and trees and stones pointed their fingers.

The crab blamed the banana tree, the banana tree blamed the stone, the stone blamed the deer, the deer blamed the nut, and the nut blamed the squirrel.

It was Tangkung! said the squirrel and the culprit was finally found.



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tangkung!

nut's!

Banana tree!

stove!

Deer!

Squirrel!

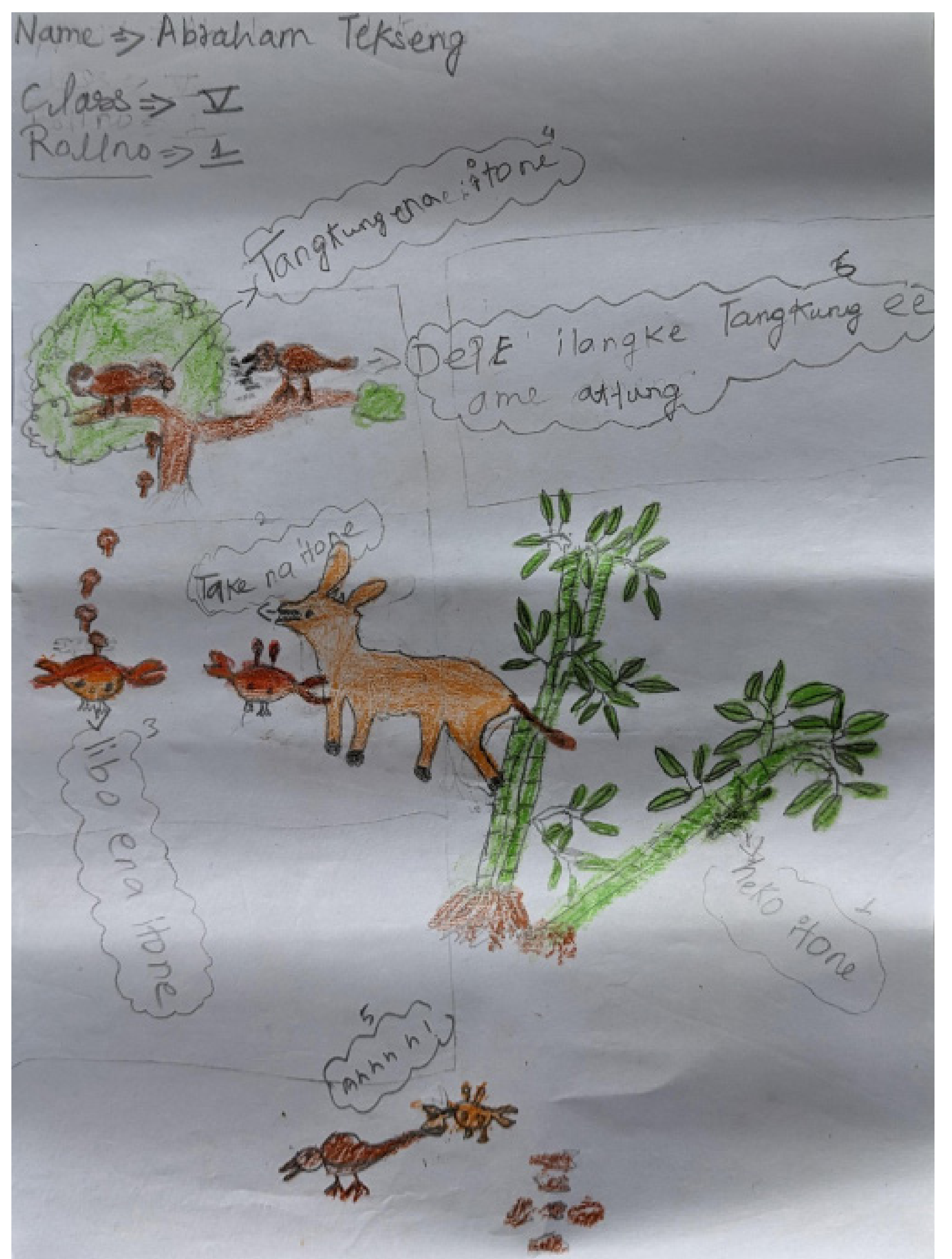
Thus, Tangkung was punished.
They cut off its tail!

And so, even today, the Tangkung
roams the forest floor without a
tail, but continues to sing with
pride, "Kut Kut!"

Oh dear—
my tail!

KUT
KUT
KUT









"With love from Green School, Gobuk!"



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Tangkung and Friend's

Meet the Tangkung: The Hill Partridge

The Tangkung, also known as the Hill Partridge, the children describe its size to be that of a young chicken. It can be seen both in the summer and the winter season. In the summer they sleep wherever it gets dark and in the winter they sleep in groups and in a certain area. Tangkung builds its nest on the ground, in the place where they are not generally reached or attacked by the predators, usually hidden among dense vegetation. And the children describe the call of Tangkung as Kut Kut as they sing it during the Green School sessions.

Meet the different characters from our story and learn their Adi and English names;

English : **Squirrel**

English : **Nut**

English : **Deer**

English : **Crab**

English : **Stone**

English : **Banana Tree**

English : **Jungle**

Adi : **Liibo**

Adi : **Tatar**

Adi : **Hidum**

Adi : **Takey**

Adi : **Dabu/Eling**

Adi : **Kopak Ane**

Adi : **Nyomrang/
Moonam**

What is GREEN SCHOOL ?

Green School is a nature education program set in the heart of Gobuk village, Upper Siang district, Arunachal Pradesh. With a focus on transforming the relationship between children and their natural surroundings, the program seeks to replace their hobby of bird hunting practices with deep respect for nature. By engaging young minds through creative expression, outdoor exploration, storytelling and movie screenings, Green School aims to nurture a generation that values and protects the forests and wildlife of their homeland. Through these efforts, the program is trying to preserve the region's rich biodiversity by instilling a sense of responsibility in children, empowering them to become the environmental stewards of tomorrow. As these young minds grow, they carry with them the lessons and ideals of Green School, contributing to a sustainable future for their community and the natural world. Green School was started by three fellows from the Green Hub-Royal Enfield Responsible Tourism fellowship program.



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