

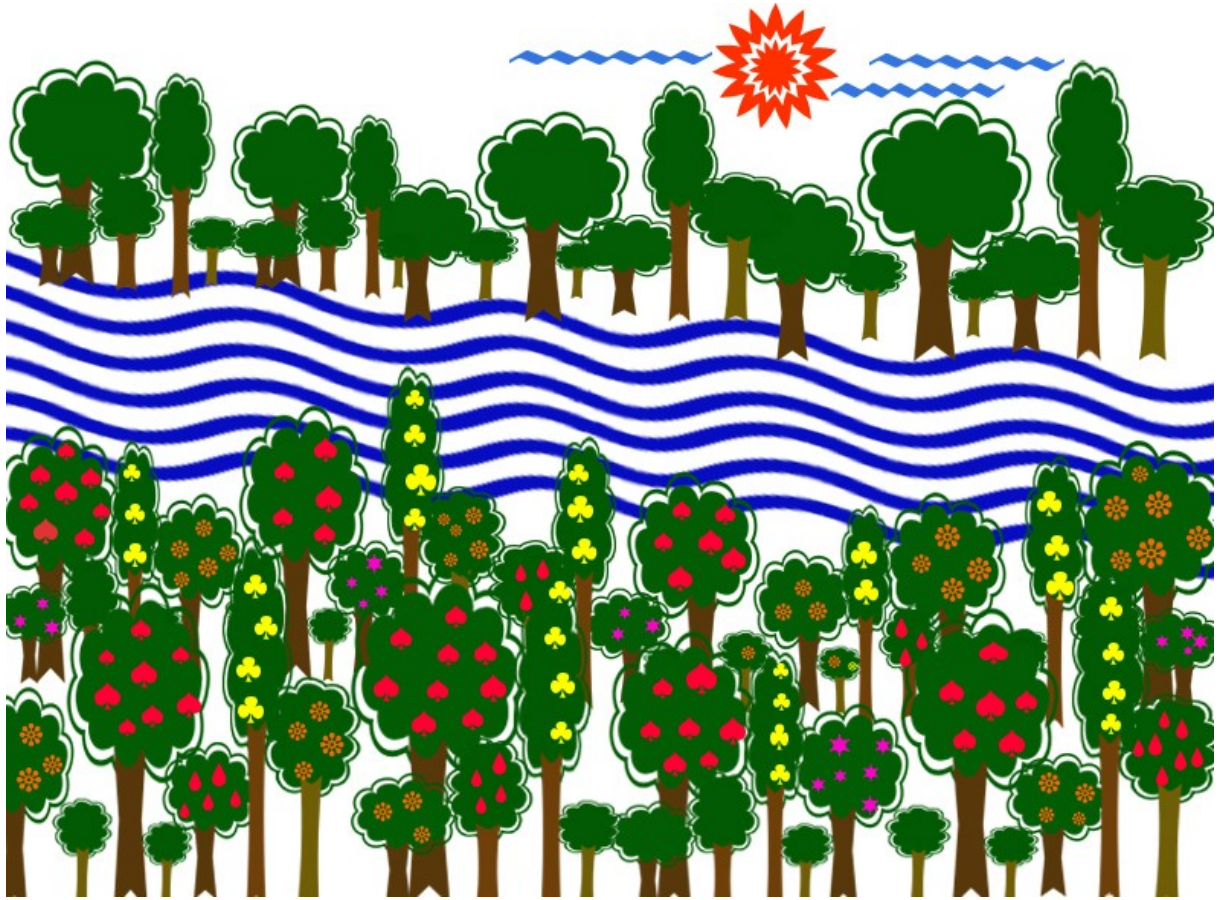
Durian story

My mother's tails - 01



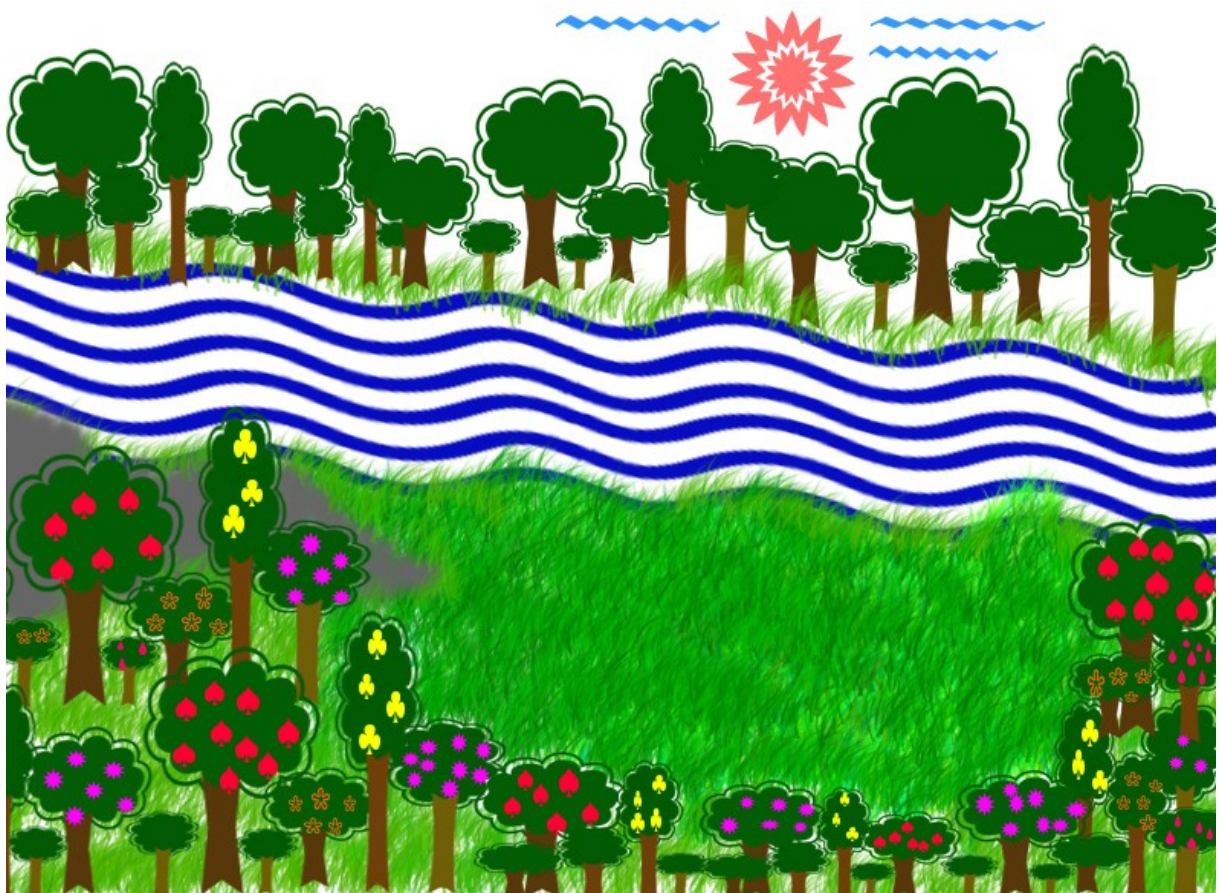
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1. The fruity jungle



There was a beautiful jungle near a calm river. Everyone called this “fruity jungle”, as it was very famous for sweet and rare fruits. Animals lived very happily in this jungle. They thought all the fruits in the world grew in their jungle.

They always had more than enough sweet fruits to eat and they never experienced what hunger was. Therefore they loved these fruit trees as their own sisters. Although they were proud of their fruity wealth, they were always ready to share the excess with their neighbours who lived in near by jungles.



They annually organized a special event, called "fruity festival" to share their fruity wealth with neighbours.

They never missed celebrating it during the fruit season each year. They held it at "river valley", which was a nice plain covered with green grasses. It was located adjacent to the river bank. All the little animals used to play at the river valley daily. Adults regularly organized their events and meetings there, because it was the best place they could ever find in fruity jungle.

Near the river valley there was a small hill. Top of the hill there was a small cave. It

was the sweet home of little hedgehog family.

Little hedgehog sister "Tiny" lived there happily with her brother, mother and father.

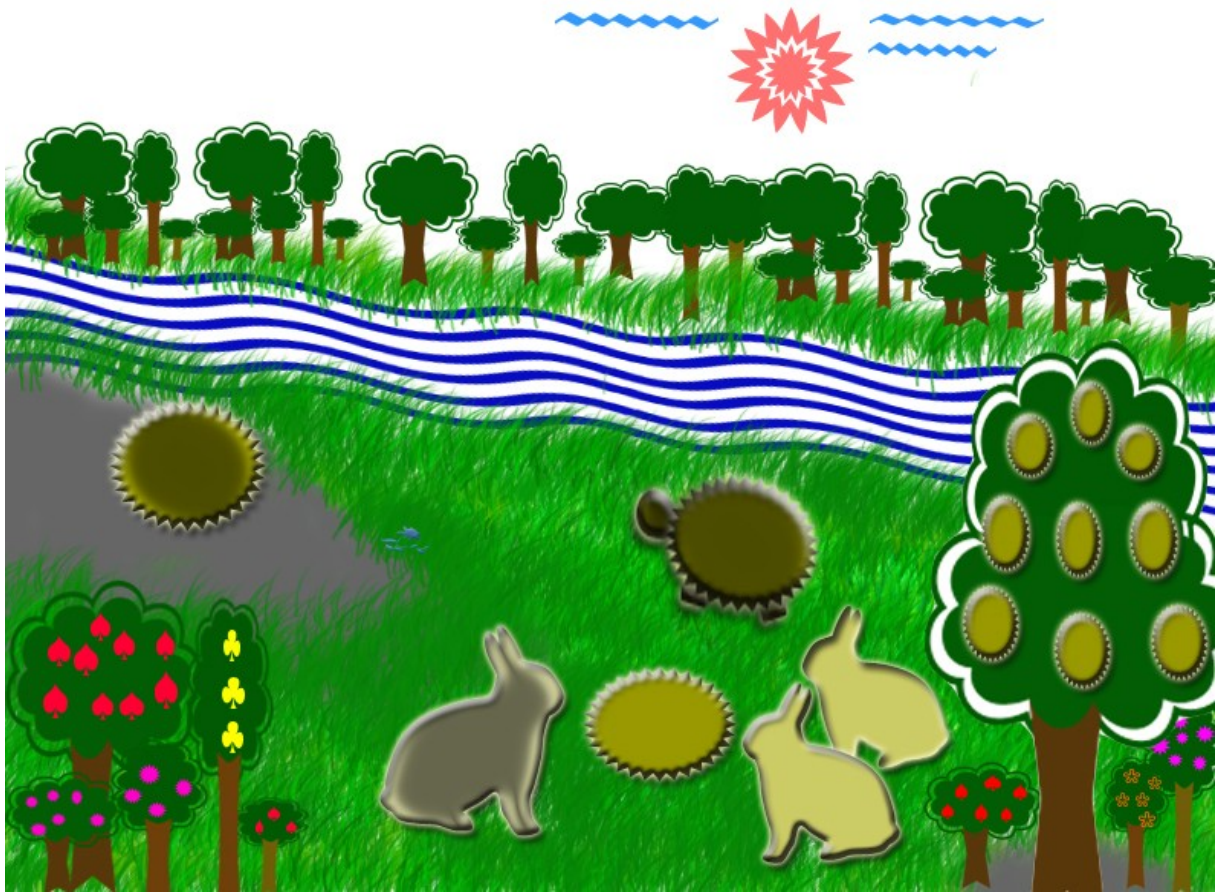
Tiny loved to recall the precious moments with her friends at river valley during last fruity festival.

She always wished it would be coming soon in this year. Then she could enjoy with her friends; she could meet far far-away friends and she could even make new friends.

As Tiny, her little brother, little bunny brother, little twin bunny sisters, little bear,

little fox, little squirrel, little deer, little
jungle cat, little jungle dog, little stinky,
baby elephant and all the other little animals
were waiting for this lovely fruity festival
season.

1. The Silent hedgehog



While sun was rising birds began to sing.
Little by little the ash coloured sky turned to
sea blue. Snow white clouds were wondering
here and there with the mild wind. It was a
bright morning. Little Sun rays peeped

through the Tiny's window and said "Good morning Tiny!"

"Good morning little sun rays! thank you very much for waking me up!" said Tiny, while jumping out from her little bed.

She peeped to her brother's bed. He was still sleeping. She was very happy as she could be the first comer at river valley today. Usually others took some time to get there and she always had to compete with her own brother.

She hurriedly ran out of the room while wishing good morning to hedgehog mother and father.

Tiny and her brother always preferred to roll down river valley from their hill top home.

Usually her brother won that race, but that day it was one man race. She rolled down the hill like a ball.

"On your mark!

Get set!

Ready!

Go!!!.

GO! GO!! GO!! " She cheered herself and rolled down through the foot path. While she was rolling down the speed was going up.

Unbelievable !!!!

Someone or something was on the way in front of her. Was that little hedgehog brother? How did he come there? Oh!.... his another mischievous work? It was too late.

Tiny couldn't control her speed. She couldn't stop.

"Get out of my way" she cried, but it didn't move even a little.

"Ahhhhhhh!!!!!" poor Tiny crashed with it and rolled out from the foot path.

Both of were down on the river valley on face to face.

Oh! Was that little hedgehog brother as she guessed? Tiny's whole body was aching, but she had no time to worry, she shouted, shouted and shouted at him. But he was silent.

She went close to him and peeped. "Hello! My little mischief brother, how did you come before me?????" But still he didn't speak any

word. She rolled him up and down, but he had no response.

"Was something wrong with him?, was he seriously injured? Or?.." Tiny thought herself. She felt very sorry and began to cry.

Little Bunny brother just came to river valley with his little twin bunny sisters. They saw little hedgehog sister, Tiny was crying.

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The story of silent hedgehog had spread in whole jungle.

5. Fruit king vanished



The red sun just started to rise. It saw all the animals going towards the River valley hurriedly before it. The sun remembered what the reason was; it was the fruit festival day, the most gorgeous annual event. Both the elders and little ones were

gathering at River valley early in the morning. Just by foot on River valley, everyone felt something had missing.

Really, an unexpected thing had happened.

The fruit king was vanished!

"Oh! Our fruit King!!!"

"We lost it!"