

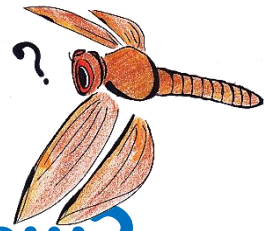
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“ DRAGONFLIES OF TEBAT RASAU GEOSITE ”

Story of the Great Battle Between The Rulers on Tebat Rasau



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Did you know?

- Dragonflies will eat bugs such as mosquitos, flies, butterflies, and other small insects.
- Dragonflies will lay eggs on water and when hatched, the baby dragonflies called nymphs will be the best insect water predator and they will eat small water bugs, even a small fish!
- The baby dragonflies need a years to release their wings and when they can fly, their age is only have a few months.
- Dragonflies live throughout the world. They like live in warm climates and near the water.

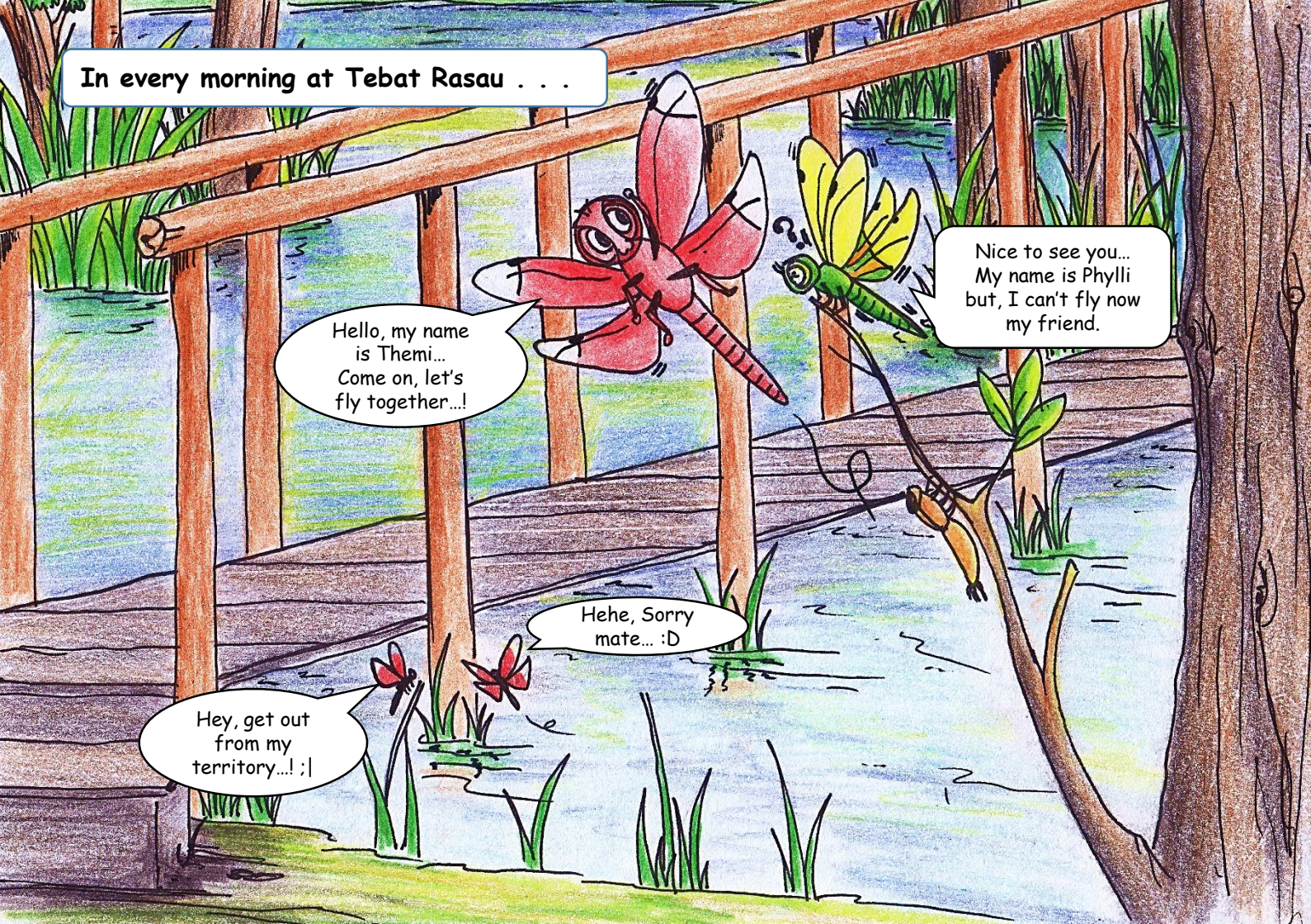
In every morning at Tebat Rasau . . .

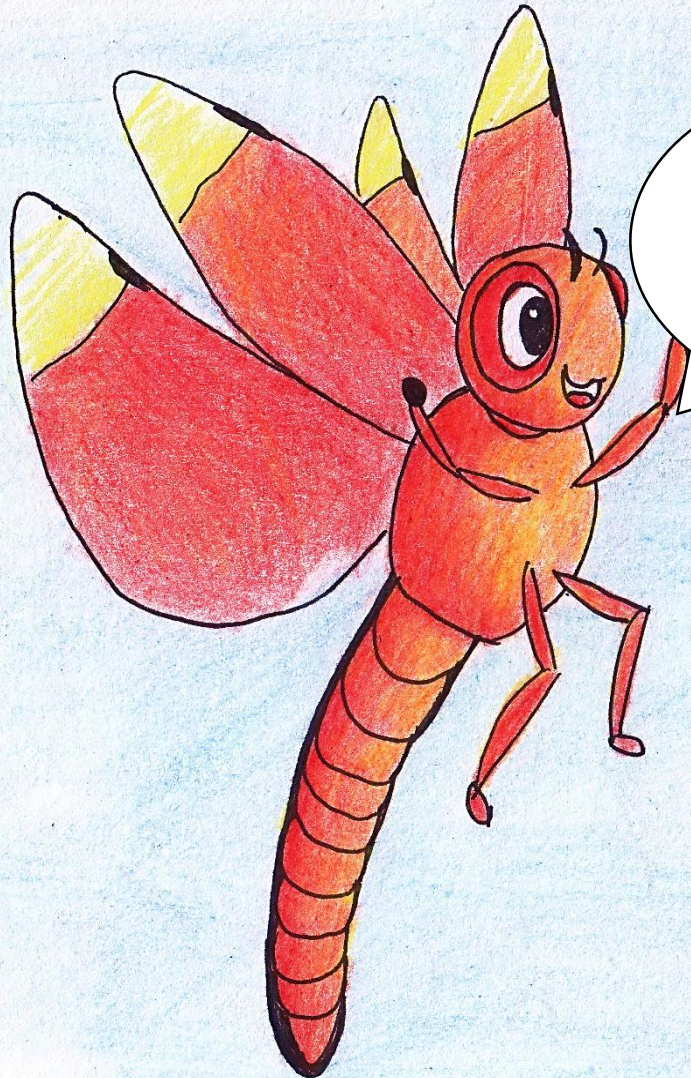
Hello, my name
is Them!...
Come on, let's
fly together...!

Nice to see you...
My name is Phylli
but, I can't fly now
my friend.

Hehe, Sorry
mate... :D

Hey, get out
from my
territory...! ;|





Woah, you just emerged
this morning...! and this is
must be your cocoon
right...?



Yup, I just emerged on this morning, so my wings aren't strong enough to fly far. I need at least 4 hours to strengthen my wings and my body...






Somewhere at the top of the Prupok tree . . .

Well, because this is my territory, I will protect you Phylli.

Thank you very much Them!, nice to see you. :D

Hohoho, downhere there is a young dragonfly coming out of the cocoon. What a delicious prey for my hungry stomach...!



Hohoho, I am Gomphu The Dragonfly Pirate on this place. Fear my wrath and give me that young dragonfly.

Oh no, that must be Gomphu the pirate ruler of Tebat Rasau. He wants to attack you. But you have my promise, Phylli. I will protect you and my territory.

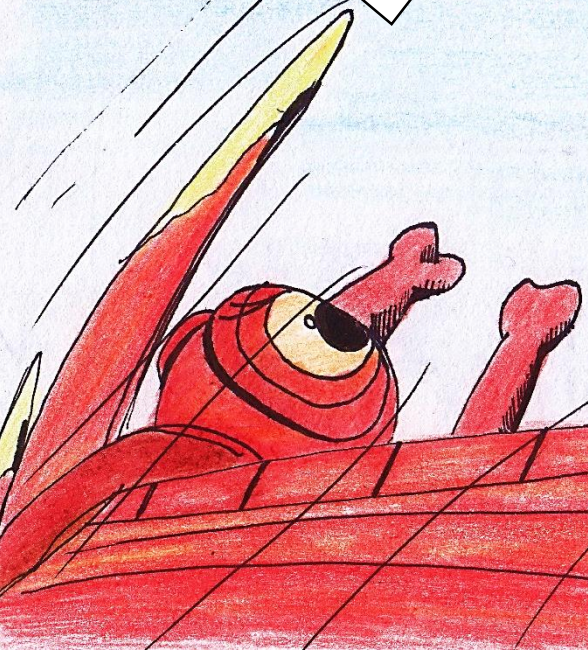
It's bad, I must hurry to strengthen my wings. Thank you very much for protecting me, Them!



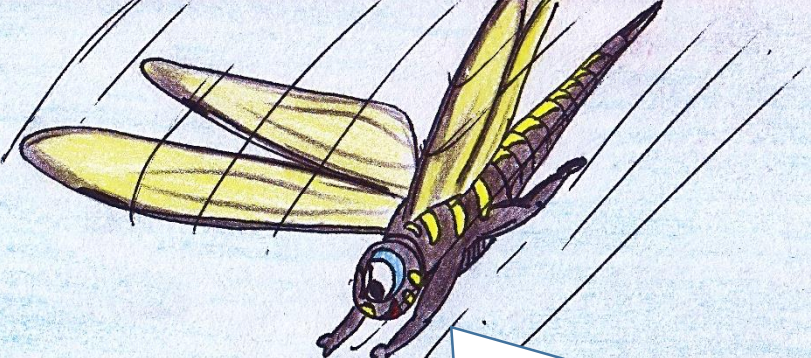
Listen, you need to stay out of the battle and don't be panic, you just need to stay here, Okay...?

Again, Thank you very much Them. You are such a nice dragonfly.

Well, now you will see how great I am in battle. :D



Hahaha, this is my territory and you just make me so angry. Feel my red raging color, Gomphu the Dragofly Pirate...!!!!
Hiyaaaaa...!!!!



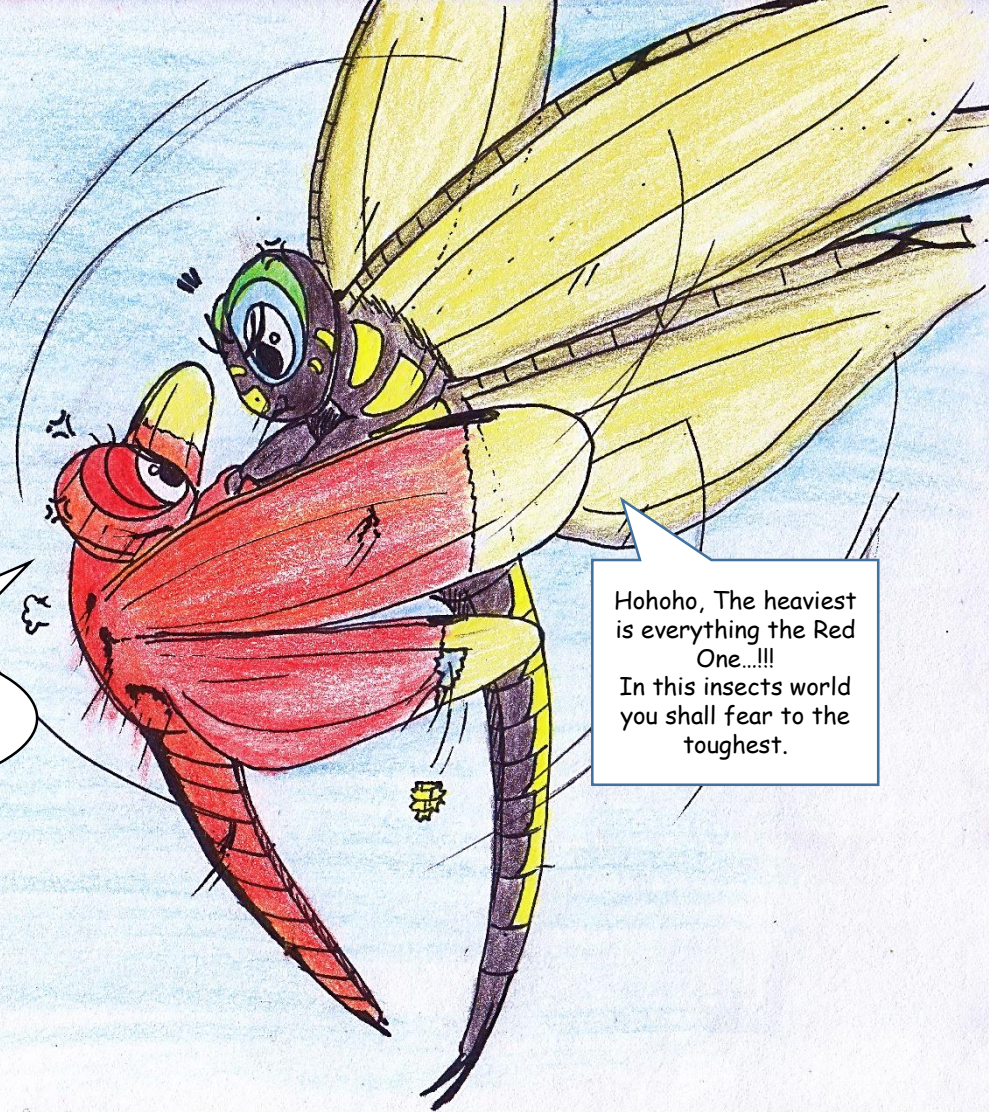
Hohoho, firstly I will knock you out, drop you into the river, and then I can eat that young dragonfly...!!!!
You shall fear me Red Dragonfly...!!!!
Aaaarrgghhh...!!!!

The battle between the ruler of sky and the ruler of marshes at Tebat Rasau, has begun...

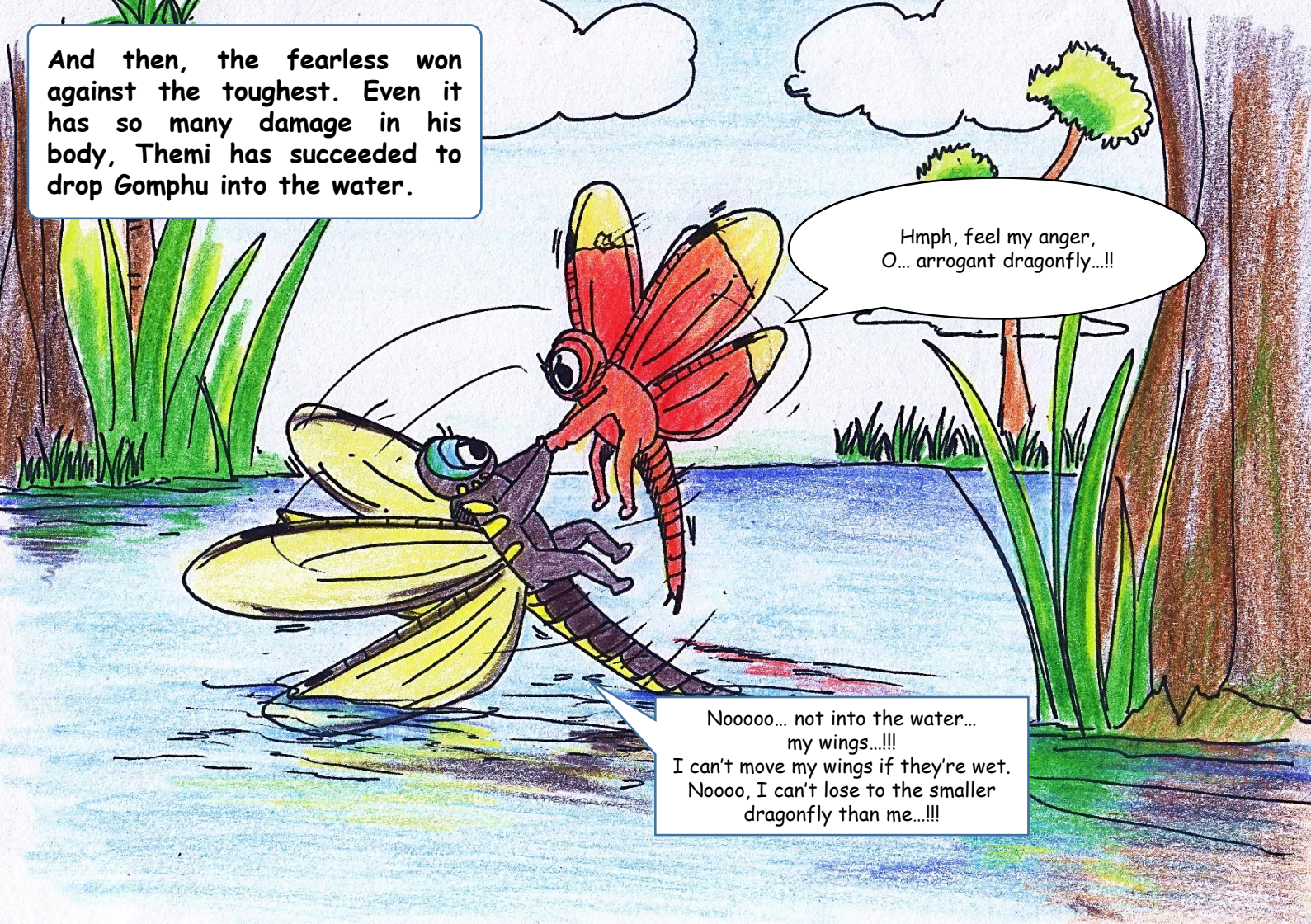
First, both of them will rotate to bring down each other. They will attack each other and damage the most important part, the wing. But sometimes the winner isn't just who is the toughest. But, the fearless is the true winner.

Ngghhh... I will not lose to you, Gomphu the Dragonfly Pirate...!!!

Hohoho, The heaviest is everything the Red One...!!!
In this insects world you shall fear to the toughest.



And then, the fearless won against the toughest. Even it has so many damage in his body, Themis has succeeded to drop Gomphu into the water.



Hmph, feel my anger,
O... arrogant dragonfly...!!

Nooooo... not into the water...
my wings...!!!
I can't move my wings if they're wet.
Nooooo, I can't lose to the smaller
dragonfly than me...!!!



Nooooo... I've lost to the dragonfly who is smaller than me. I cannot fly anymore... HHuuuuuAAA :'(



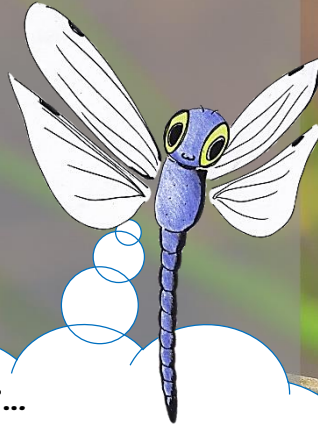
Hey, what a great battle.
So, what happens to
Gomphu now ??

Well, when the dragonfly
has fallen into the water,
that's the end of their life,
because they have no longer
able to lift their body and
use the wings to fly from
the water surface. That's
what happened to Gomphu.



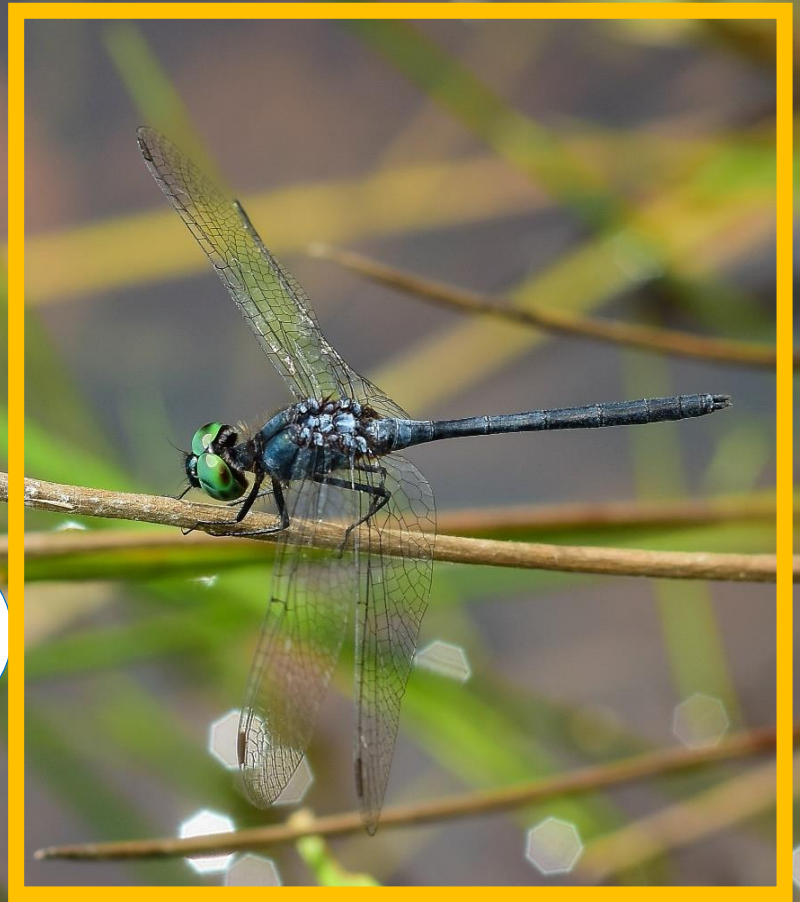


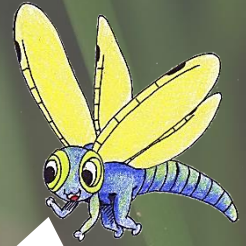
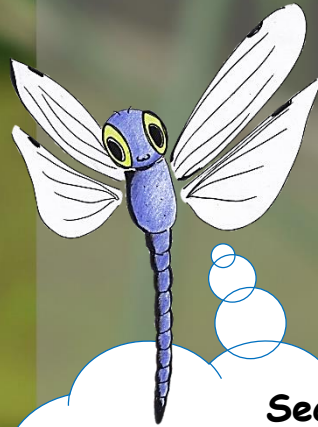
I've forgot how greenish my eyes are :D



First...

Here is the actual picture of mine on Tebat Rasau and name true name is "*Chalybeothemis fluviatilis*" and I loves perching on the tip of purun plants at the river.



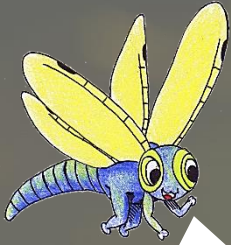


That position
called "Tandem"

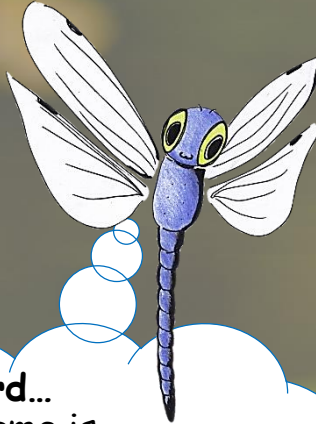
Second...

Their name is
"*Ceriagrion cerinorubellum*"
The blueish color is the male, and
the greenish is his female mate.



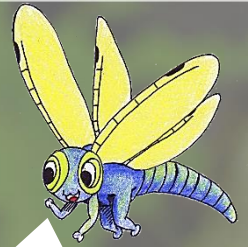
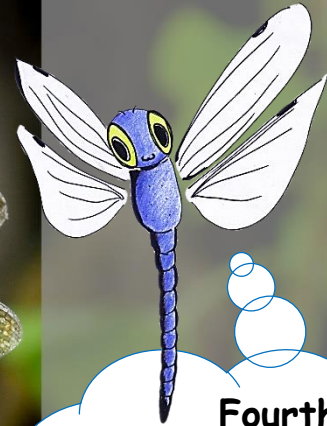


Uwh, look look... he is standing up only used his body...!!! I can't do what he did.



Third...
Their name is,
"Pseudocoptera ciliata"
The white color is the male
and the reddish is his
female mate, and she laying
her egg under the leaf.



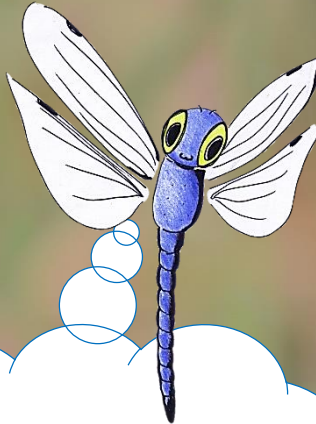


He has red color on his back and so many green spot on his chest

Fourth...
His name is "*Agrionoptera insignis*" and he lived also on the forest nearby your house. So, Please don't destroy too much the forest, because my friends live on it.



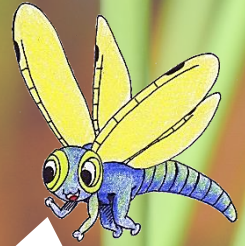
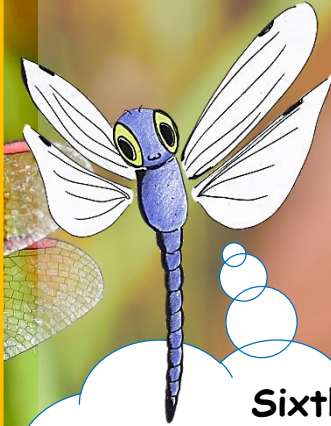
How I have such a beautiful color...!!
Look at my pattern, that's very cool...!!!



Batik, is my Indonesian national treasures and the color is quite remarkable. The color of his wings represent it, and his name is "*Rhyothemis obsolescens*"

That's Fifth...





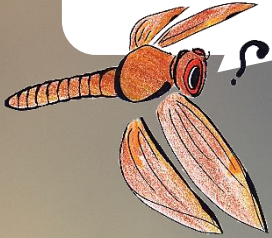
Uwh uwh uwh...!!!
It's Them! the Red
Raging Dragonfly...!!!

Sixth...

His name is
"*Neurothemis fluctuans*"
He called "Them!" on Battle of
Tebat Rasau, and he has red
bright color on whole body.

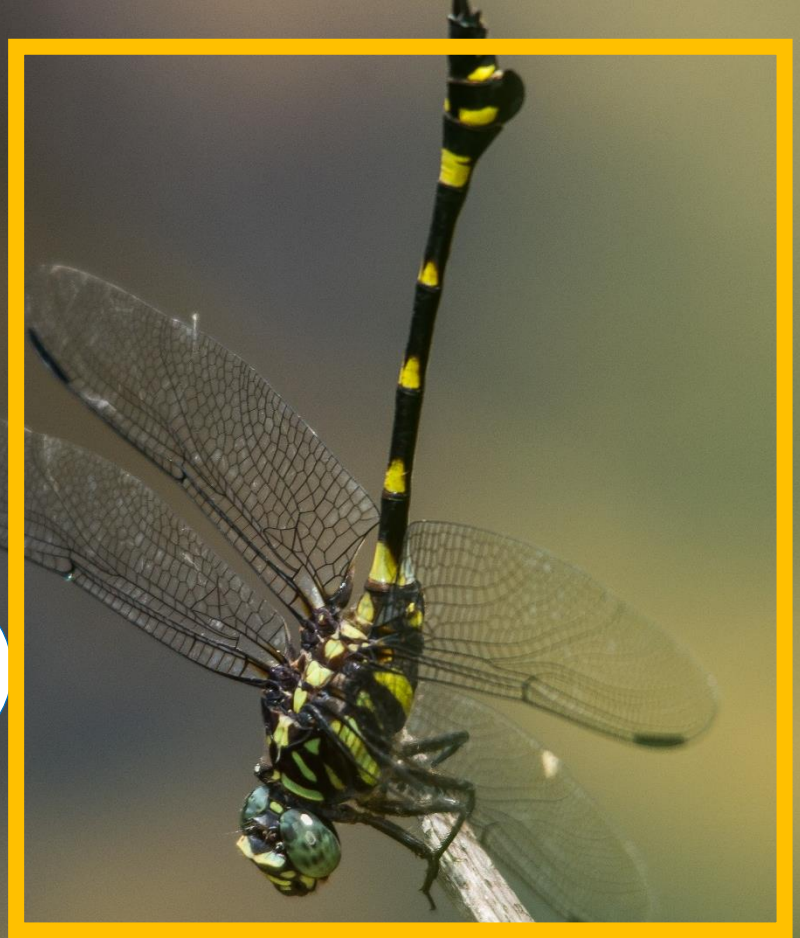


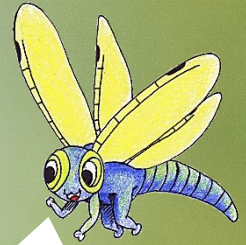
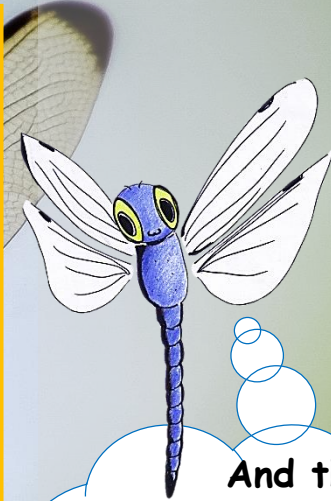
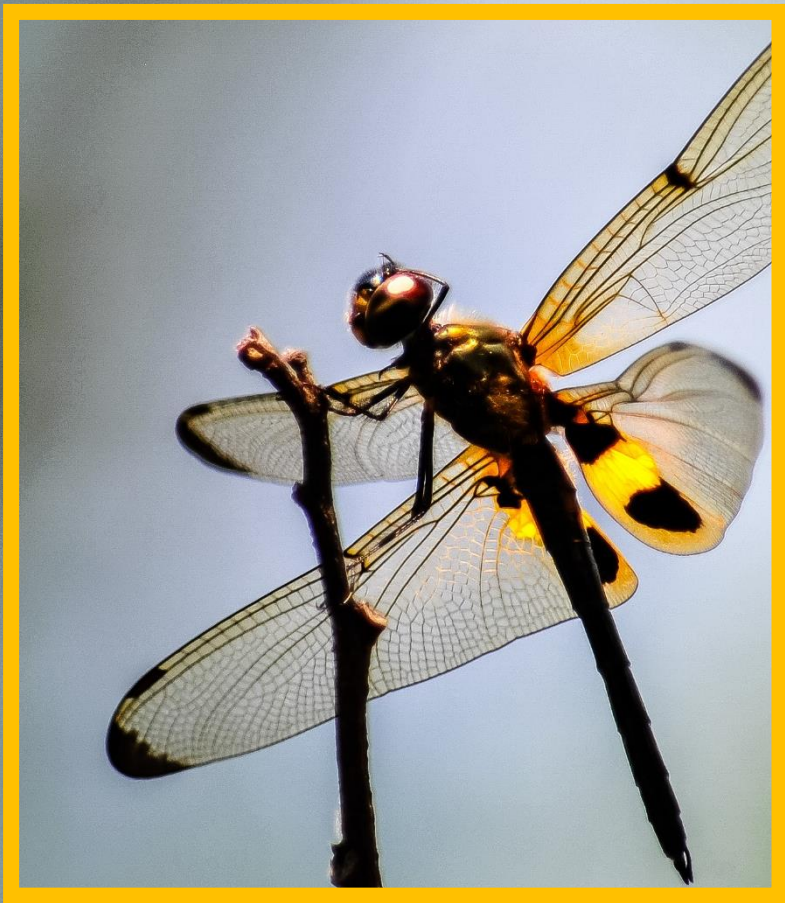
Here is the Pirate
who wants to attack
my brother, Phylli.



Seventh...

And now the air ruler of
Tebat Rasau, Gomphu The Pirate.
His true name is
"*Ichtinogomphus decoratus*".
He loves peaching on the top of
the tree and watching
from above.





This could be Phylli right...?? I think he look mighty when grew up.

And the last,
Eighth...

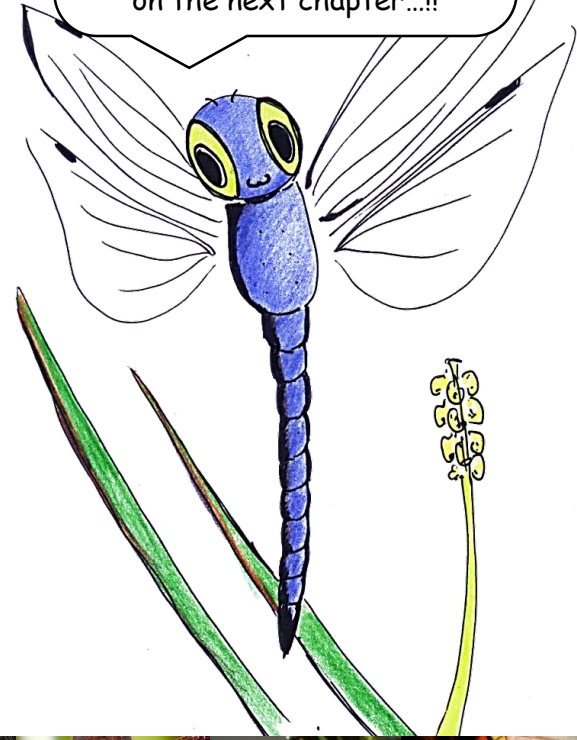
This is the adult Phylli and he ready to take down all the enemy who wants to attack. His true name is "***Rhyothemis phyllis***" and he loves peaching on the top of the tree.



Fun facts about dragonflies

- Dragonflies don't sting and generally don't bite people
- They have been around for 300 million years. Prehistoric dragonflies were much larger and could have a wingspan of 2,5 feet!
- They are not really related to common flies.
- Groups of dragonflies are called swarms.
- Predators that eat dragonflies include fish, duck, birds, and water beetles.
- They need to warm up in the sun during morning before taking off and flying for most of the day.

Here I tell you the fun facts about my relatives. Thank you for reading this book and the story. So now you all know me as well as I know you, see you on the next chapter...!!





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