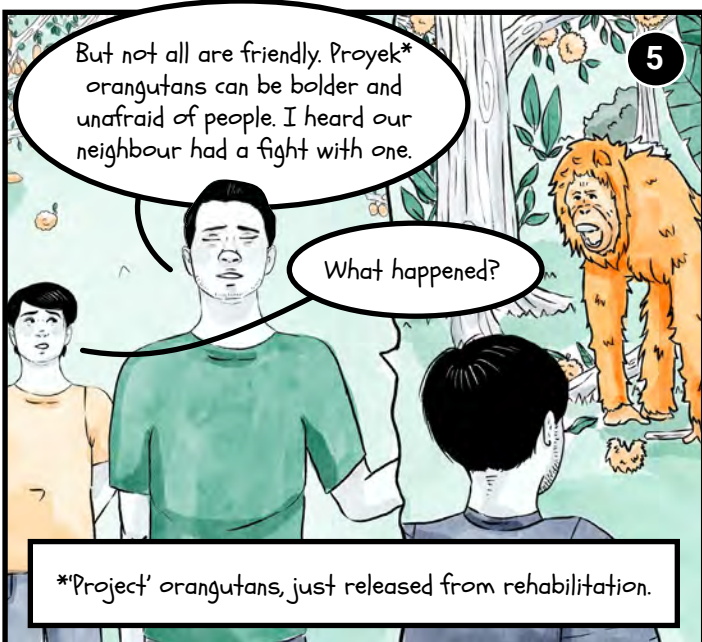
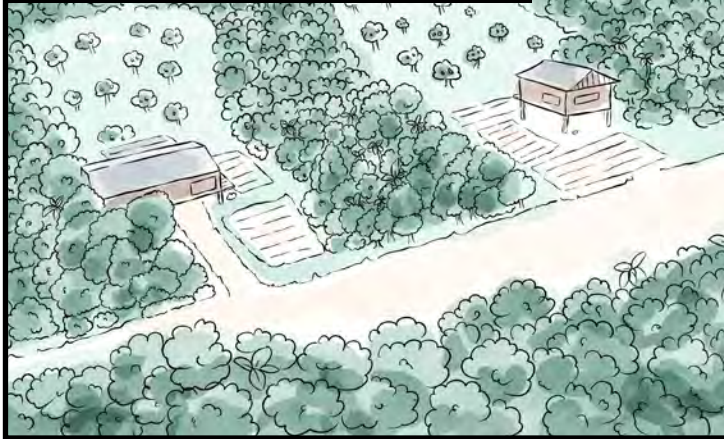
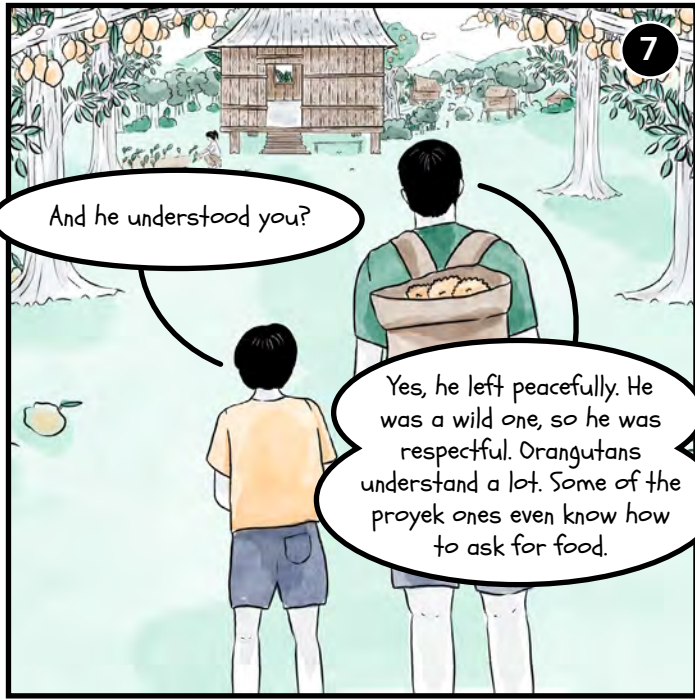


Different views of orangutans

It is durian fruit season in an indigenous village on the edge of a National Park in Sumatra, but the local farmers are not the only ones interested in the harvest...





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And he understood you?

Yes, he left peacefully. He was a wild one, so he was respectful. Orangutans understand a lot. Some of the proyek ones even know how to ask for food.



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I only had to bring the dogs out once. Think carefully before you treat an orangutan harshly - he might repay you by breaking tree branches!



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There are many beings in our community: people, animals, plants, spirits. We all need to find ways of living alongside each other.



Takeaways

1. Local perceptions of orangutans may not always match conservationists' species-based categories. Perceptions and categorisations of orangutans can shift according to contexts, cultures and individual histories.
2. Orangutans are part of intricate ecosystems – and social systems – involving many different humans and nonhumans. It is vital to recognise these connections and the moral conventions associated with them.
3. Conservationists can build on these local perspectives and relations to foster more culturally appropriate and effective engagement strategies.



Questions for conservationists:

1. How can you learn about the diverse ways people in a community see and interact with orangutans?
2. Why is it crucial to grasp these varying perspectives and relationships?
3. How can you adjust your plans and messages to reflect these differences in perception and interaction?

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