



# 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  
Whooosh! Whooosh! 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.







Wooooooooo! shouts  
Bountong. Mooooooooo!  
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.



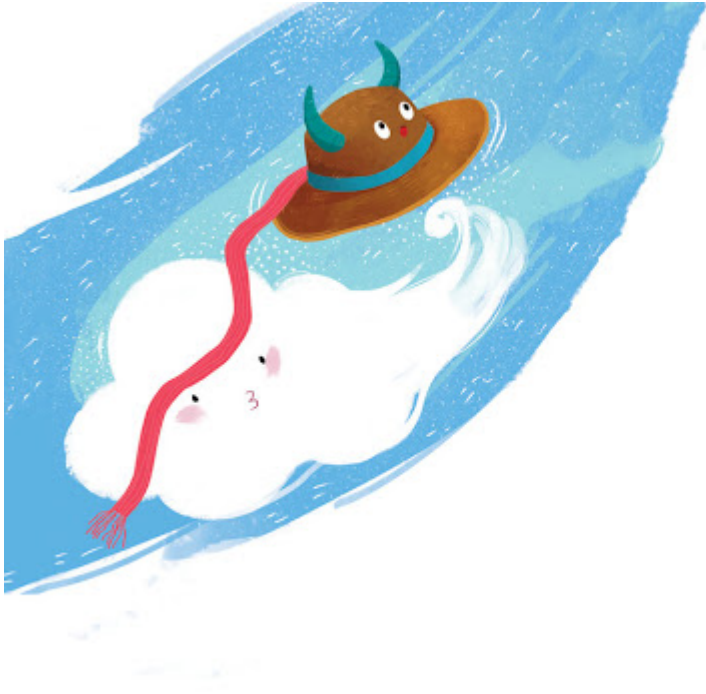


Buk-Le feels bad for his friend. The wind is worried. Bountong's new hat feels sorry.





'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.





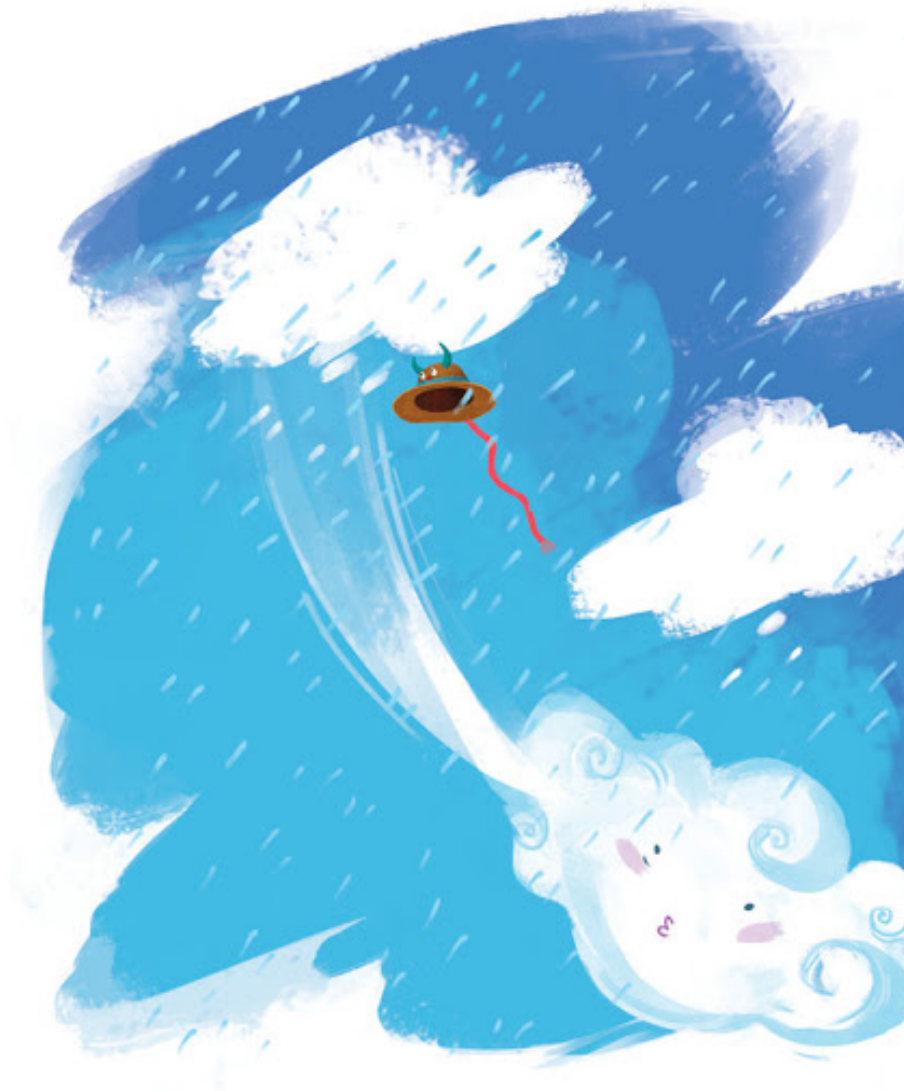
Bountong and Buk-Le walk back across the fields. The rain falls like needles on their backs.



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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