

The Farmer's Story

**"GREEN AT HOME IS
BETTER THAN RIPE
IN THE FIELD"**

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This story is about the cultivation practices of two farmers in An Thang village, Son Ha commune, Bao Thang district.

Hello everyone!
My name is Thang

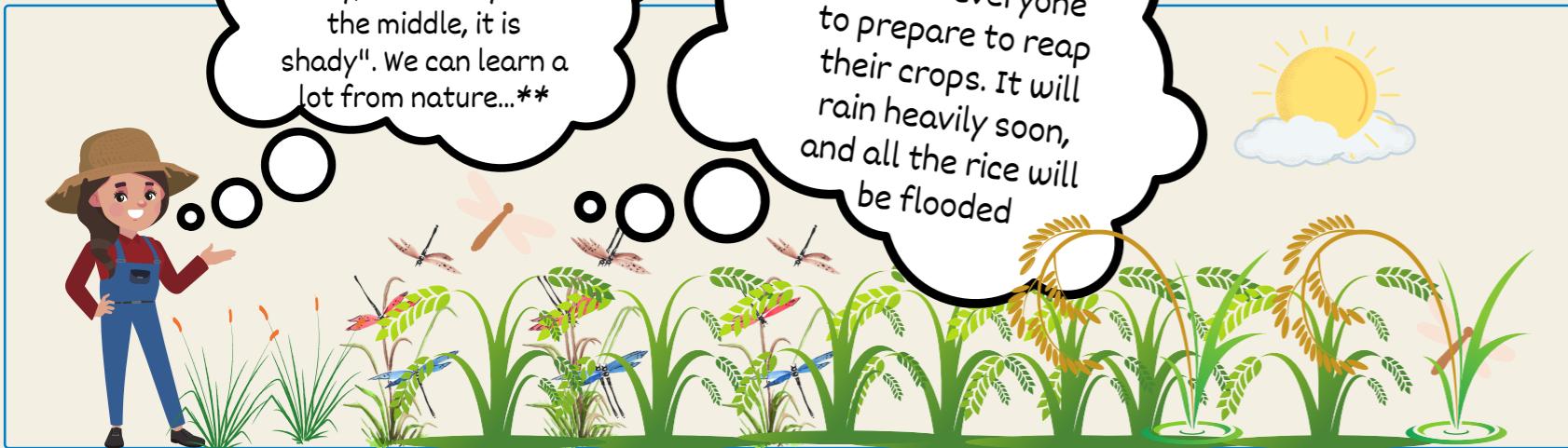
I'm Hoa,
Thang's wife

My name is Tam,
and I am their neighbour



Tam, are you at home? It's me, Hoa!

Here I am, the dragon has come to visit the shrimp's home.*



"When dragonflies fly low, it rains, when they fly high, it is sunny, when they're in the middle, it is shady". We can learn a lot from nature...**

I need to go back and tell everyone to prepare to reap their crops. It will rain heavily soon, and all the rice will be flooded

I just went to the field, and I saw around 70-80% of the rice is ripe.

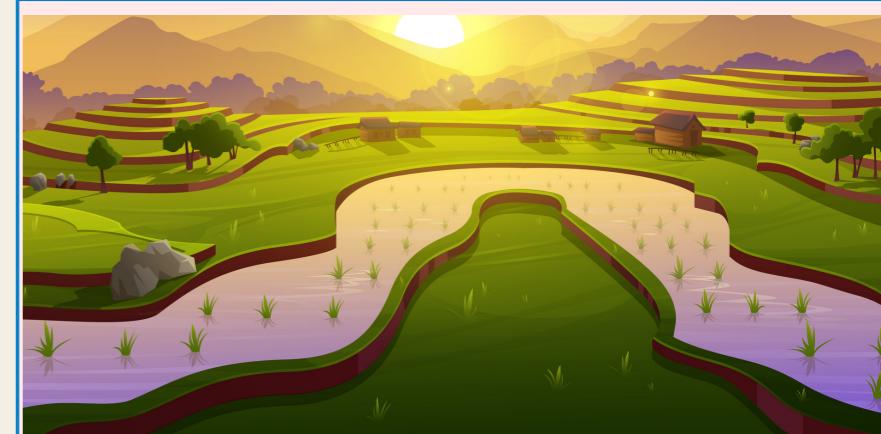
*The dragon and shrimp idiom is famous in Vietnam. It means that someone of high class (the dragon), is visiting someone of low class (the shrimp)
**This is an traditional method for tracking weather conditions.



It's sunny, let's wash the blankets!

You're worrying again, it's still sunny! I will reap when the rice is 100% ripe ... at the weekend

Meo meo...



Yeah, but the field is near my house. I ran over to tell you, we need to harvest before it is too late. Now I'll call Mr. Thang to tell him too, I'm so worried!

Bye.

kep kep...

chiep.. chiep...



Mr. Thang!
Where are you?

I'm here,
what's got
you so mad?



You need to ask our
aunts and uncles to
help us harvest the
rice early tomorrow,
I've seen the rainy
weather forecast.

I'll prepare
some things to
harvest rice
tomorrow



Tomorrow, my
family will reap
the rice early, we
need your help!

Go home,
we'll help you
tomorrow!



The next day



Thank you
for helping
us reap the
rice!

It's still a bit
green, but it's
still reaped, this
year's rice is
very heavy



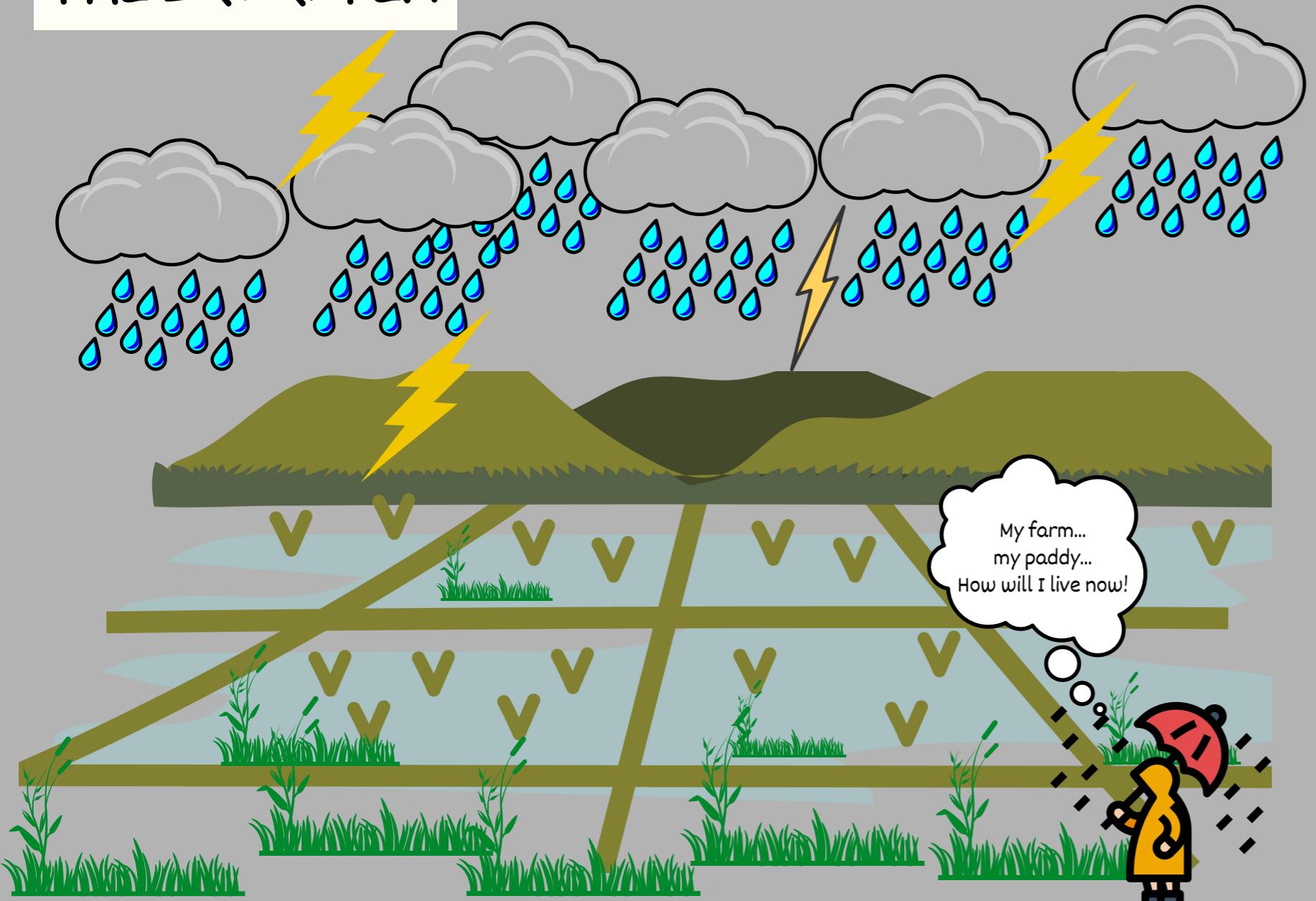
Harvest
quickly and
return
early...



So tired...



THE DAY AFTER



My farm...
my paddy...
How will I live now!

Mrs. Tam helplessly watched the rice field being submerged by water

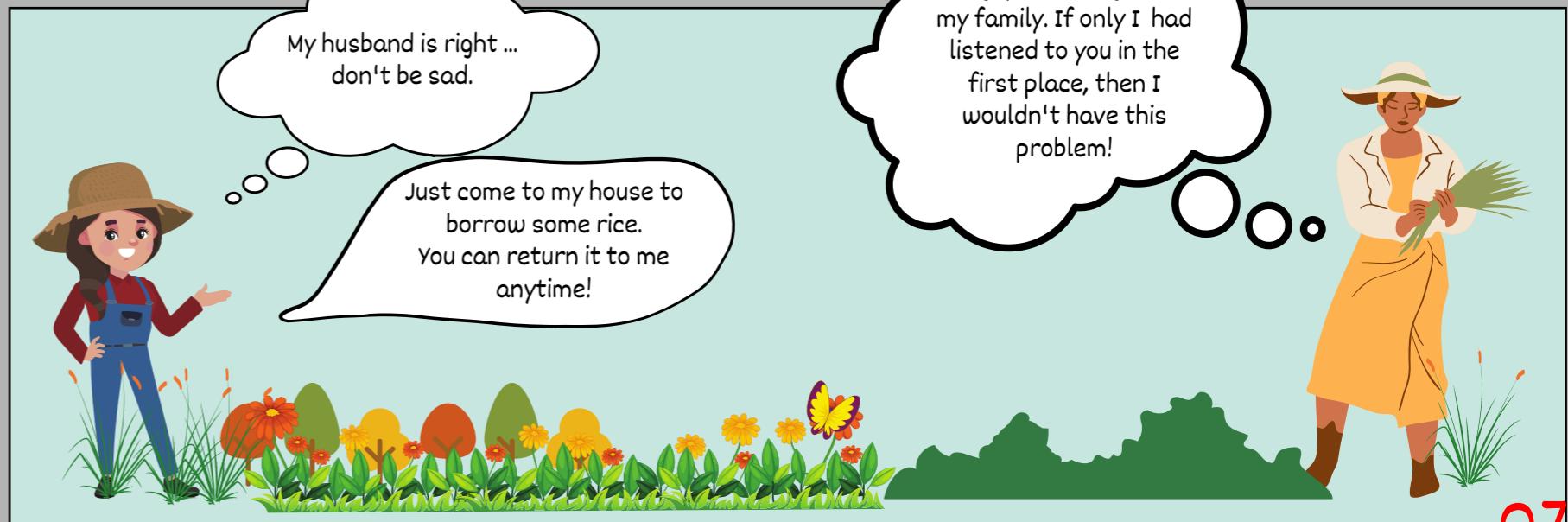


My family ...
... this year was ...
...hungry

I didn't take her
advice, so I lost
everything.
I'm so sad ...
huhuhu...

Keep calm. If there
are difficulties, my
wife and I, and your
neighbours all
around, are here to
help.

You guys are so good to
my family. If only I had
listened to you in the
first place, then I
wouldn't have this
problem!



My husband is right ...
don't be sad.

Just come to my house to
borrow some rice.
You can return it to me
anytime!

Learning from experience, in the following years, I will watch out for weather information, to know about storms and harvest sooner, and I will always remember ...

"Green at home is better than ripe in the field"



We invite you and your grandchildren to eat new rice tonight!



*The people of An Thang village always unite and share together...
So this place is always full of love, care and warmth*

