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IN YOUR FOREST

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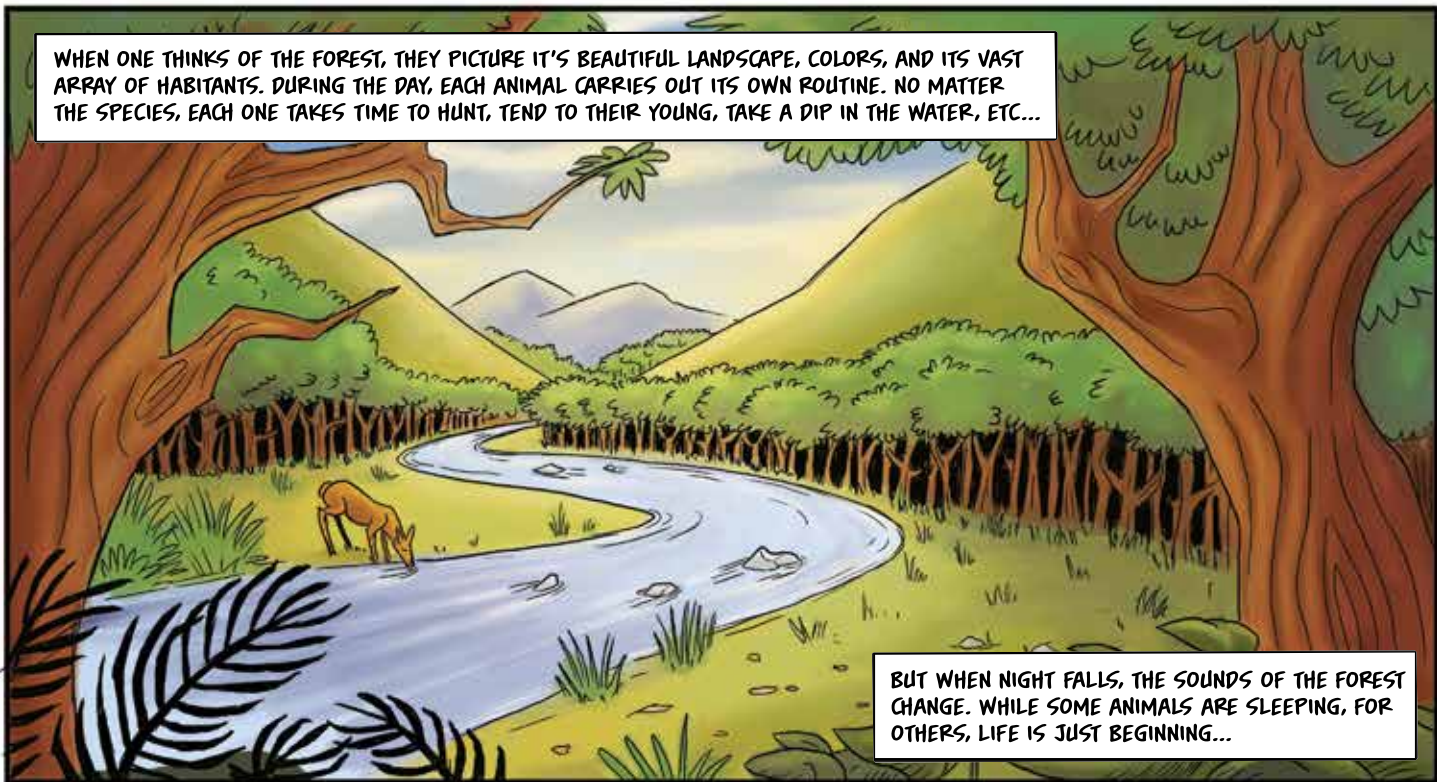
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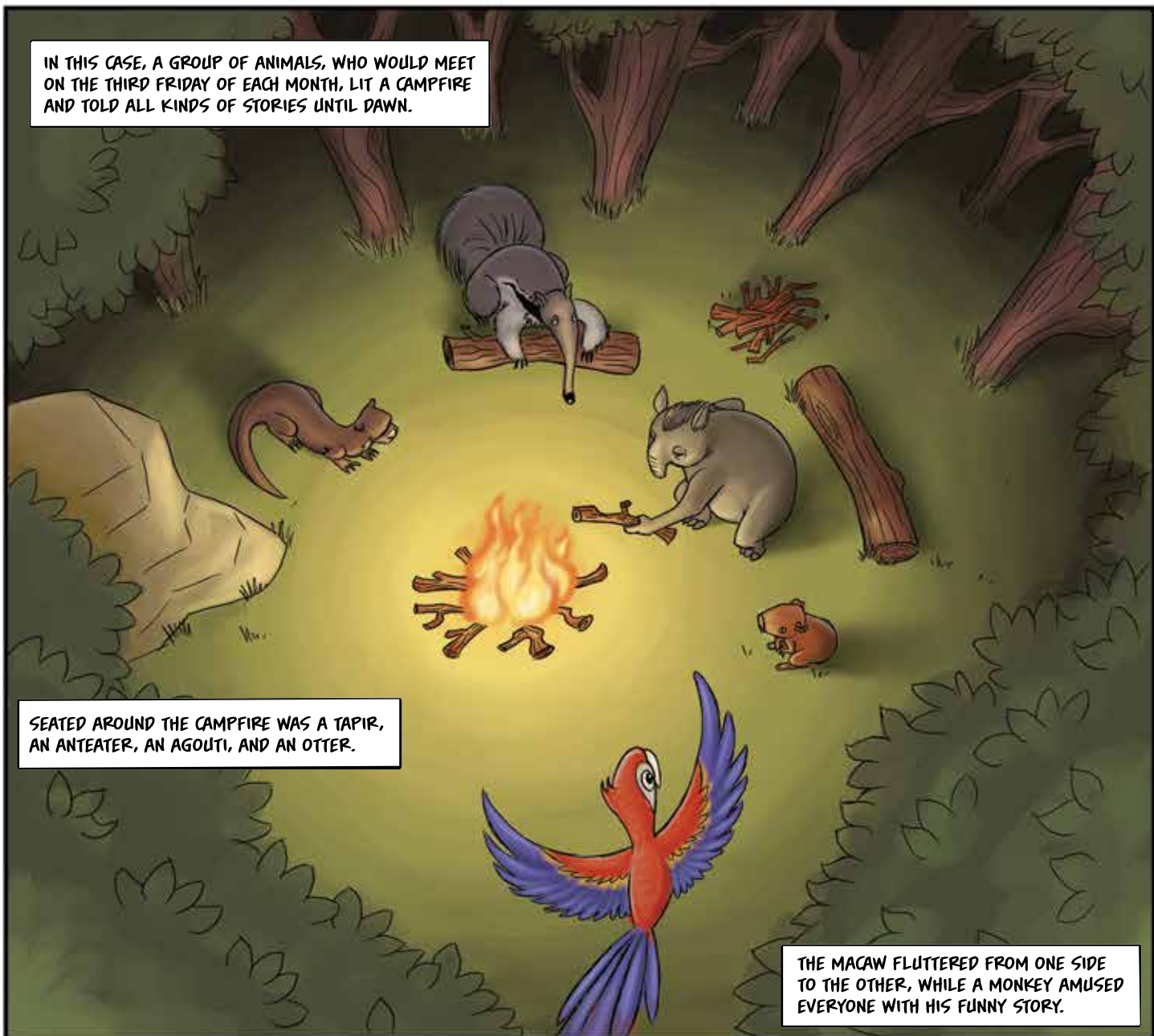


WHEN ONE THINKS OF THE FOREST, THEY PICTURE IT'S BEAUTIFUL LANDSCAPE, COLORS, AND ITS VAST ARRAY OF HABITANTS. DURING THE DAY, EACH ANIMAL CARRIES OUT ITS OWN ROUTINE. NO MATTER THE SPECIES, EACH ONE TAKES TIME TO HUNT, TEND TO THEIR YOUNG, TAKE A DIP IN THE WATER, ETC...



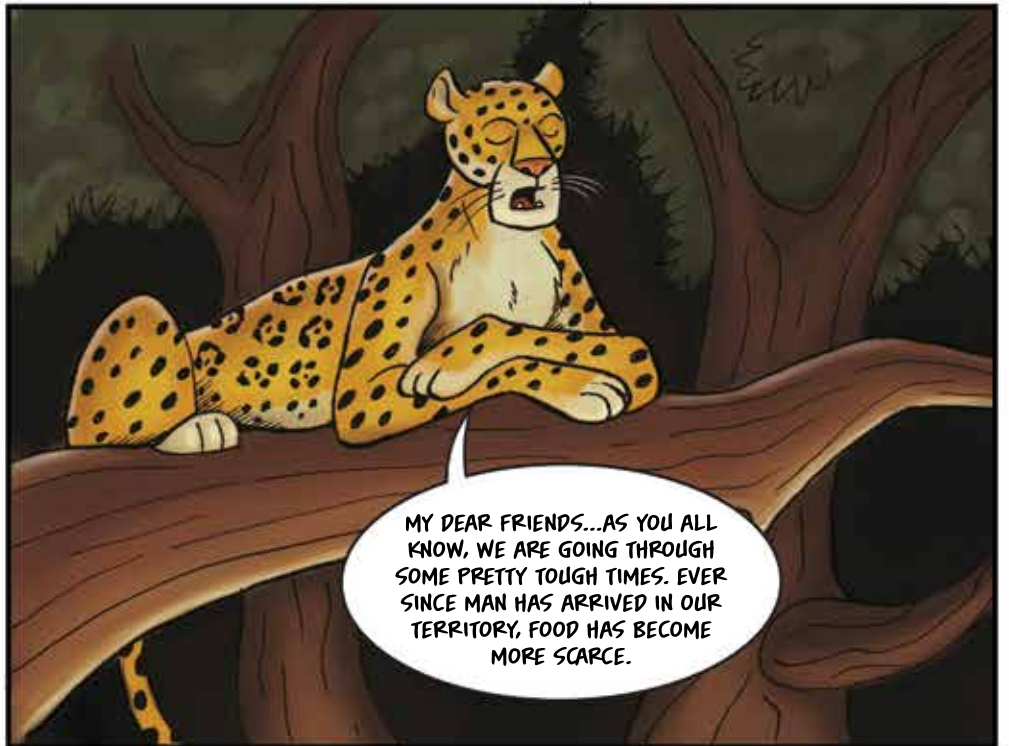
BUT WHEN NIGHT FALLS, THE SOUNDS OF THE FOREST CHANGE. WHILE SOME ANIMALS ARE SLEEPING, FOR OTHERS, LIFE IS JUST BEGINNING...

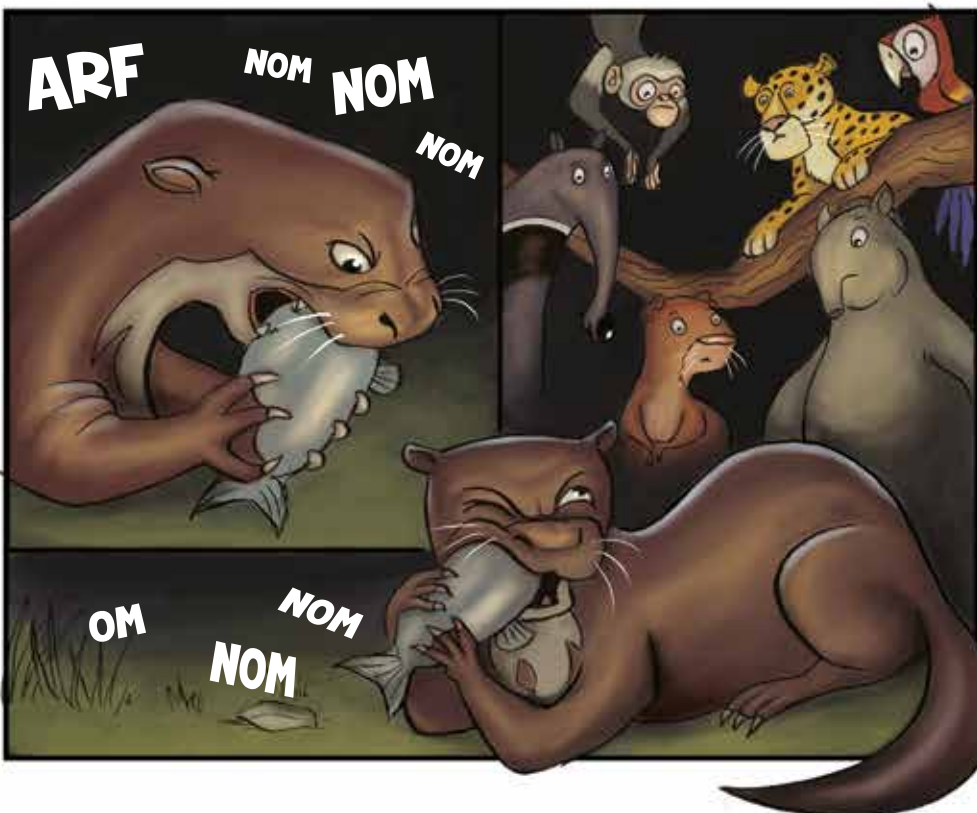
IN THIS CASE, A GROUP OF ANIMALS, WHO WOULD MEET ON THE THIRD FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH, LIT A CAMPFIRE AND TOLD ALL KINDS OF STORIES UNTIL DAWN.

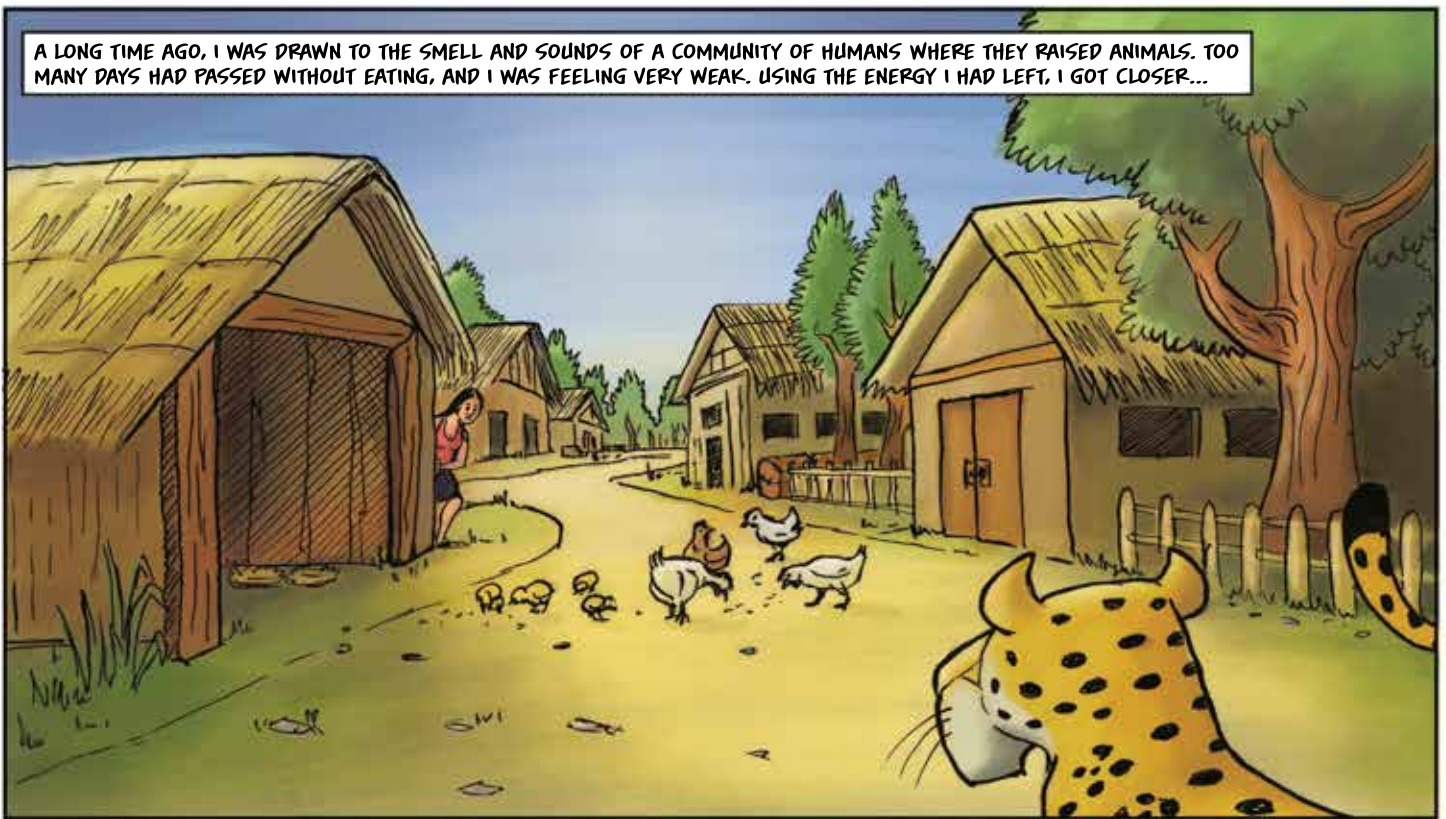


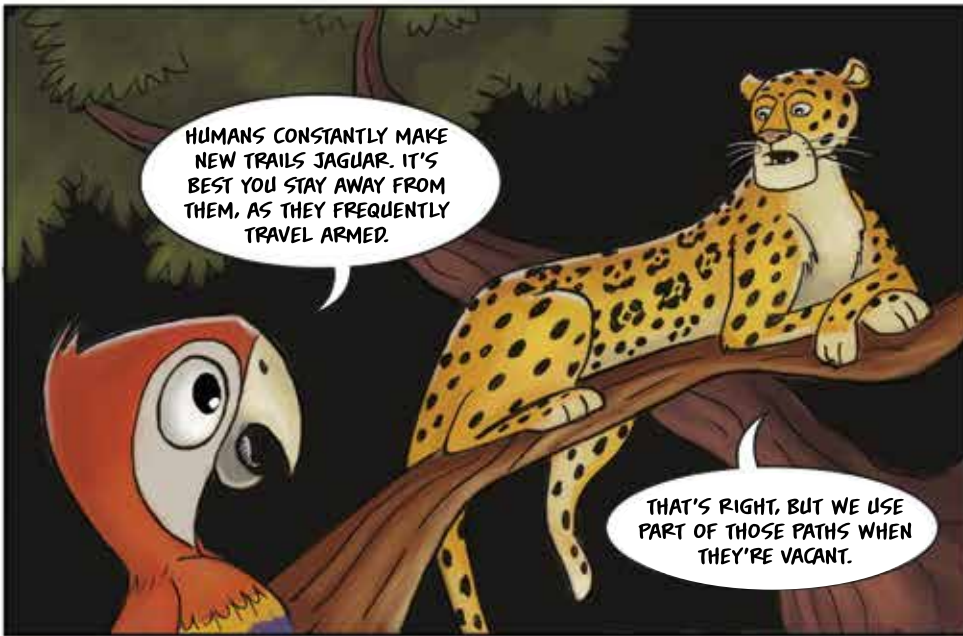
SEATED AROUND THE CAMPFIRE WAS A TAPIR, AN ANTEATER, AN AGOUTI, AND AN OTTER.

THE MACAW FLUTTERED FROM ONE SIDE TO THE OTHER, WHILE A MONKEY AMUSED EVERYONE WITH HIS FUNNY STORY.







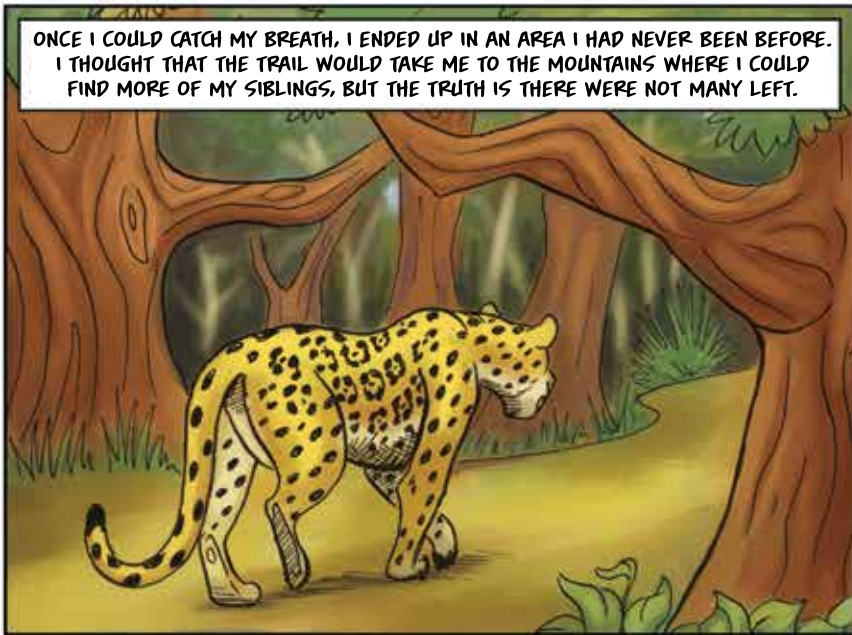


HUMANS CONSTANTLY MAKE NEW TRAILS JAGUAR. IT'S BEST YOU STAY AWAY FROM THEM, AS THEY FREQUENTLY TRAVEL ARMED.

THAT'S RIGHT, BUT WE USE PART OF THOSE PATHS WHEN THEY'RE VACANT.



SO WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?



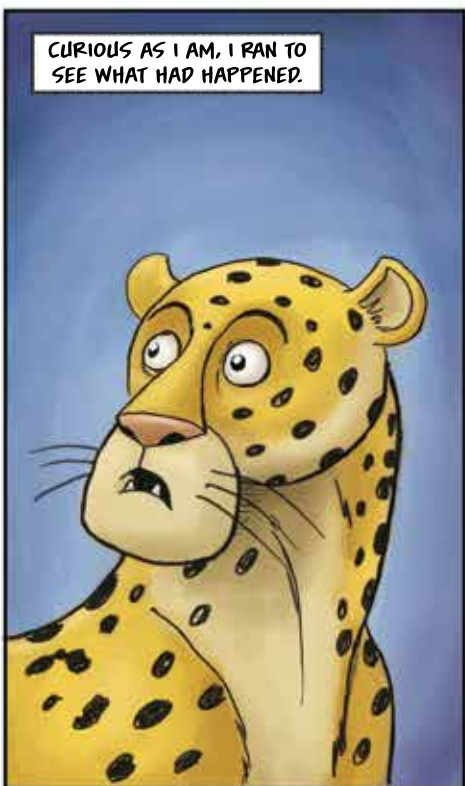
ONCE I COULD CATCH MY BREATH, I ENDED UP IN AN AREA I HAD NEVER BEEN BEFORE. I THOUGHT THAT THE TRAIL WOULD TAKE ME TO THE MOUNTAINS WHERE I COULD FIND MORE OF MY SIBLINGS, BUT THE TRUTH IS THERE WERE NOT MANY LEFT.



SUDDENLY...

BANG!

BANG!



CURIOUS AS I AM, I RAN TO SEE WHAT HAD HAPPENED.



AND THEN...SURPRISE!



A CRESTED GUAN...

AN EXISTENCE I JUST COULDN'T LET BE...



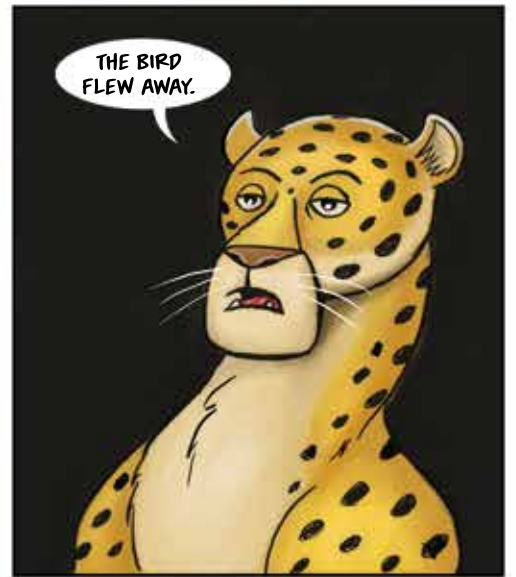
ON THE OTHER SIDE OF IT WAS A HUNTER, WATCHING THE SAME PREY.

HE'S GOING TO SHOOT ME!

HE'S GOING TO ATTACK ME!



WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?



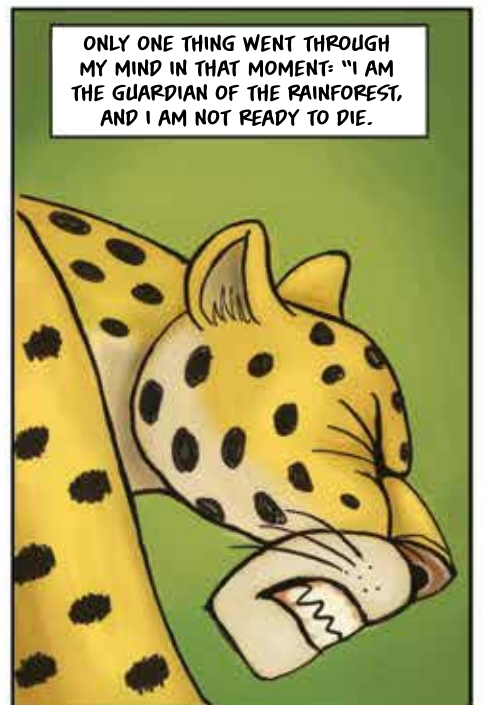
THE BIRD FLEW AWAY.



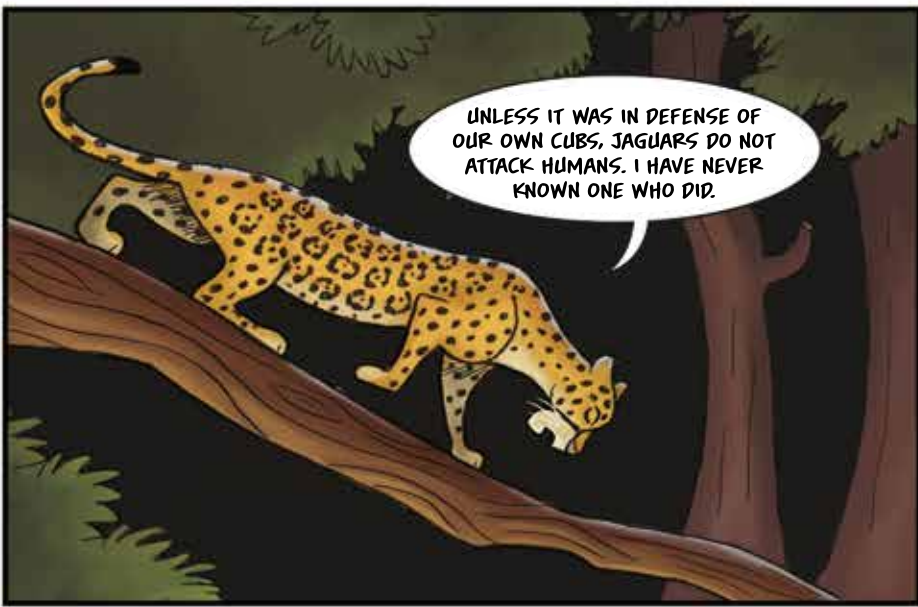
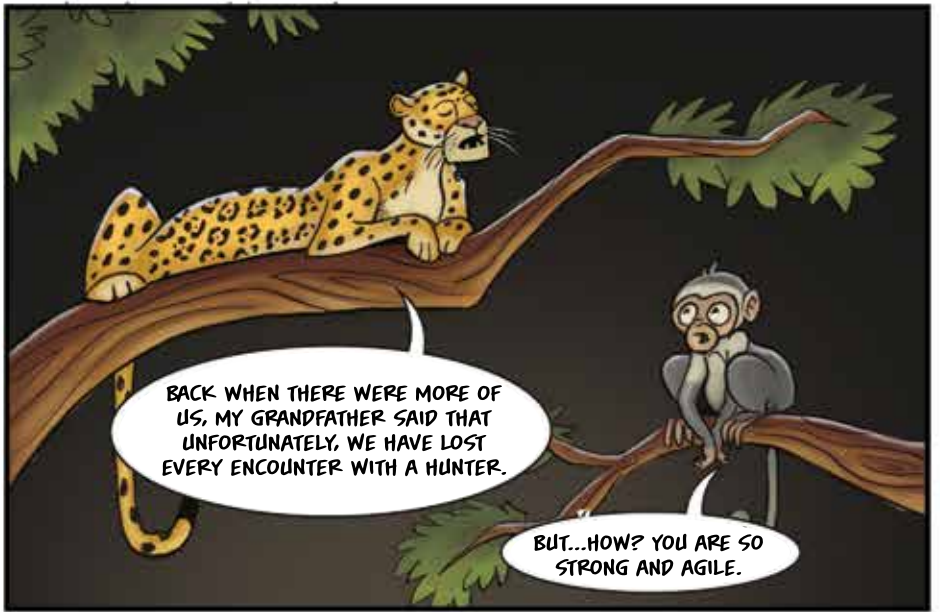
BANG!



I FELT AN INTENSE HEAT ON MY LEFT LEG WHERE THE BULLET GRAZED ME, BUT MY INSTINCT TOLD ME TO KEEP RUNNING...



ONLY ONE THING WENT THROUGH MY MIND IN THAT MOMENT: "I AM THE GUARDIAN OF THE RAINFOREST, AND I AM NOT READY TO DIE."





JUANCITO! YOU'RE
FINALLY HOME. I
WAS SO WORRIED!



I ONLY GOT TWO
SMALL ANIMALS...IT
WAS A TERRIBLE DAY!



WHY? WHAT
HAPPENED?



I WAS ATTACKED
BY A JAGUAR!

END

JAGUAR

(Panthera onca)

Of all the animals in this story, I have the most powerful pounce. Some experts say that my name comes from the indigenous

Tupi-Guarani word "Yaguaretê," which means "true fear beast." But don't be afraid, I do not attack humans.



CAPUCHIN MONKEY

(Cebus albifrons)

Of all the animals in this story, I am the one who lives in the largest groups: up to 35 individuals! We all help care for our young and protect them from danger.



ANTEATER

(Myrmecophaga tridactyla)

Of all the mammals in this story, I'm the only one that doesn't have any teeth (neither does the Macaw, but she is a bird). I use my tongue to scoop up termites (and other invertebrates) that I love to devour.



SCARLET MACAW

(Ara macao)

Of all the animals in this story, I am the most colorful. You can see the brilliance of our colors when we fly in pairs or groups. We can also live the longest, up to 50-60 years.



AGOUTI

(Dasyprocta variegata)

Of all the animals in this story, I am the only one who manages to open Brazil nuts. We love to sow its seeds throughout the forest.

This is the only way new Brazil nut trees grow.



GIANT OTTER

(Pteronura brasiliensis)

Of all the animals in this story, I am the most endangered. There aren't many of us left, as we only live in some rivers and lakes in the Amazon. Our bodies are completely adapted to swim and catch fish.



TAPIR

(Tapirus terrestris)

Of all the animals in this story, I am the largest. Us tapirs can weigh more than 300 kg. Imagine the amount of vegetation we have to eat to maintain this voluminous body!



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