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DEDICATED TO ALL THE RANGERS OF BHUTAN WHO MAKE GREAT SACRIFICES TO PROTECT WILDLIFE, NATURE, AND PEOPLE.
WAI NUCHU, YOUR BAG LOOKS HEAVY. WHY DON'T YOU PUT IT DOWN?

UH, WHAT?
THE BAG LOOKS HEAVY. JUST PUT IT DOWN!

OH, I'M OKAY! IT'S NOT EVEN THAT HEAVY.

AA AHHHH!!

OH BOY, HOPE THIS KID SURVIVES.
HOW OLD IS THIS GUY AGAIN?
HE LOOKS LIKE A KID!

JUST THREE YEARS YOUNGER
THAN YOU APPARENTLY.

HIS BAGPACK IS
BIGGER THAN HIM.

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ERRR.......... KUZUZANGPO SIR.

WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?

I'M NOT GOING TO BE
DANGLE FROM THAT
THING!
FORESTER JAMPHEL LHENDUP REPORTING FOR DUTY SIR!

RELAX KID. THIS ISN'T THE ARMY.

WELCOME.....I'M TSHERING, SENIOR FOREST RANGER HERE AT ROYAL MANAS NATIONAL PARK. MEET RANGERS PEMA, DORJI, AND KEZANG.
SO, THESE THREE GUYS WILL SHOW YOU THE ROPES AND YOU CAN START BY JOINING THEM ON THEIR PATROLLING TRIP TOMORROW.

WE MOVE AT 5 AM SHARP.
ROYAL MANAS NATIONAL PARK

- The national park was established in 1966 making it Bhutan’s oldest protected area.

- Manas is rich in wildlife species, including the highly endangered Royal Bengal tiger, Asian elephant, Himalayan black bear, pangolin, pygmy hog and of course, the especially rare golden langur.

- The RMNP is connected to other national parks through biological corridors, which are areas of habitat that are untouched by human activities to allow wildlife populations to move safely.

- More than 426 species of birds have been found here.
GOLDEN LANGUR (TRACHYPITHECUS GEEI)

- They spend most of their time on trees and hardly come down to the ground.
- Habitat destruction is the main threat to the golden langur population.
- They are found only in a small region of western Assam, India and the southern foothills of Bhutan.
- Known for having long tails which can grow up to 39 inches long, even longer than their bodies, especially in males.

COMMON LEOPARDS

- The black spots on leopards are called "rosettes" because they are shaped like roses.
- Leopards are nocturnal animals.
- Leopards prefer to live in solitude.
- Much like a cat, leopards growl when angry and purr when content.
UGH HYAAAAN

SORRY HEH HEH.

TIRED ALREADY?
WE HAVEN'T EVEN STARTED YET.
NO, NO, NO. I'M GOOD. I'M READY FOR ANYTHING!

I SLEPT WELL AND I HAD FOUR EGGS FOR BREAKFAST.

I COULD RUN FOR DAYS WITH ALL THIS ENERGY!

OH, IS THAT SO? YOU BETTER NOT BE WRONG ABOUT THAT.

HEY, COME ON. TAKE IT EASY ON HIM.
A FEW HOURS LATER....

OOOFFF!!!
WAI! LET'S STOP FOR A MINUTE BA.

LOOKS LIKE FOUR EGGS WEREN'T ENOUGH.
THAT’S GOT TO HURT. THEY MUST’VE BEEN IN THERE FOR HOURS. WHY DIDN’T YOU JUST STOP EARLIER?

HE PROBABLY DIDN’T WANT TO SLOW US DOWN EVEN MORE.
HEY HEY HEY, JUST SIT DOWN FOR A BIT.

YEAH JAMPHEL, YOU NEED SOME REST.

THIS IS NOTHING WE HAVEN'T EXPERIENCED. IT'S NOT LIKE HE'S GOING TO DIE!

LET'S KEEP MOVING.
YES SIR, WE ARE ALMOST DONE.
NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT HERE.
JUST ANOTHER ROUTINE WALK.

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WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

I HEARD VOICES. SOUNDED LIKE PEOPLE TALKING. KEEP LOOKING BELOW THAT TALL TREE ON THE LEFT.

MAYBE IT'S THE SAME GUYS WHO KEEP TRESPASSING TO STEAL TIMBER?

Huh!!
POACHERS!!

HUUU!!

LOOK, WE HAVE TO SNEAK UP ON THEM SO, STAY LOW UNTIL WE HIT THE RIVER. THEN WE CHARGE AT THEM. WE DON’T KNOW IF THEY’RE ARMED SO BE ALERT. UNDERSTOOD?
CROSSWORD

ACROSS

2. LOCATIONS WHICH RECEIVE PROTECTION BECAUSE OF THEIR RECOGNIZED NATURAL, ECOLOGICAL OR CULTURAL VALUES
3. TYPE OF HABITAT FOUND IN MANAS
6. THE SPECIES OF TIGER FOUND IN BHUTAN
7. AN EQUIPMENT USED TO OBSERVE WILDLIFE
8. TYPE OF FOREST COVER IN MANAS
10. AN INNOVATIVE DEVICE USED BY RANGERS TO COLLECT DATA WHEN PATROLLING

DOWN

1. A RARE PRIMATE SPECIES
4. THE TYPE OF VEGETATION IN MANAS
5. AN OFFICER CHARGED WITH THE PATROLLING AND GUARDING OF A FOREST
9. AN EXPEDITION TO KEEP WATCH OVER AN AREA
RANGERS!!

RUN!!!

IT WAS ACCIDENTAL, I DIDN'T MEAN TO...
AND THEY'VE TAKEN ALL OF THEIR SNARES WITH THEM TOO.

THEY'RE ALL GONE!

ARGHHH!

WE ALMOST HAD THEM! YOU STUPID GOOD-FOR-NOUGHTS! YOU JUST COST US A HUGE BUST!
YOU CAN'T WALK. YOU CAN'T EVEN HOLD ON TO YOUR SUN. YOU KEEP FALLING AND TRIPPING AND MAKING DUMB MISTAKES.

WHAT IS IT THAT YOU CAN DO?!! TELL ME!

I'M SO SORRY LA.

STOP IT. THAT'S ENOUGH.

I'VE NEVER MET ANYONE MORE USELESS THAN HIM. HE'LL NEVER BECOME A RANGER HERE IN MANAS.

WE HAD SOME POACHERS IN SIGHT SIR BUT WE LOST THEM. HEADING BACK TO HQ NOW.
"It's most likely that these poachers have already laid out a few snares in the core zone."

"Take three more guys with you and circle through the same site."

"Got it Sir!"

"Jampel, you can sit this one out. I heard you had a hard time."

"Ummm, I am fine Sir. Just some leech bites."

"He's not prepared for the field Sir. His fitness level is low and he can't properly operate his weapon."

"I've learned my lesson and I know I won't let the team down this time."

"He's a liability and a risk."
LOOK JAMPHEL, I APPRECIATE YOUR ENTHUSIASM BUT YOU’LL GET ANOTHER CHANCE SOON. FOR NOW, PLEASE HELP US WITH OUR NEW BOOK PROJECT.

I HEARD YOU’RE A GOOD PHOTOGRAPHER. CAN YOU START TAKING SOME PHOTOS TODAY?

YES SIR. I CAN DO THAT.

OKAY, MEETING ADJOURNED. DORJI, GET YOUR TEAM READY. JAMPHEL, GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR NEW ASSIGNMENT.

YOU GOT IT, SIR!

LAS SIR.
SPOT THE DIFFERENCE!
THERE ARE 5 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO PICTURES
OH, AN INDIAN RED FLASH.

HEY, ITS THE NEW GUY.
Huh. What is that?

Hmm. Looks like a gecko.

Think I saw this guy somewhere in here.

Pretty sure that's a gecko.
OH OF COURSE! THE ASSAMESE DAY GECKO! THANKS!

NO PROBLEM! KNOWN TO BE ONE OF THE RAREST GECKOS AND SO FAR, ONLY FOUND IN NORTHEAST INDIA.

RIGHT. I REMEMBER READING ABOUT IT IN THE ----

WAIT A MINUTE. WHO SAID THA ----

I MEAN NOT MY FAVORITE REPTILE. BUT HE'S A PRETTY SPECIAL ONE AROUND THESE PARTS OF THE COUNTRY.
Di di di di! Did you just talk?

You can understand me?

I'm probably just hallucinating. It's either dehydration or I'm having a heat stroke.

Interesting....
GET BACK! DON'T COME ANY CLOSER!

ARE YOU A RANGER FROM MANAS PARK?

HOW ARE YOU DOING THAT?!
WHAT ARE YOU?!

TRACHYPITHECUS GEEI OR SIMPLY KNOWN AS THE GOLDEN LANGUR, ONE OF THE WORLD’S 25 MOST ENDANGERED PRIMATE SPECIES. NICE TO MAKE YOUR ACQUAINTANCE.

HOW CAN YOU TALK? YOU'RE JUST A GOLDEN LANGUR. YOU CAN'T TALK LIKE THAT. YOU'RE AN ANIMAL.
IT’S NOT THAT I’M DOING ANYTHING SPECIAL. YOU CAN JUST UNDERSTAND WHAT I’M SAYING AND THAT’S PRETTY SPECIAL, DON’T YOU THINK?

BUT HOW? HOW CAN THIS BE?

I DON’T KNOW EITHER, BUT I THINK WE CAN BOTH AGREE THAT THIS IS PRETTY COOL, HUH? A GOLDEN LANGUR AND FOREST RANGER MIRACULOUSLY ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER HU HU HU.

I RECKON THIS GIFT WILL COME IN SUPER HANDY FOR YOU MR. RANGER.

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? AND DON’T CALL ME THAT.
WELL, YOU NEVER TOLD ME YOUR NAME.

IT'S JAMPHEL. AND I'M NOT A RANGER YET. I'M JUST A FORESTER FOR NOW.

WELCOME TO MANAS, JAMPHEL. I WAS BORN AND BRED HERE. YOU CAN CALL ME ACHO CHAA.

I KNOW THIS LANDSCAPE LIKE THE BACK OF MY FURRY HAND. THERE'S NOT A CREATURE I CANNOT NAME AND A TRAIL I CANNOT FIND.

WELL, GOOD FOR YOU.
THAT'S GOOD NEWS FOR YOU TOO, YOU KNOW?

HUH? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

WELL, YOU'RE NEW HERE AND YOU COULD DEFINITELY USE MY HELP GETTING FAMILIAR WITH THE LANDSCAPE.

I DON'T NEED YOUR HELP. I AM FINE ON MY OWN.

WELL, I SEE TO DIFFER. YOU'VE BEEN CIRCLING THROUGH THIS PART OF THE FOREST FOUR TIMES NOW.....

AND OUT OF THE 12 THINGS THAT YOU IDENTIFIED, YOU GOT ONLY 4 OF THEM RIGHT. AND I JUST HELPED YOU WITH THE LAST ONE.

AND I KNOW ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED 2 DAYS AGO WHEN YOU BLEW YOUR TEAM'S CHANCE OF CATCHING THOSE POACHERS.

WHAT?! HOW DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT?
I was there just hanging around... like literally.

I was hanging on the tree watching the poachers when your gun fired and shocked us all.

BANG!

OHHH! OHHH!

Hey, mistakes happen and you should be glad that no one got hurt. But those poachers are always around and I can help you find them.

We can work together and find them! You'll make up for your mistake and get back on the team!
STOP IT! I'VE HEARD ENOUGH. I DON'T WANT YOUR HELP. I WANT YOU TO STAY AWAY FROM ME, YOU UNDERSTAND!

MY TEAM ALREADY THINK THAT I'M WEIRD! AND I DON'T WANT THEM TO SEE ME HANGING AROUND AND TALKING TO A MONKEY!

SO STOP BOTHERING ME WITH THIS WORKING TOGETHER IDEA. I DON'T WANT ANYTHING TO DO WITH YOU. JUST LEAVE ME ALONE!
I hope I never see that monkey again. This day can't get any worse.

TAK!!

AAAHHH!!!
BAM!

CRACK!

TSAKK!!

I'M ALIVE
DESIGN YOUR OWN
PROTECTED AREA!
USING YOUR IMAGINATION, DESIGN YOUR OWN PROTECTED AREA! DRAW IN ALL THE AMAZING WILDLIFE AND DIFFERENT HABITATS THAT YOU WANT IN YOUR PROTECTED AREA AS WELL YOUR OWN UNIQUE LANDMARKS SUCH AS RIVERS, WATERFALLS, AND MOUNTAIN RANGES. MAKE SURE YOU ALSO GIVE THEM SOME UNIQUE NAMES TOO!
TRRKKK!!

Is it dead?

No, he's caught in a snare.

I told you those poachers were still around, you have to help him get out of it.
ARE YOU CRAZY? I COULD DIE! AND I DON'T EVEN HAVE THE TRANQUILIZER GUN ON ME.

I TOLD HIM THAT YOU AREN'T GOING TO HARM HIM AND TO STAY STILL, SO THAT YOU CAN GET THE SNARE OUT.

I...UHHH...I CAN'T.

IF YOU DON'T, HE'LL DIE. YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN HELP HIM RIGHT NOW.

DON'T LET THE FEAR OVERWHELM YOU JAMPHEL. YOU TOOK THE OATH TO GUARD AND PROTECT, REMEMBER? THIS IS PART OF YOUR DUTY.

I...UHH...

OKAY, I CAN DO THIS.
...SO, JUST STAY STILL AND DON'T MOVE, HE WILL CUT OUT THE SNARE.
TAKE CARE!
AND WATCH WHERE YOU WALK FROM NOW ON.

WHAT'S THAT YOU GOT THERE?

I'M RECORDING THIS INCIDENT ON MY SMART MOBILE. IT LETS US RECORD ALL KINDS OF OBSERVATIONS FROM THE FIELD.

AND THE DATA IS DIRECTLY TRANSFERRED TO OUR COMPUTERS AT HQ.

I HAVE TO GET BACK BEFORE AND LET SIR TSHERING KNOW ABOUT THIS!
DAKK!!!

WE JUST SAW THE ALERT FROM YOUR DEVICE! WHAT HAPPENED?

ENCOUNTERED A SNARED LEOPARD SIR! HE WASN'T CAUGHT FOR TOO LONG BY THE TIME I FOUND HIM.
How did you get him out?

Uhh... with my knife. It didn't resist Sir. Then just fled as soon as it was released.

That's incredible!

You're lucky to be alive kid.

Good job Jamphel. You really are lucky to be alive... All of us will go to the site tomorrow. Pretty sure those poachers would be coming by to check on their trap.
NICE WORK JAMPHEL.
GLAD YOU'RE BACK SAFE.

SERIOUSLY KID,
YOU'RE A REAL SURVIVOR!

LOOKS LIKE YOU GUYS
HAVE ANOTHER IMPORTANT MISSION TO GET READY FOR.
ACHO CHAA!

I didn’t get to say thank you.

Hey, no problem. You helped me out too. That leopard owes me a favor now and a little lone langur like me could do well if a few top predators aren’t obliged to eat me he he.
AND I OWE YOU AN APOLOGY FOR SAYING ALL THOSE HORRIBLE THINGS TO YOU. I’M REALLY SORRY.

IT'S OK. I'M SORRY TOO THAT I SPOOKED YOU WHILE YOU WERE ALL ALONE IN THE WOODS. I WOULD BE SCARED TOO IF A CRAZY TALKING LANGUR JUST APPEARED OUT OF NOWHERE.

ANYWAYS, IT'S GETTING LATE. YOU SHOULD REST AND I NEED TO GET GOING.

WAIT. I HAVE ANOTHER THING TO SAY.

HUH??
LOOK, I COULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DO WHAT I DID WITHOUT YOUR HELP. IT’S ALL BECAUSE YOU CAME AFTER ME, HELPED ME MUSTER THE COURAGE, AND ALSO GOT THE LEOPARD TO CALM DOWN FOR ME.

WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT HOW I COULD USE SOME HELP IS RIGHT, AND I WOULD BE THANKFUL IF YOU COULD SHOW ME AROUND AND HELPED ME GET FAMILIAR WITH THE PARK.

I COULD USE A REAL FRIEND HERE AND I THINK WE COULD HAVE A LOT OF FUN HANGING OUT TOGETHER, DON’T YOU THINK?
I'll take that as a yes?

Mmm hhm. Sorry, I'm a hugger.
STAY TUNED FOR JAMPHEL AND ACHO CHAA’S NEXT ADVENTURE.....
MEET THE CREATORS

SONAM YANGCHEN WORKS AT WWF BHUTAN WHERE SHE OVERSEES THE YOUTH AND EDUCATION PROGRAM.

SHE BELIEVES THAT EVERYONE HAS THE INNATE POTENTIAL TO BECOME A CONSERVATIONIST AND HOPES THAT THE STORY OF JAMPHEL AND ACHO CHHA INSPIRES YOU TO CONNECT WITH AND PROTECT NATURE.

TSHEWANG NAMSAY WORKS AS A FREELANCE DIGITAL ILLUSTRATOR AND A GRAPHIC DESIGNER.

HIS GREATEST MOTIVATION IS TO INFLUENCE AND INSPIRE HIS VIEWERS, ESPECIALLY THE YOUNGER GENERATION, TO HELP ENABLE THEM TO PAUSE FOR A MOMENT, TO BELIEVE AND IMAGINE, IN ORDER TO GET A SENSE OF BELONGING IN WHATEVER THEY MAY PURSUE.

WANG RANA SURUNG IS A VISUAL ARTIST AND A MEMEBER OF VAST BHUTAN AND THIMPHU COMICS.

VISUAL STORY TELLING AND COMMUNICATION IS A SOURCE OF GREAT ENTERTAINMENT FOR HIM. CAPTURING THE THINGS THAT HAPPEN IN HIS EVERYDAY THROUGH ART IS HIS WAY OF STAYING CONNECTED WITH THE WORLD.

COMIC GAMES CONTRIBUTED BY TENZIN YUGIAL NORBU.
“THIMPHU COMICS”
IS THE FIRST COMIC BOOK STUDIO IN BHUTAN.
IT WAS FOUNDED TO BRING ARTISTS, ILLUSTRATORS AND DESIGNERS
TOGETHER TO WORK TOWARDS A COLLECTIVE
CREATIVE GOAL.

WITH THIS COMIC BOOK
WE HOPE THE READERS WILL BEGIN TO REMEMBER,
ENJOY AND ADMIRE OUR OWN STORIES AND OUR OWN HEROES.