

READ THE PASSAGE:

I am Yusof Bin Mohammad. I grew up on my family's farm in Kampong Kapas. It was a beautiful village. Most of the people planted padi and reared livestock for living. Every day, I went to the field with my parents since no one took care of me at home. I remember as a boy, helping my father working in the field, clearing the grass and watering the field.

Consequently, I was also fascinated that some of the works in the field was still heavily relying on 'Si Hitam'. Si Hitam is a buffalo. We called him 'Si Hitam' because he had a black shiny skin. 'Si Hitam' was a very important part of our everyday life, especially in the fields.

I often saw my father took 'Si Hitam' plowing the fields. Sometimes my father would ask 'Si Hitam' to pull carts full of harvested padi, dry grasses and tools in it. As for myself, I love to ride on 'Si HItam' as we went to and from the field.

During the ploughing season, 'Si Hitam' needed to work hard on long and sunny days. He walked through the sticky mud of rice fields with my father to and forth slowly and with full of strength. We did not have the ploughing machine so ploughing fields and pulling carts are what buffaloes like 'Si Hitam' did best and without them we could never harvest a crop.

I also like to accompany my father to pick coconuts from our coconut trees. We used to pick coconuts twice a month. However, it was not my father who climbed the coconut trees but our monkey 'Si Tangkas'. He is a pig-tailed monkey or known locally as 'Berok'. We called him 'Si Tangkas' because he was a fast climber. 'Si Tangkas' was trained by my father to climb the coconut trees since he was small. He could climb up to 50 coconut trees a day.

'Si Tangkas' would climb the tree while my father would hold a thin rope tied to his neck so that my father could control his movement. Sometimes, if the coconut trees were close to each other, 'Si Tangkas' would just leap from one tree to another tree and toss down the coconuts to the ground.



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ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS:

1. Where did Yusof grow up?

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2. What did people in the village do for living?

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3. What did Yusof remember as a boy?

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4. What is the name of the buffalo and why did they choose that name?

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5. What did the buffalo do during the ploughing season?

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6. Who was 'Si Tangkas'? Why did they call it 'Si Tangkas'?

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