



RYAN



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Moving house can be one of the most stressful times for anyone. Packing everything up and moving to a strange new area can play on one's mind. That being said, some adjust better than others. Ryan recently moved from his "home" at Pondok Dua and into the neighbouring Pondok Medang. As orangutans grow bigger and stronger - this was certainly true of Ryan - they develop different needs and requirements, such as a need for more space. Ryan is not alone as he was able to bring along some moving buddies - Tunga and Mason. They are joining him on the next stage of his journey. Ryan has nothing to complain about so far. His new "pondok", which means hut or small camp, has everything he needs - kitchen, washing facilities and nice spacious "bedrooms" or sleeping enclosures. The main selling point for this new piece of real estate though is the forest view. He is so close to it, Ryan can practically roll out of "bed" and be almost directly in the forest.

As Ryan continues to grow and become more wilful, it takes an equally determined caregiver to rein him in. Enter Pak Ateng in whom Ryan has found his match. Pak Ateng watches over Ryan in the forest. Ryan is playing with the "big boys" now but a bigger orangutan just means more fun for Ryan! A release from Pondok Medang is a little different from what he is used to at his previous home at Pondok Dua. These Medang releases are filled with much hectic and kinetic energy. More ground is covered. This suits Ryan's sensibilities just fine. As he enters the forest he stares around in wonder at the multitude of trees and the vast space where he can roam. He bounces around like a pinball wanting to experience everything. Ryan quickly ingratiates himself with the bigger orangutans like Arial and Jambul 2. Indeed, he spends a considerable amount of time wrestling with Jambul 2 covering ground, air and tree in their match. An invisible bell calls time out and they both take a moment for a breather before butting heads again for a rematch. Ryan is sure to check in with his old friend Mason to ensure he is managing all right too. Ryan also makes time for his caregiver Ibu Lavia. This thoughtful and energetic orangutan is still young after all and still in need of affection.

The next six months should fly by quickly as Ryan settles in. For Ryan, moving house has turned out to be a winning proposition. He has more forest, more friends, and more opportunities to explore ... what's not to love?

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