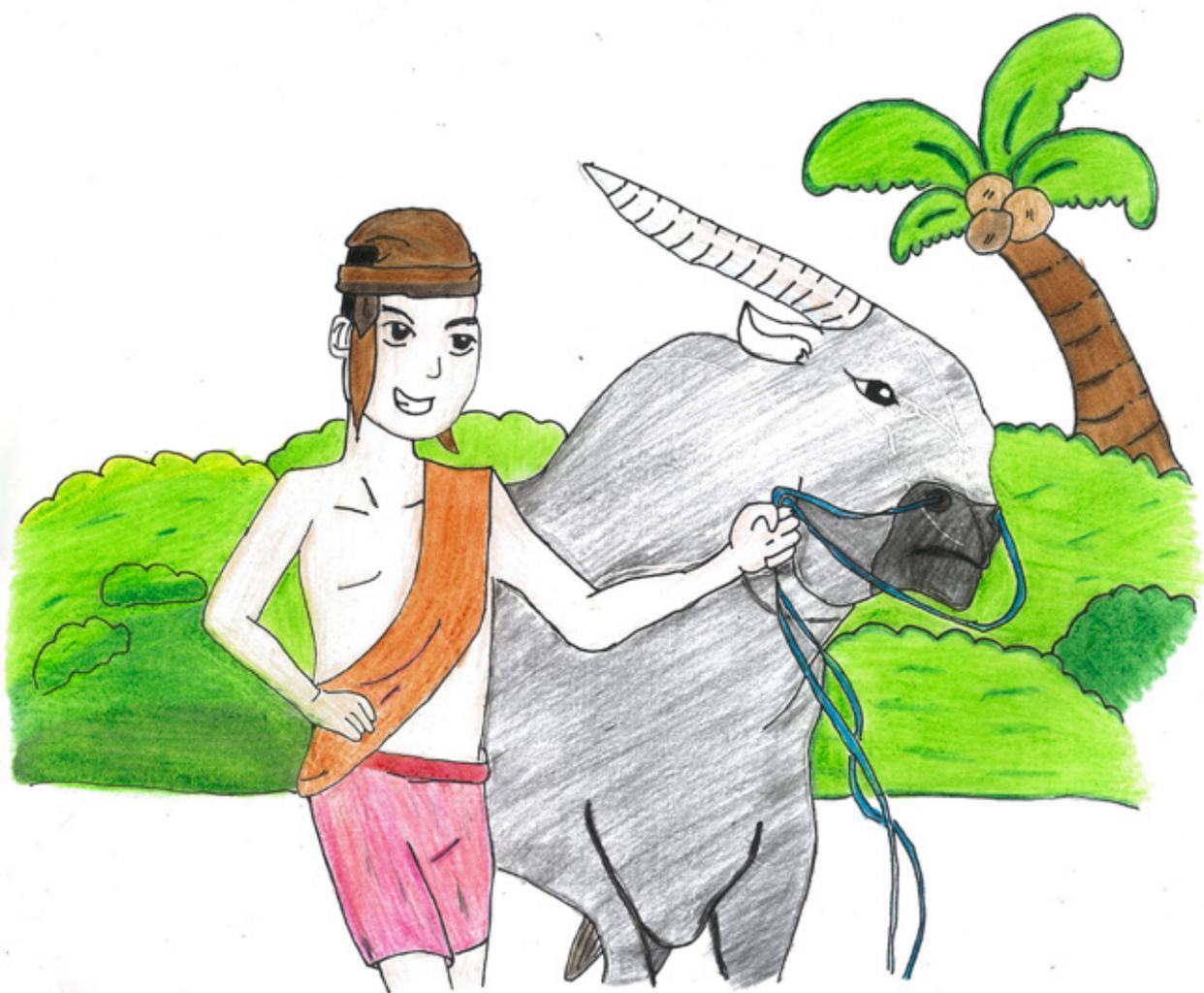


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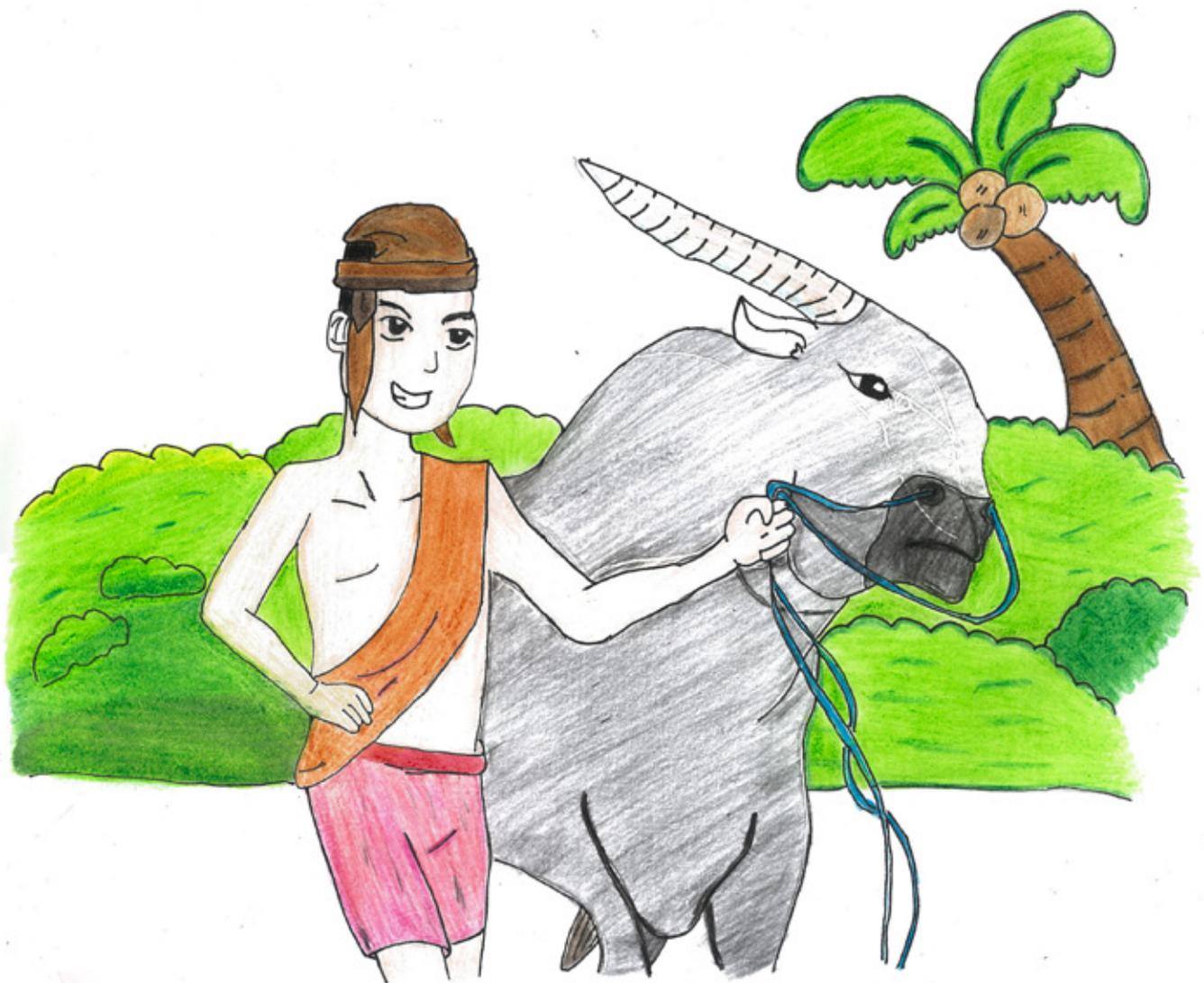
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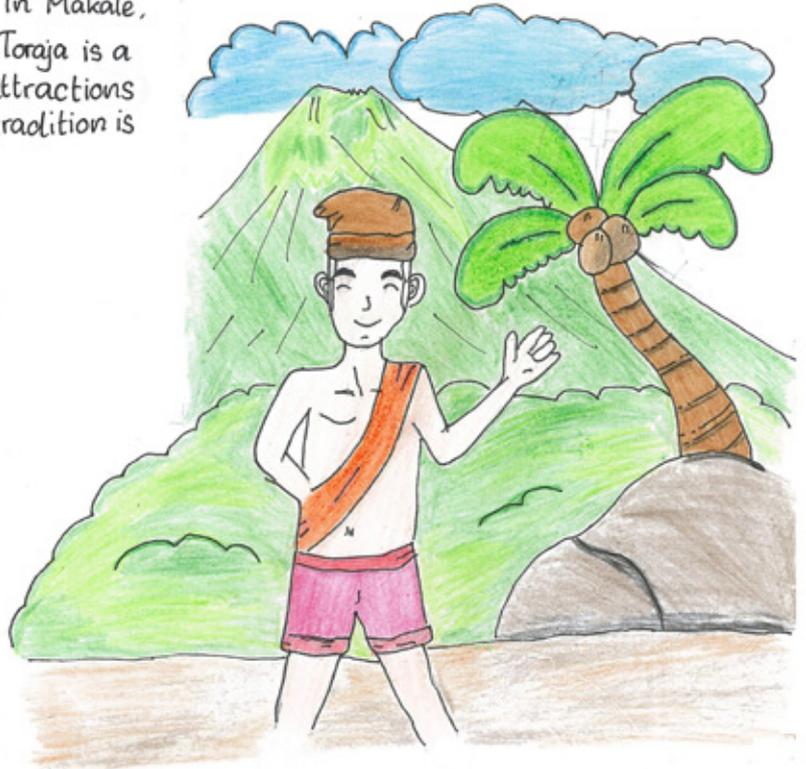
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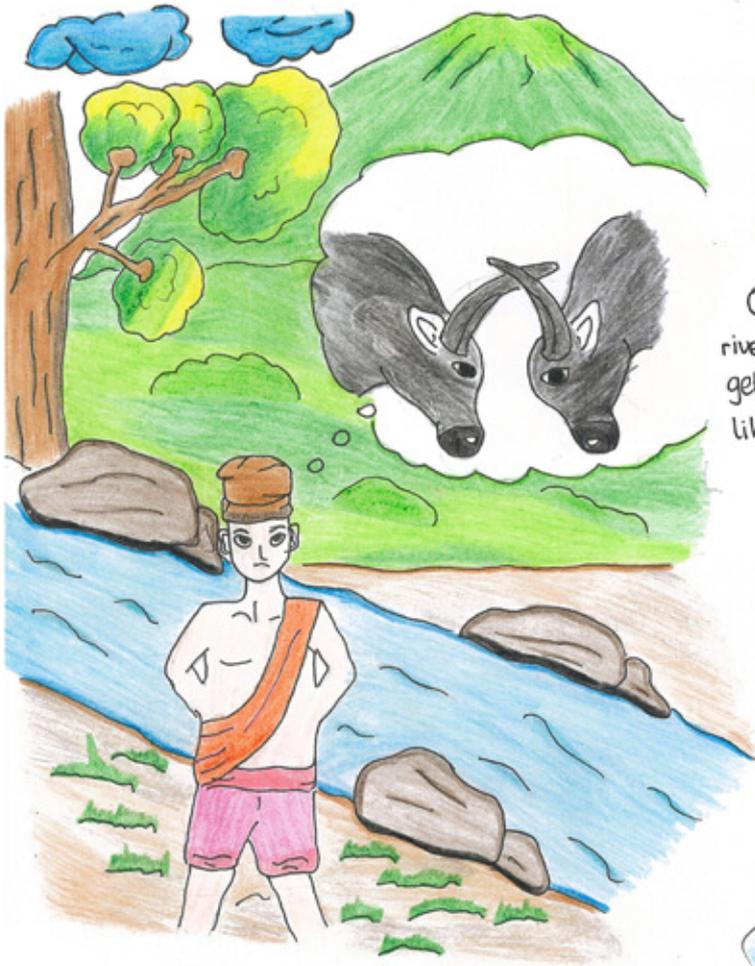
One day, there was a boy named Rhendy. Rhendy was 15 years old and lived in Makale, a southern city in Tana Toraja. Tana Toraja is a beautiful land that has many tourist attractions and a very famous tradition. That tradition is the buffalo fight (tedong silaga).



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In Tana Toraja, the buffalo fight is held to honor the dead during death ceremonies. Rhendy's father had a fighter buffalo and loved to gamble on him. Rhendy did not like his father's buffalo gambling, but in Tana Toraja gambling was common.



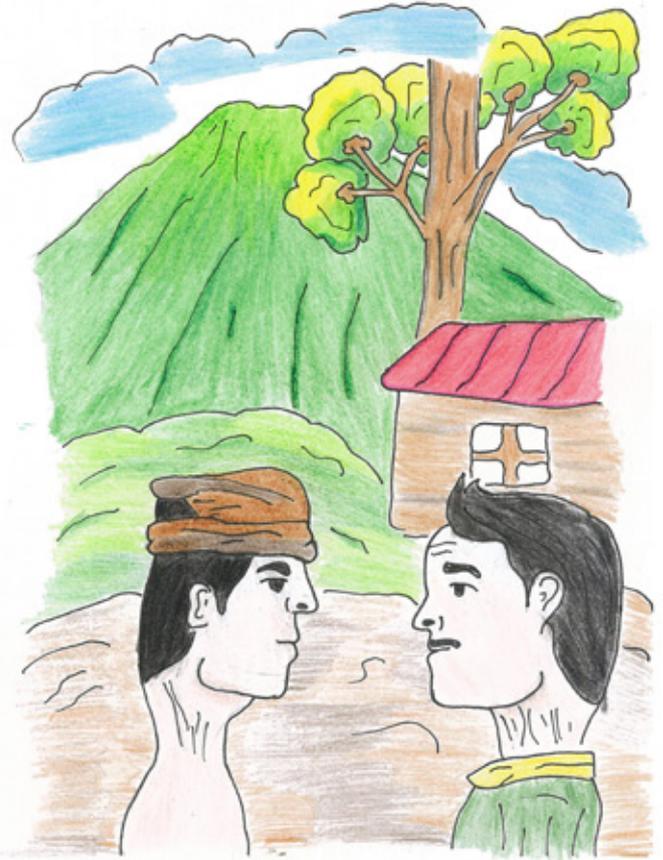
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One day, Rhendy went to get grass by the river for his family's buffalo. On the way to get grass he wondered, "Does my buffalo like fighting with the other buffaloes?"

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On the way home, Rhendy intended to ask his father about the matter. Arriving at his house, Rhendy asked, "father, does the buffalo like it if he is fighting his fellow buffaloes?" Rhendy's father answered, "No, of course he doesn't like to fight." Rhendy asked again, "Why do you keep making him fight?"

Rhendy's father fell silent.

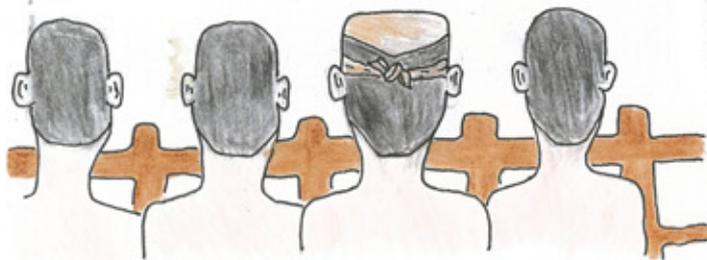


The next day, father went to the buffalo arena. Rhendy asked his father, "where are you going?" The father replied, "I want to go to Rantepao to see the buffalo fights."

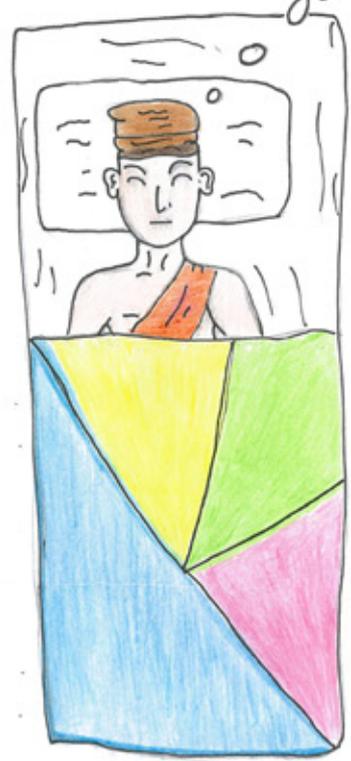
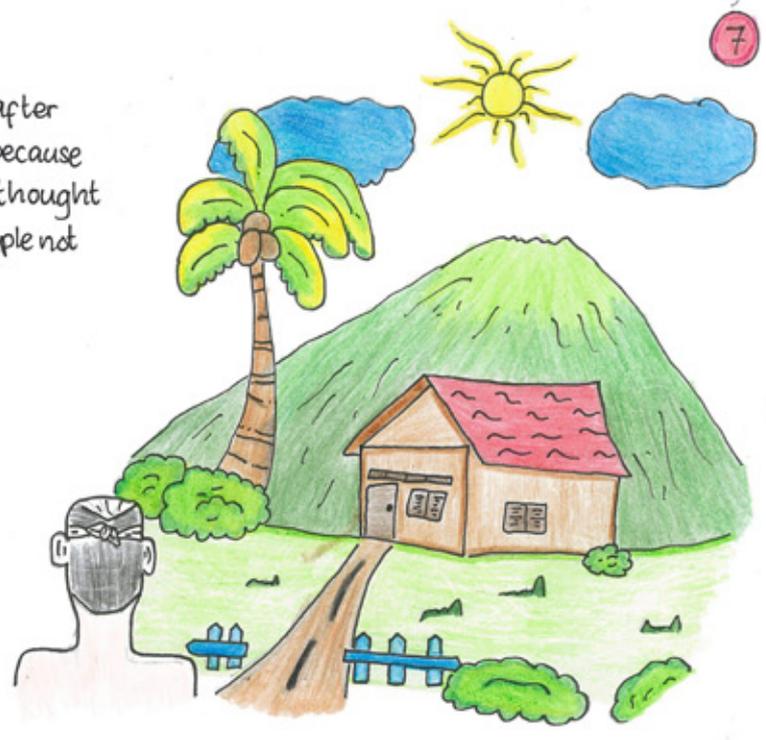
The boy asked again, "May I come, too, father? I want to see why many people love buffalo fighting." Rendy's father agreed.



When he got there, Rhendy saw a lot of people watching the buffalo fighting. He also saw a lot of buffaloes in the fight. The buffaloes were really big, with big, scary eyes and big long horns.



When Rhendy returned to his home, after he watched his first fight, he felt sad because he really cared about the animals. He thought about what he should say to make people not promote violence between buffaloes.



At night, Rhendy dreamed he could talk to his buffalo. The buffalo said, "O good boy? Will you help me?"

Rhendy replied "Yes, of course?" The buffalo seemed relieved and said, "Will you convince the Torajan people that what they do to the buffaloes is wrong?"

"How do I convince them?" Rhendy said. Rhendy suddenly woke up without knowing how to convince the crowd, but he would try.

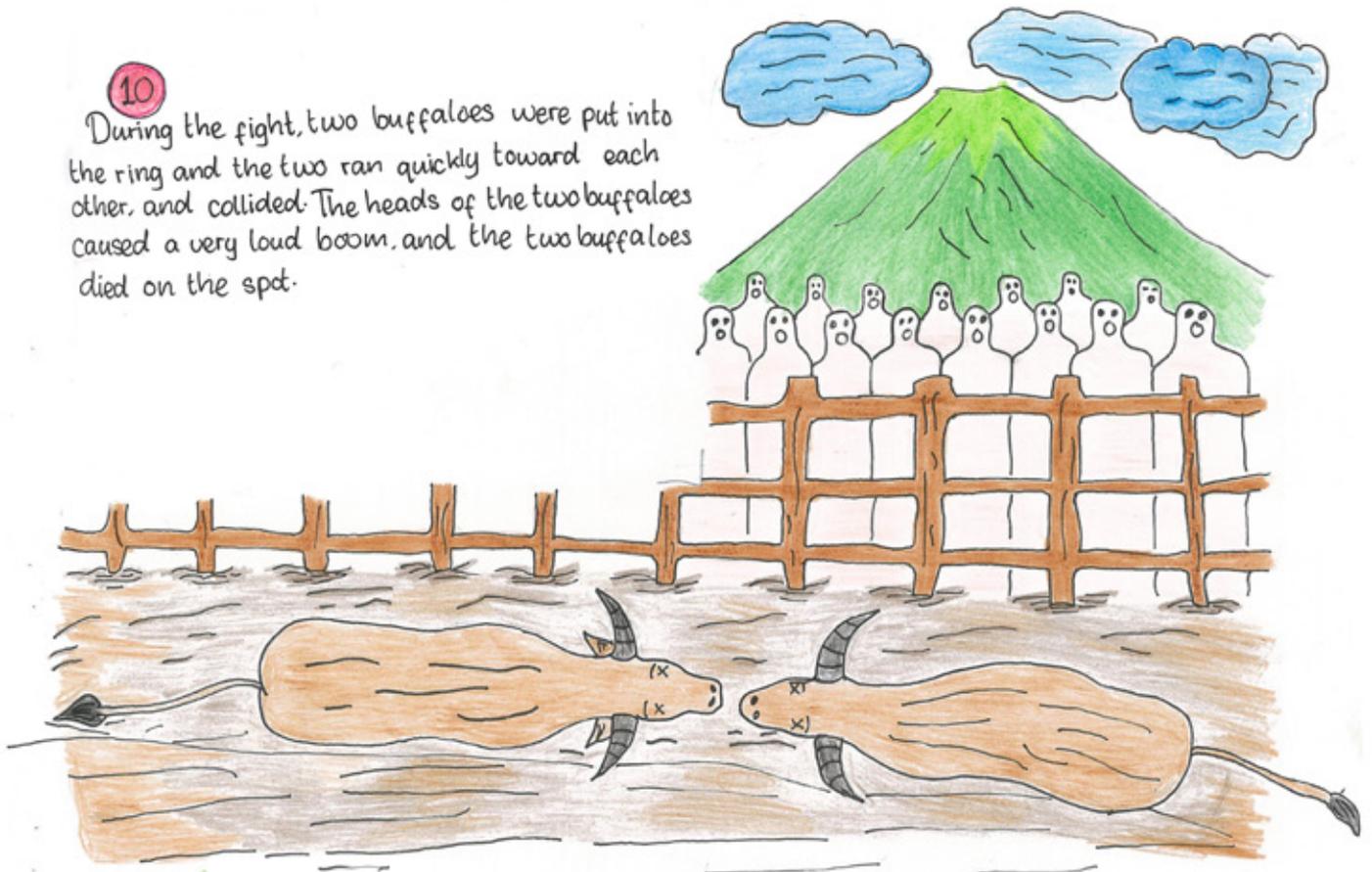


After a few days, there was another buffalo fight close to his house. Rhendy planned to convince the people, but what he had planned was not as easy as he had imagined. However, Rhendy never gave up.



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During the fight, two buffaloes were put into the ring and the two ran quickly toward each other, and collided. The heads of the two buffaloes caused a very loud boom, and the two buffaloes died on the spot.



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Everyone who watched the incident was shocked and speechless. From that incident, the Torajans realized that what Rhendy said was true. Buffaloes should not be fighting each other.

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Rhendy used this opportunity to deliver his idea. Rhendy said, "To honor our buffaloes, we should replace the buffalo fighting with a buffalo fashion show. The buffalo owners will decorate their buffaloes and make them as attractive as possible. That way, the buffaloes will not get hurt anymore." Everyone agreed with this opinion.

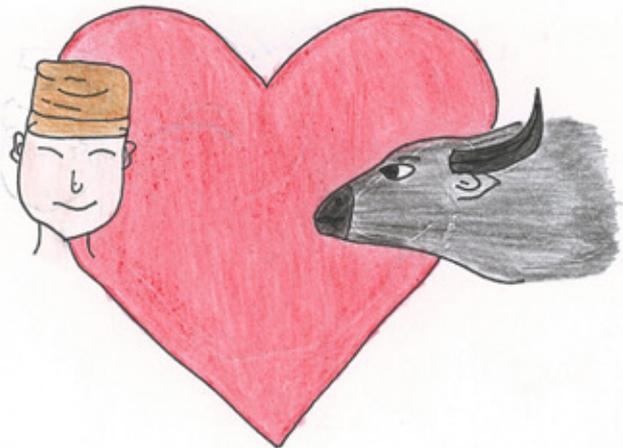


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At the next event, the buffalo owners began to decorate each buffalo in attractive clothes, making the animals as beautiful as possible.



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The new event attracted even more tourists than the fights. Torajans saw an increase in tourism, and humans and buffaloes lived in harmony.

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