

STOP HUNTING AMUR FALCONS.



AMUR FALCONS : MANIPUR'S PRIDE

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During this time, they stop-over, stay here, feed here and prepare themselves for the long journey ahead. The Amurs are Manipur's special guests. Warm Indian hosts, as we are, must ensure them a safe and comfortable stay.



AMUR FALCONS : FARMERS' FRIENDS

The Amur falcon largely feeds on insects, including locusts, grasshoppers, beetles and flying termites. They feed by taking short flights and catch flying insects mid-air, during the flight.

Insects, like locusts, can create havoc in fields, destroying the crops and causing extensive loss to farmers. But when large congregations of Amurs feed at a time, thousands of harmful insects fall prey within no time.

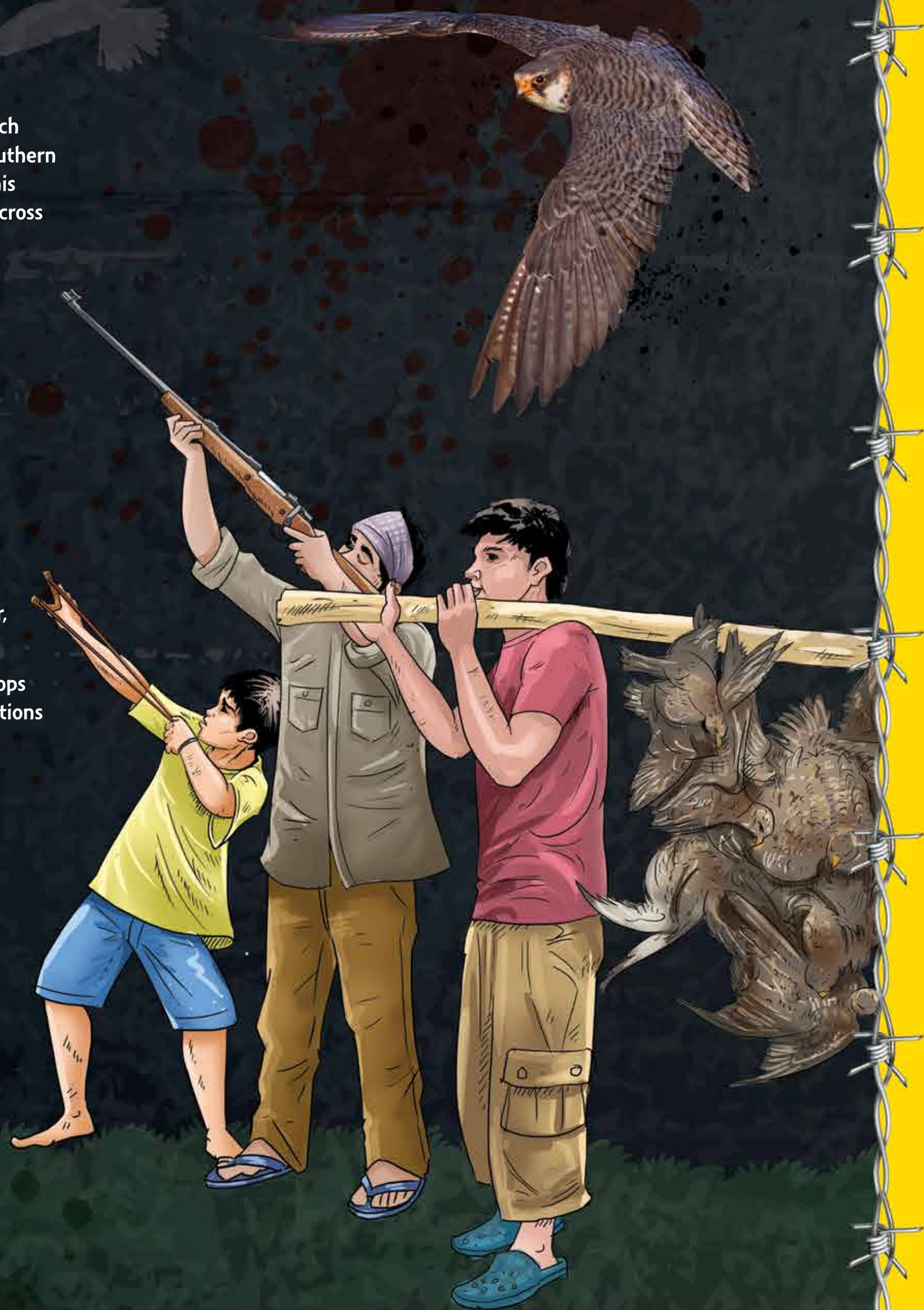
So, the Amur falcons are indeed, the best friends of farmers.



AMUR FALCONS : TOURIST MAGNETS

The fascinating Amur falcon intrigues bird-watchers and photographers from across the country. Tourists from far away places visit the North-East to see this bird at its stop-over site during its magnificent migratory journey.

Keeping the Amurs safe will ensure the excitement of tourists and thus, Manipur can thrive on tourism.



Hunting is not only shameful, but also illegal.



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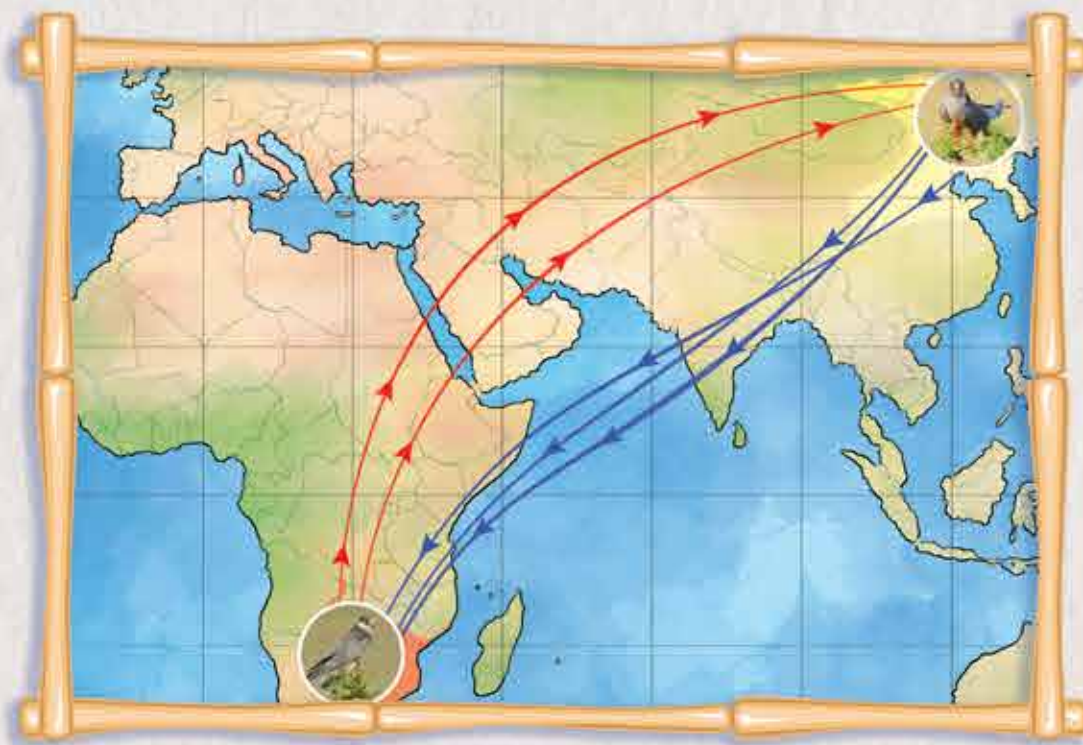
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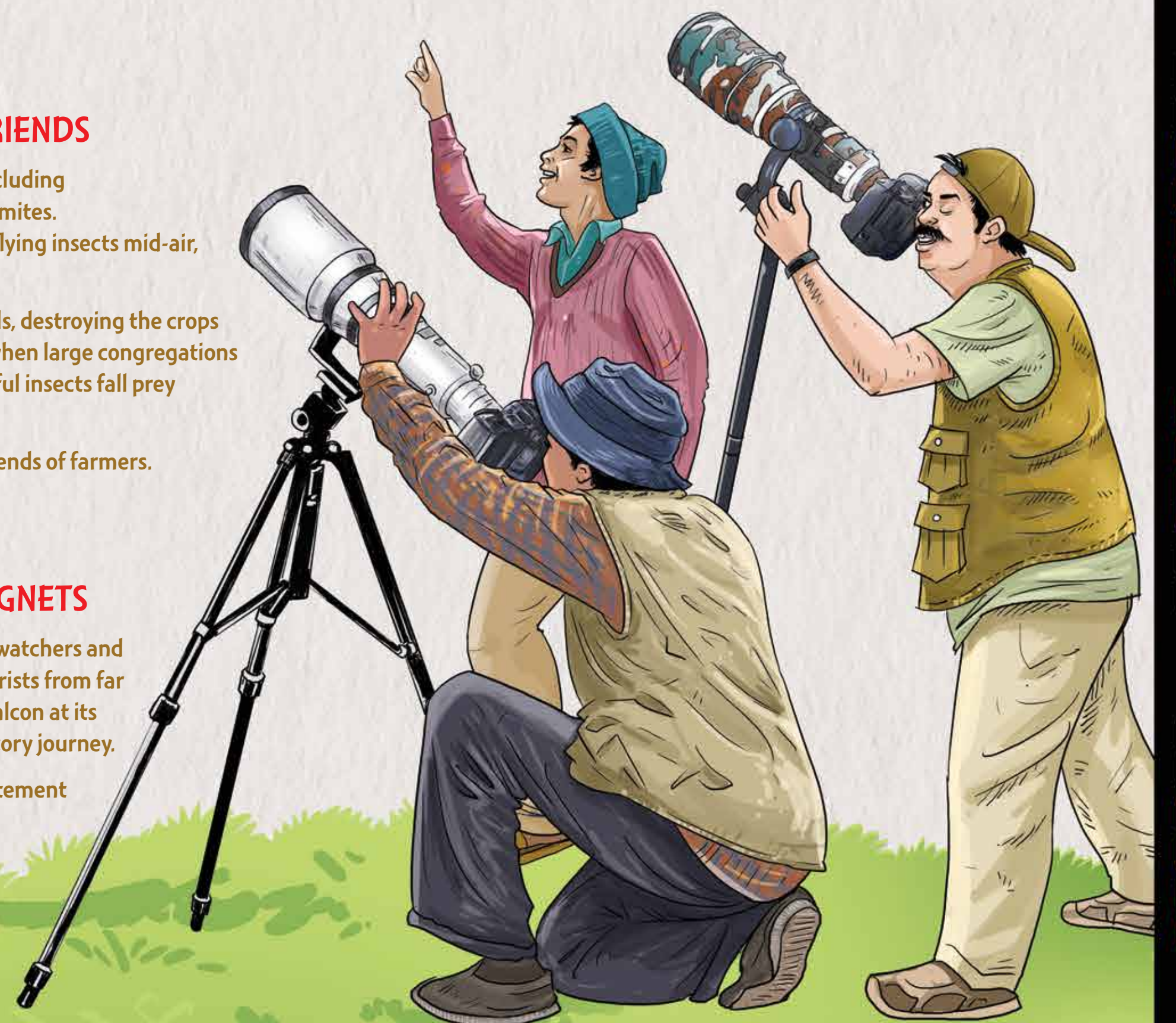
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Welcome falcons; welcome happiness!



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