



Level 2

# Bountong's New Hat

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Bountong has a new hat. He made it himself.





It is brown with a long tail. It has horns and big eyes.



It looks like Buk-Le, his  
water buffalo.





When the wind blows  
**Whoosh! Whoosh!**  
the hat's tail flies high.



Bountong is happy with his new hat. He puts it on and runs to visit Buk-Le.





Now they can play like  
two buffaloes!



They ride across the fields and run with the wind.





*Wooooooo!* shouts  
Bountong.

*Mooooooo!* moos Buk-  
Le.

*Wooooshh!* blows the  
wind.

*Wheeee!* says the hat.



Suddenly, the wind blows hard. The hat's tail tugs and flutters.





Bountong gets tangled  
in the hat's long tail!  
He tumbles down from  
Buk-Le.





Buk-Le feels bad for his friend.  
The wind is worried.  
Bountong's new hat feels sorry.





“Go away!” shouts Bountong. He throws the hat away. The wind blows the hat up, up, up!



*Go! Go! Go!* says the wind to the hat.  
The hat says good-bye sadly.





The hat flies into the air. It disappears.



But now the wind  
begins to blow.  
The rain begins to fall.

Bountong wishes he  
had his hat.





Bountong and Buk-Le  
walk back across the  
fields. The rain falls like  
needles on their  
backs.



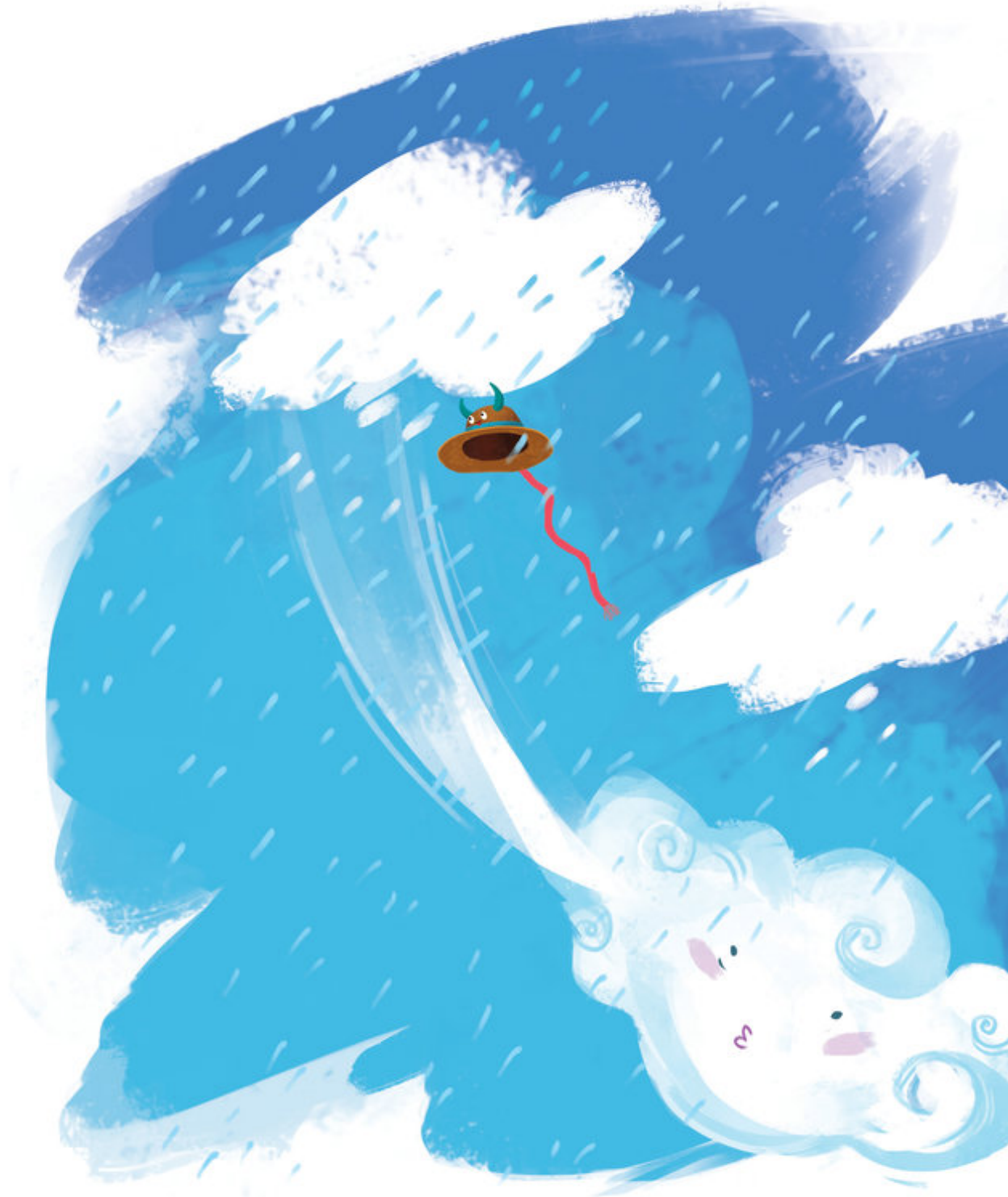


Bountong and Buk-Le  
shiver in the cold.



Bountong starts to cry.  
He misses his hat.  
“Where are you, hat?”





When the wind hears  
Bountong crying, it  
searches for his hat.

Found it!

The wind blows and  
blows.





Bountong and Buk-Le  
slowly trudge  
homewards.





When Bountong  
arrives home, what  
does he find?





Now they can play like two buffaloes again. Bountong, Buk-Le and Bountong's hat. The wonderful brown hat with a long tail, horns and big eyes.









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## Bountong's New Hat (English)

Woooosh! Woooosh! That's the sound of the wind as Bountong rides across a field wearing his new hat. Accompanied by his buffalo, Bountong has an adventurous day with a hat that has a long tail, horns and eyes.

This is a Level 2 book for children who recognize familiar words and can read new words with help.



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