

ONCE UPON A TIME

IN YOUR FOREST

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The Explorers

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A new dawn had begun in the majestic Amazon. The sunlight radiated through the trees as the animals of the forest began their daily routine.



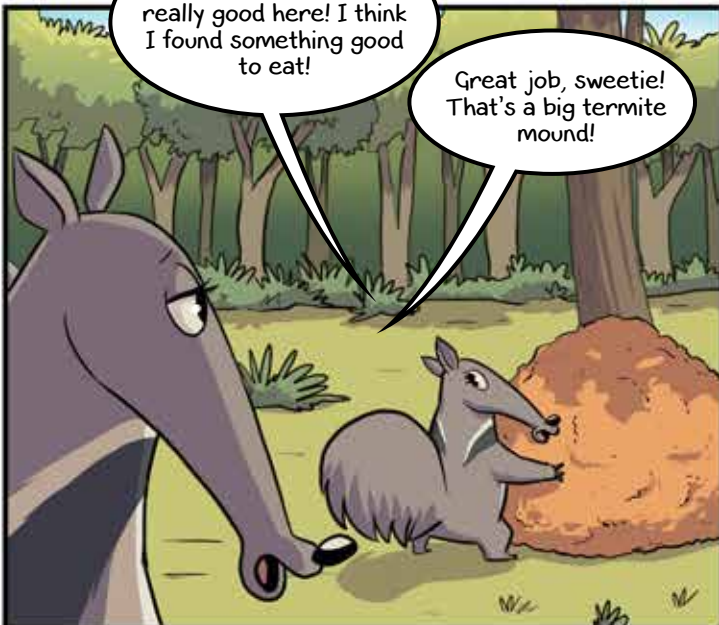
The anteater is walking with his Aunt and little cousin in search of food...

Mom, I want to stretch my legs. Can I get down?

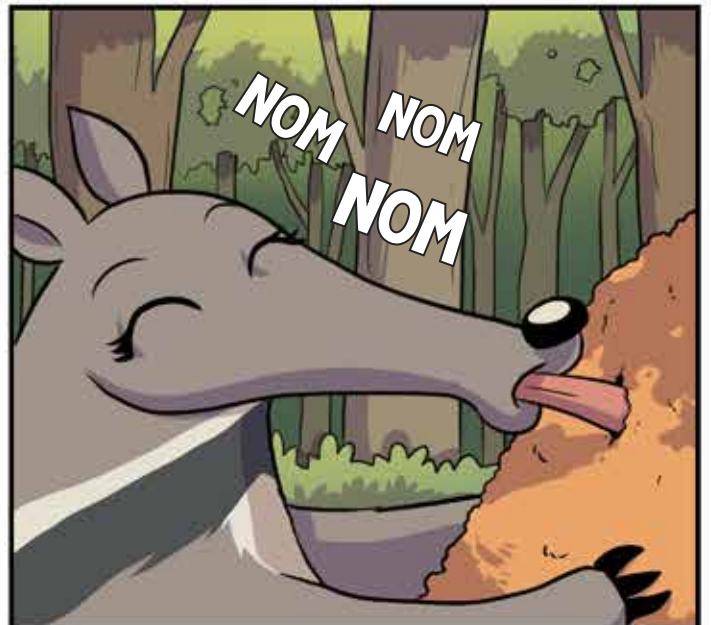


Mmm...Mom, it smells really good here! I think I found something good to eat!

Great job, sweetie! That's a big termite mound!



NOM NOM
NOM



After finishing their delicious termite lunch....

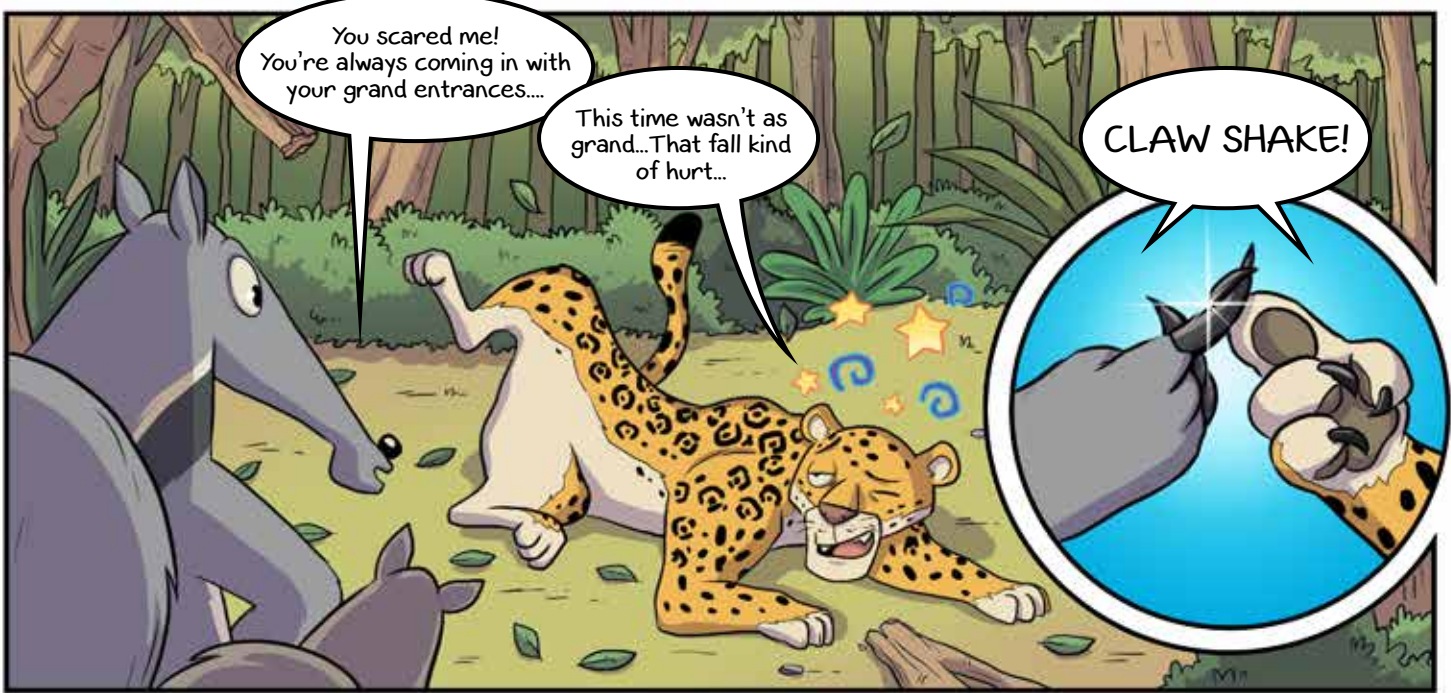
Now that we have more energy, would you like to come with me and my friends to explore the forest and pampas?

Sounds fantastic! I'd love to explore!

You are still too young to explore everything, sweetie, but we can go with your cousin this time. Maybe one day we can also go visit my friend, the maned wolf, who is in the Beni Pampas.

CRACK!

WAAAAAGG!



You scared me!
You're always coming in with
your grand entrances....

This time wasn't as
grand...That fall kind
of hurt...

CLAW SHAKE!



A few moments later, the rest
of the group arrived.

Hahaha! I beat you once
again, Monkey!

Yeah...With
your wings...



Ready for a day
full of adventures?

Today we'll have lots to
do, won't we Anteater?



I thought he was the
last one... Where are
the rest of our friends
Turtle and Otter?

They'll wait for us
at a lake that's a
few miles that way.

Wow, a lake! I
wanna go!

Let's go everyone!
Remember, be respectful
to the forest and everything
that lives in it!

The friends of the forest began their journey towards the lake, traveling through the thick of the forest...

These trees are so tall! They must be so old...

Such beautiful birds! Look at all their colors!

What a gorgeous lake!

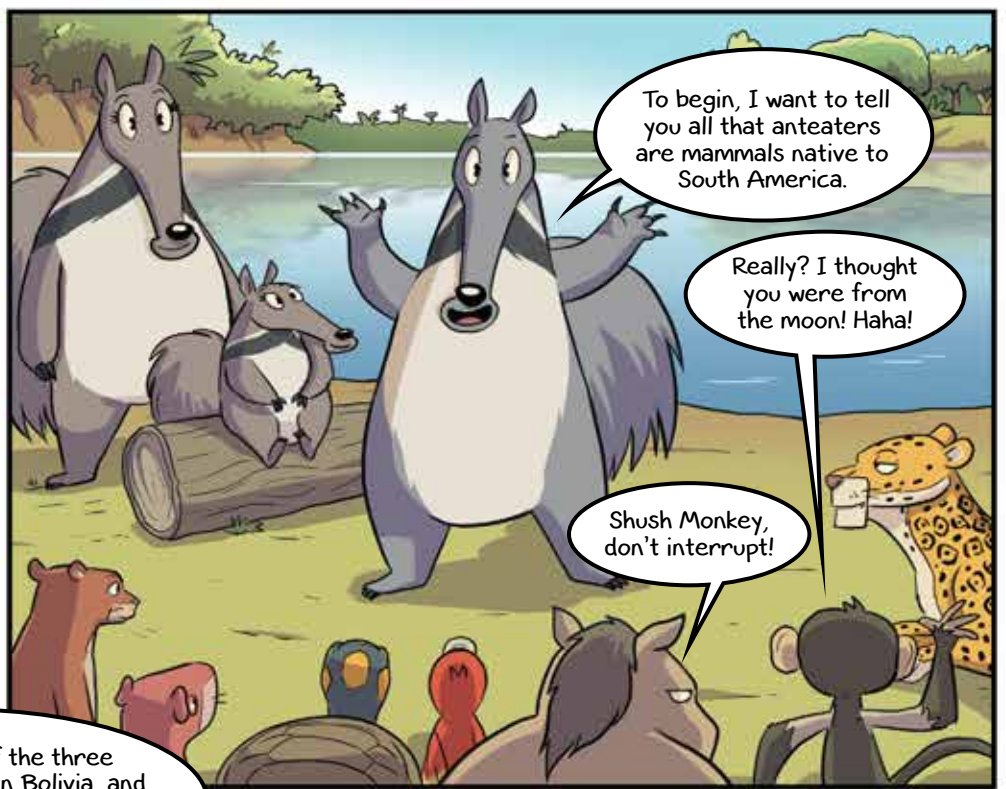
Good to see you all again! No bonfire this time?

Nope... This time we've got water!

TSUNAMI!!!

AAAH!!!

SPLASH!!!





So your role in the ecosystem is to just eat termites, ants, and other insects?

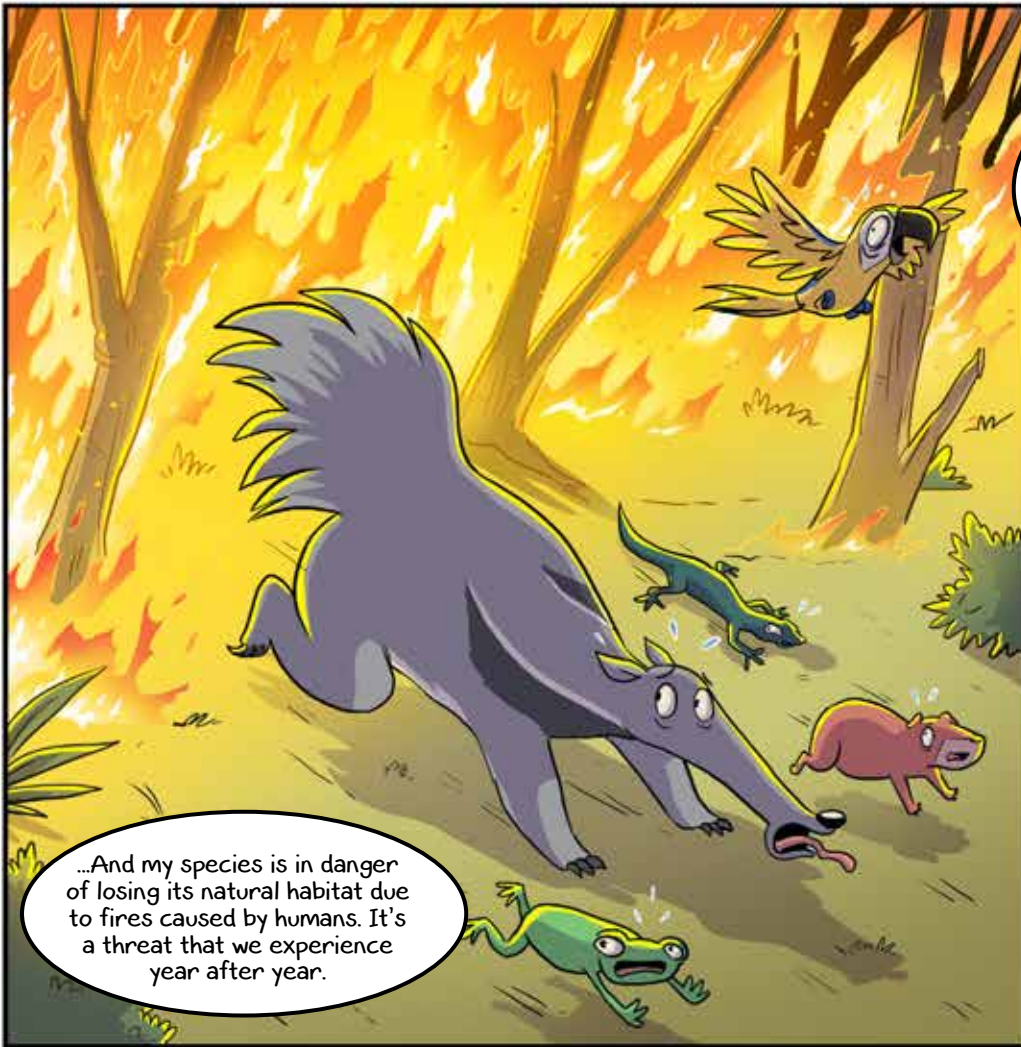
That's right! But it's more than just that. I'm very important to the ecosystem as I help control the population of insects that could be pests for trees, such as Brazil nut trees. So, we help maintain balance in the forest.

So thanks to you, I can eat these delicious Brazil nuts?

Exactly!

Does that mean you don't have much conflict with humans like me? Because they don't eat insects...

Not exactly. Just like jaguars, my natural habitat is the wooded forests, from the humid ones of Pando to the dry forests of Chaco...



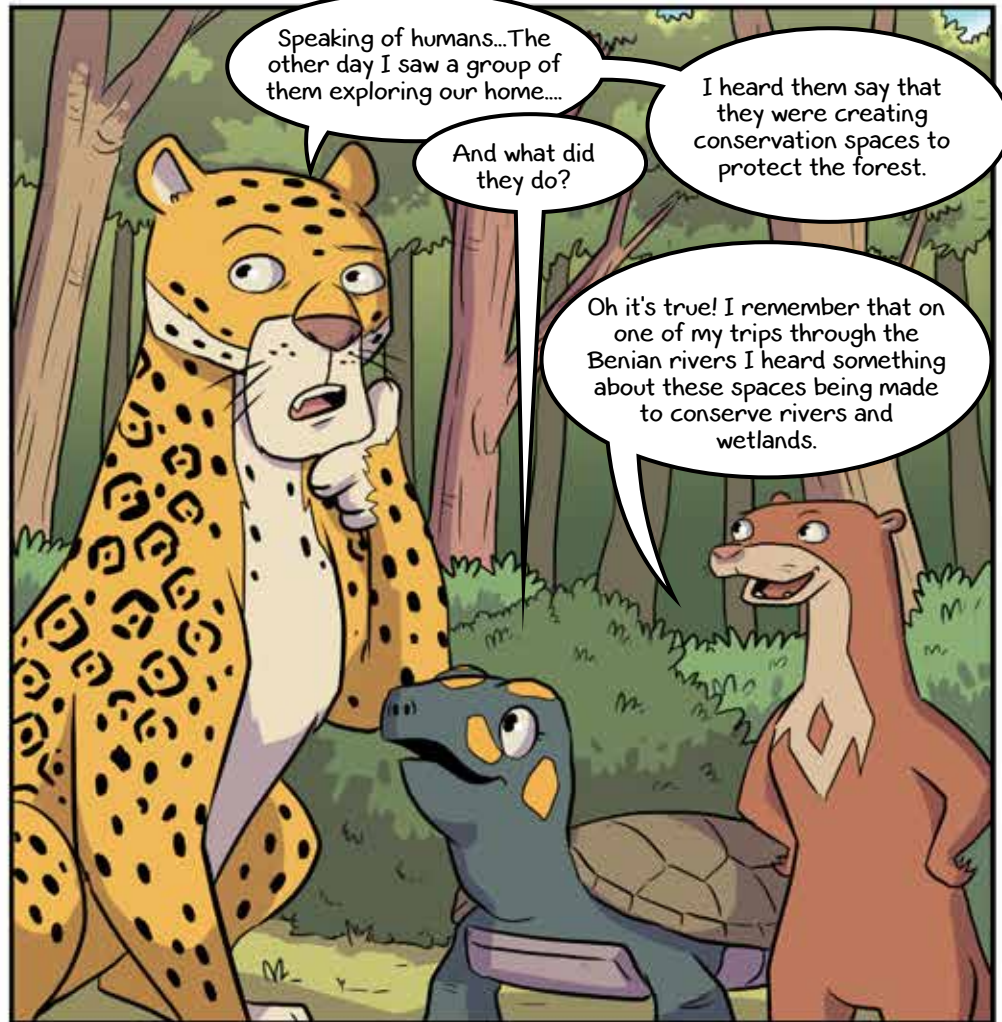
...And my species is in danger of losing its natural habitat due to fires caused by humans. It's a threat that we experience year after year.



Furthermore, we are solitary animals. We cannot reproduce frequently which is why the population of my species is decreasing.



Our home is getting smaller and smaller. Just from today I could see new human settlements.

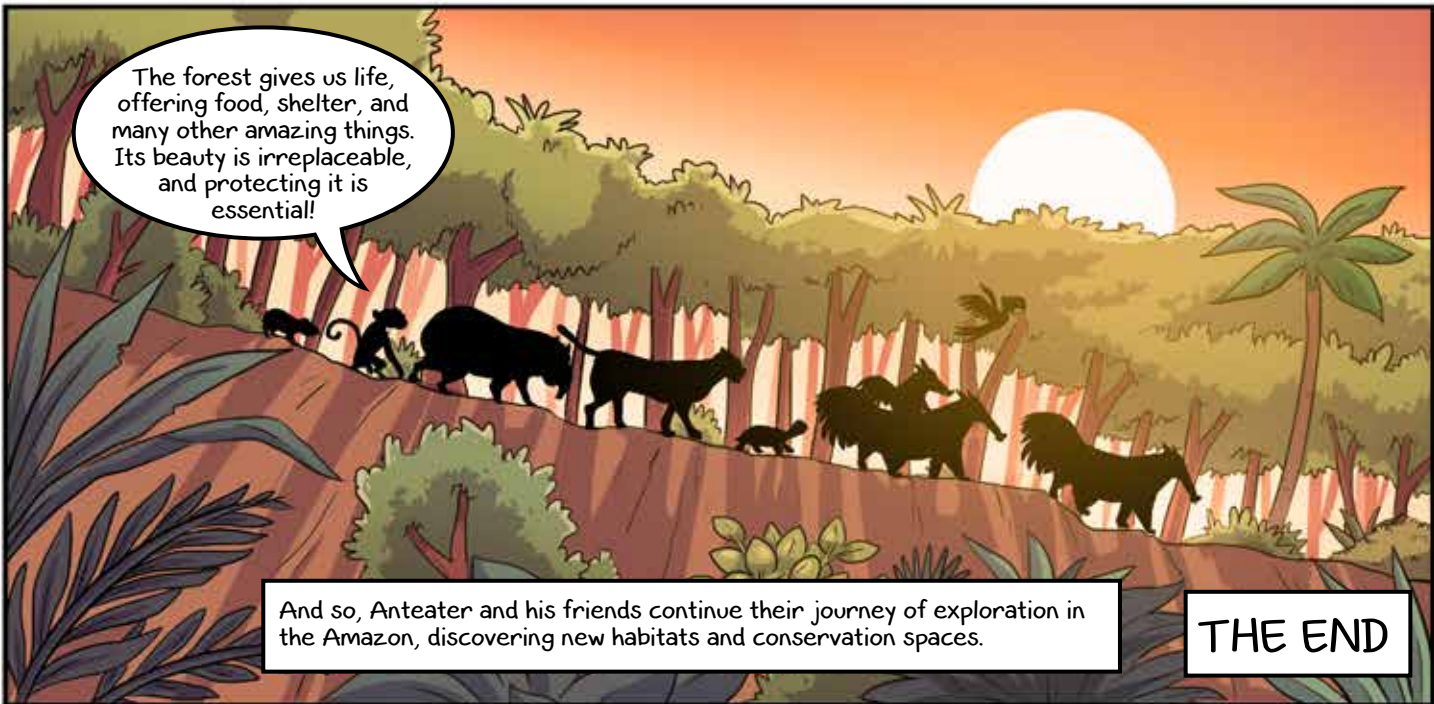
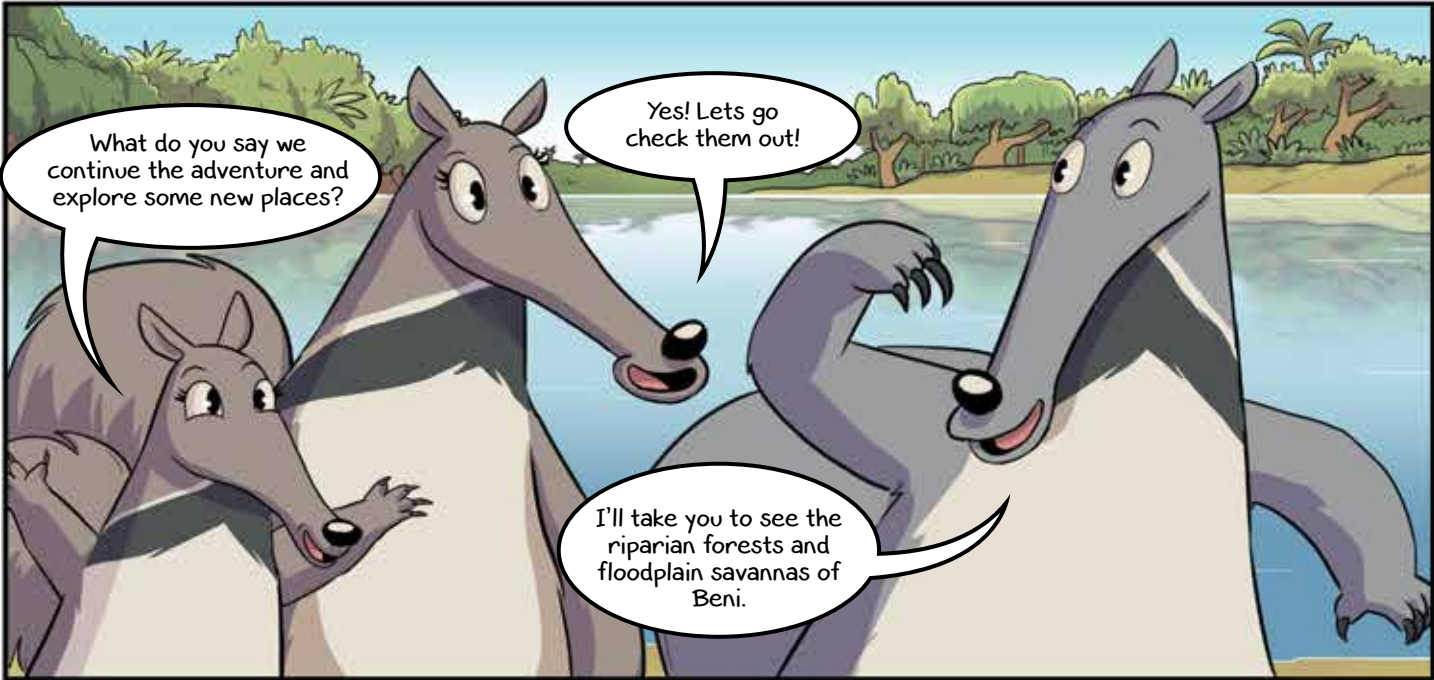


Speaking of humans...The other day I saw a group of them exploring our home...

And what did they do?

I heard them say that they were creating conservation spaces to protect the forest.

Oh it's true! I remember that on one of my trips through the Benian rivers I heard something about these spaces being made to conserve rivers and wetlands.



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!



TURTLE

(Podocnemis unifilis)

Of all the animals in this story, I am the shortest. They call me the river turtle because I live in rivers and lakes in the Amazon. I'm considered endangered due to the exploitation of my eggs. We are easily recognized by the spots on our heads.





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