

# The mysterious Jaguar of the Atlantic Forest

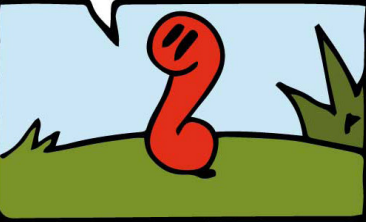
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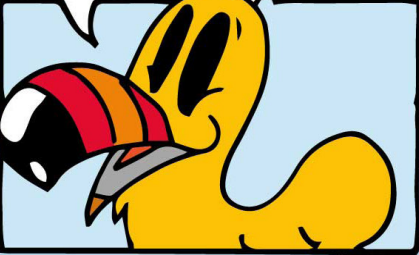
I REALLY ENJOY WALKING THROUGH THE FOREST TO LOOK FOR ARAÇÁ FRUIT TO EAT.

ARACÁ IS ONE OF THE MOST DELICIOUS FRUITS FROM OUR BRAZILIAN ATLANTIC FOREST.

IN THE ATLANTIC FOREST, WE FIND A GREAT VARIETY OF FRUITS.



DEFINITELY. THE ATLANTIC FOREST HAS A GREAT DIVERSITY OF ANIMAL AND PLANT SPECIES.

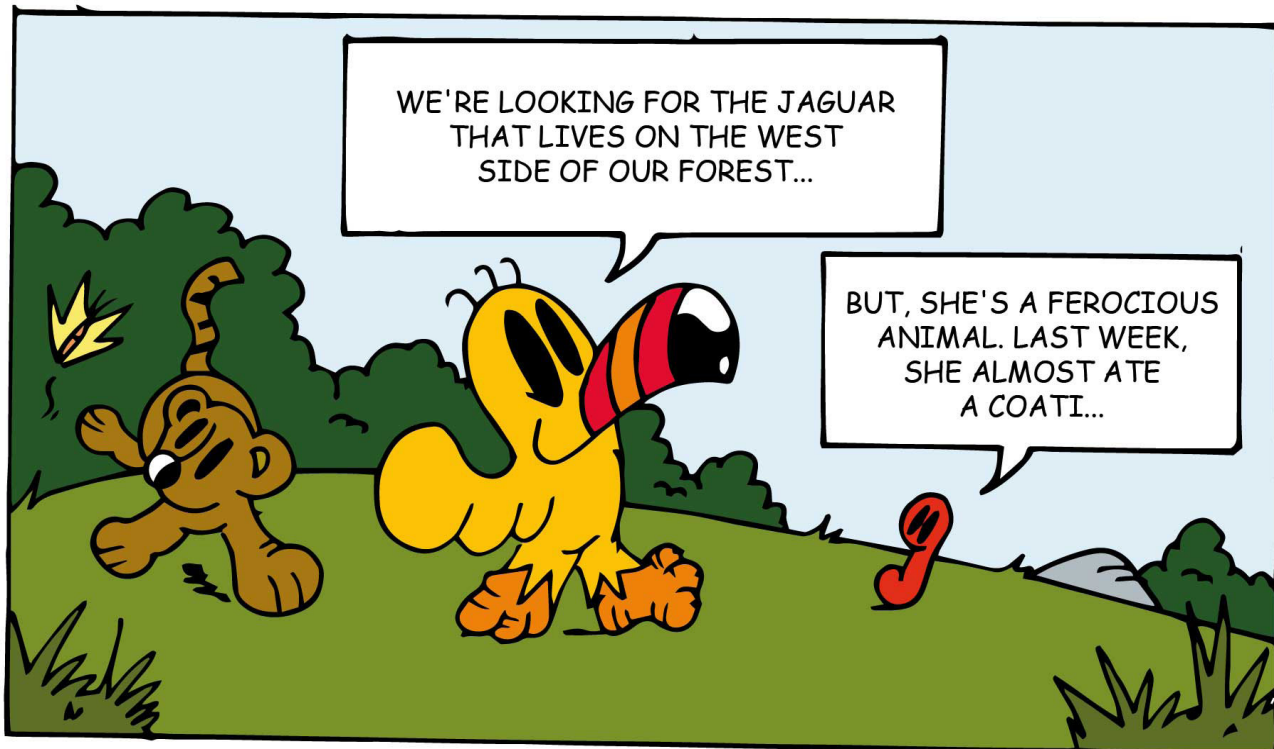


ALTHOUGH THREATENED BY DEFORESTATION, WE FIND FOREST FORMATIONS AND ASSOCIATED ECOSYSTEMS SUCH AS MANGROVES AND SANDY COASTAL PLAINS WITHIN IT.



WHY ARE WE WALKING SO MUCH TODAY?





WE'RE LOOKING FOR THE JAGUAR THAT LIVES ON THE WEST SIDE OF OUR FOREST...

BUT, SHE'S A FEROCIOUS ANIMAL. LAST WEEK, SHE ALMOST ATE A COATI...



I'M AFRAID. THAT JAGUAR MIGHT DEVOUR ME THEN

LET'S STAY CALM. IF WE RESPECT THE HABITAT OF THE JAGUAR, SHE WON'T ATTACK ANYONE WITHOUT REASON.

AND WHY SHOULD WE LOOK FOR HER?

AFTER THE FOREST FIRES IN THE WEST, MANY ANIMALS IN THAT REGION WERE LEFT WITHOUT WATER AND FRUITS TO EAT.

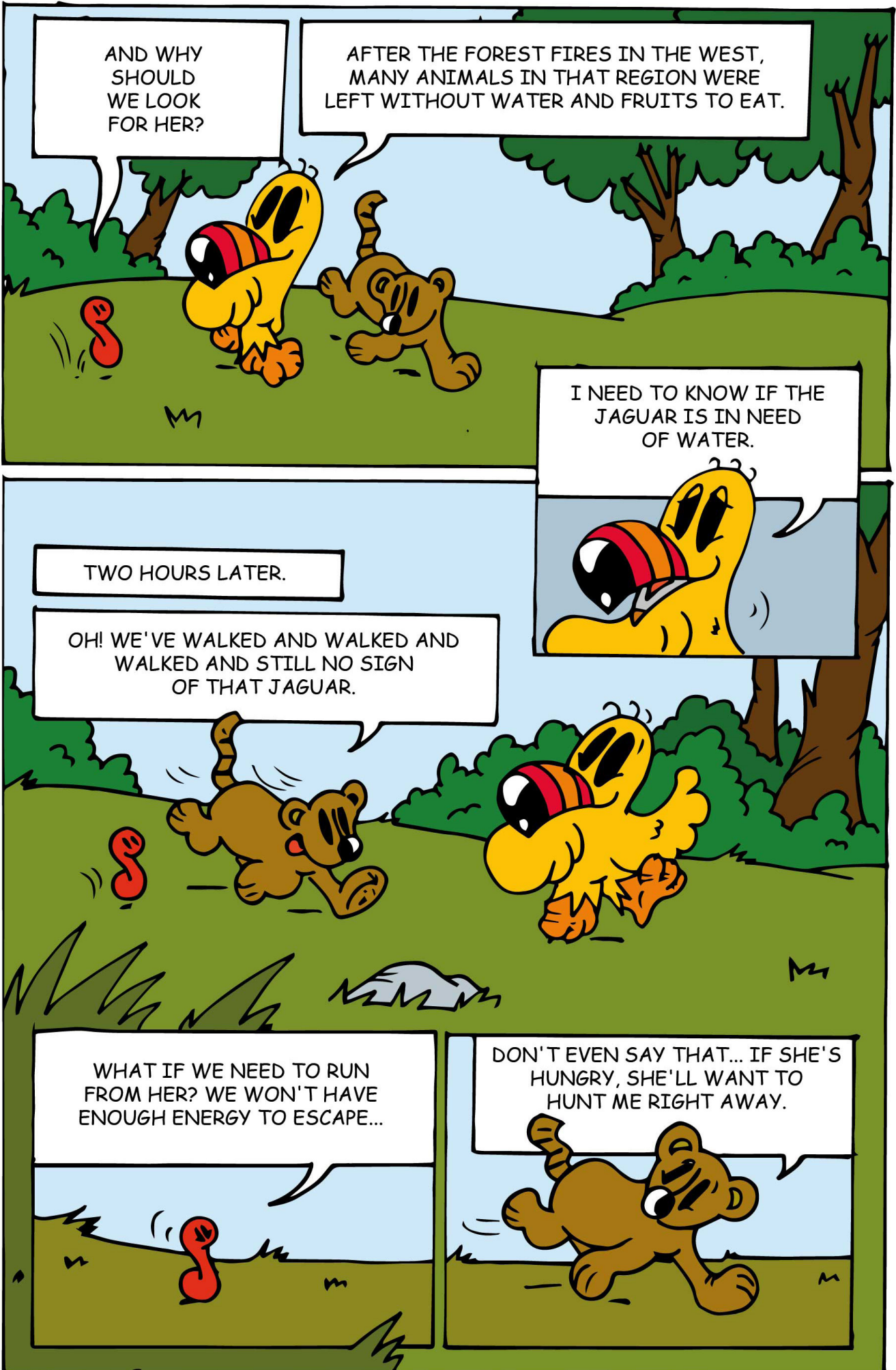
I NEED TO KNOW IF THE JAGUAR IS IN NEED OF WATER.

TWO HOURS LATER.

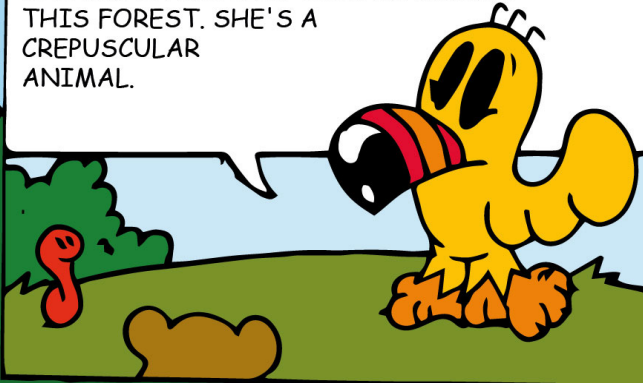
OH! WE'VE WALKED AND WALKED AND WALKED AND STILL NO SIGN OF THAT JAGUAR.

WHAT IF WE NEED TO RUN FROM HER? WE WON'T HAVE ENOUGH ENERGY TO ESCAPE...

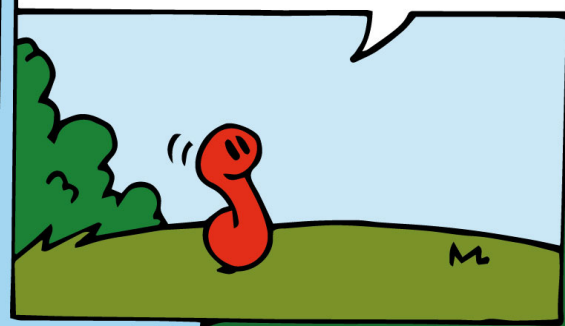
DON'T EVEN SAY THAT... IF SHE'S HUNGRY, SHE'LL WANT TO HUNT ME RIGHT AWAY.



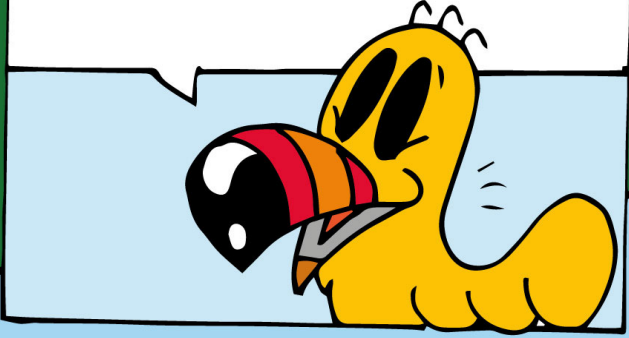
EVERYONE STAY CALM, THE JAGUAR USUALLY DOES MORE ACTIVITIES AT DAWN AND DUSK. IN THE EARLY AFTERNOON, SHE SHOULD BE RESTING SOMEWHERE IN THIS FOREST. SHE'S A CREPUSCULAR ANIMAL.



WHAT DOES 'CREPUSCULAR' MEAN?



IT'S THE TIME WHEN THE SUN IS RISING OR SETTING. SO, WE HAVE TO FIND THE JAGUAR BEFORE THE END OF THE AFTERNOON.

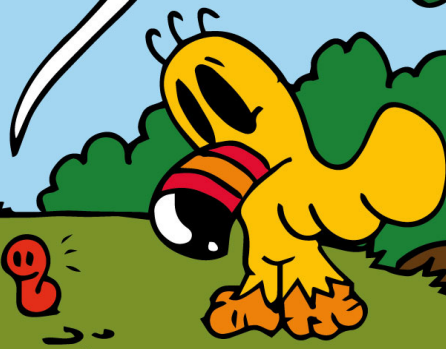


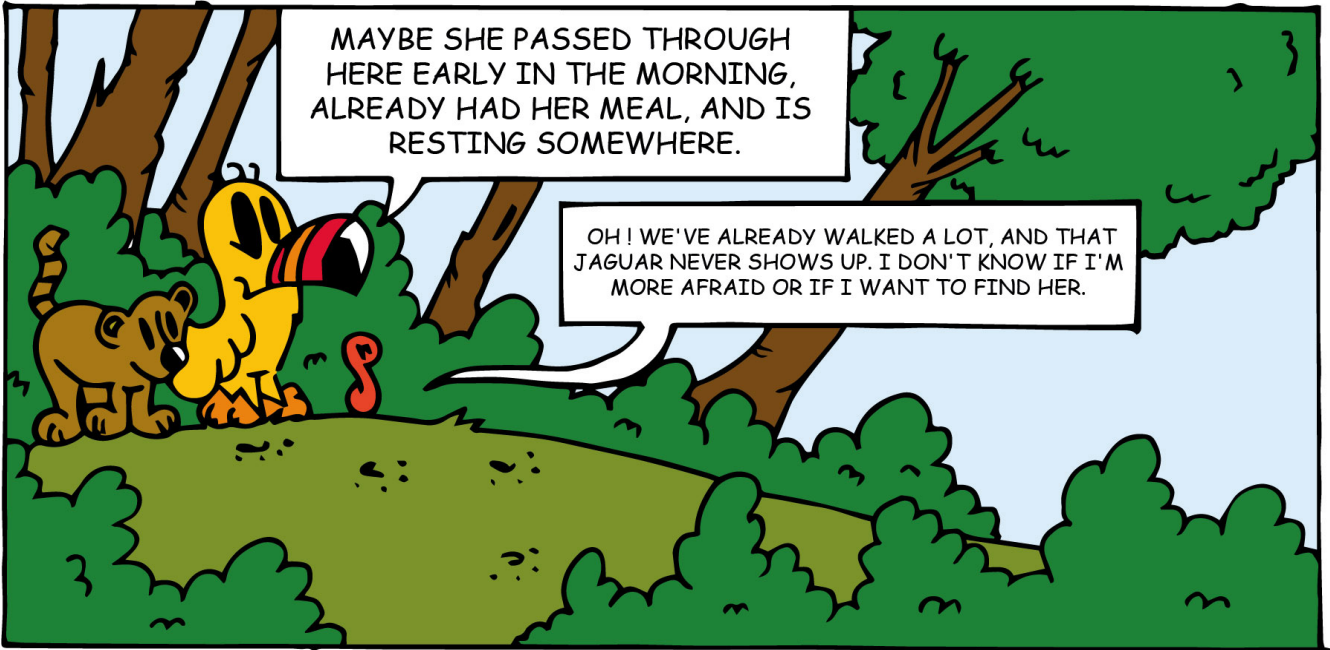
AFTERWARD

I FOUND JAGUAR TRACKS...



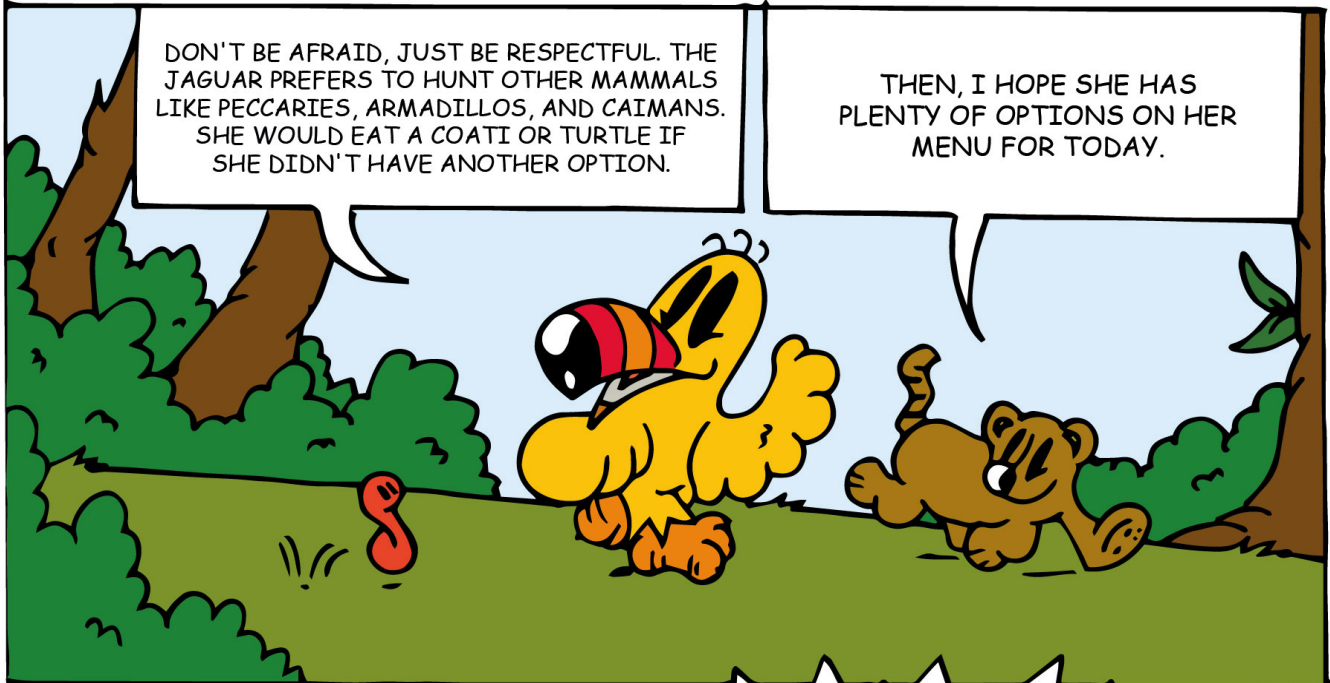
BUT THESE TRACKS AREN'T FRESH...





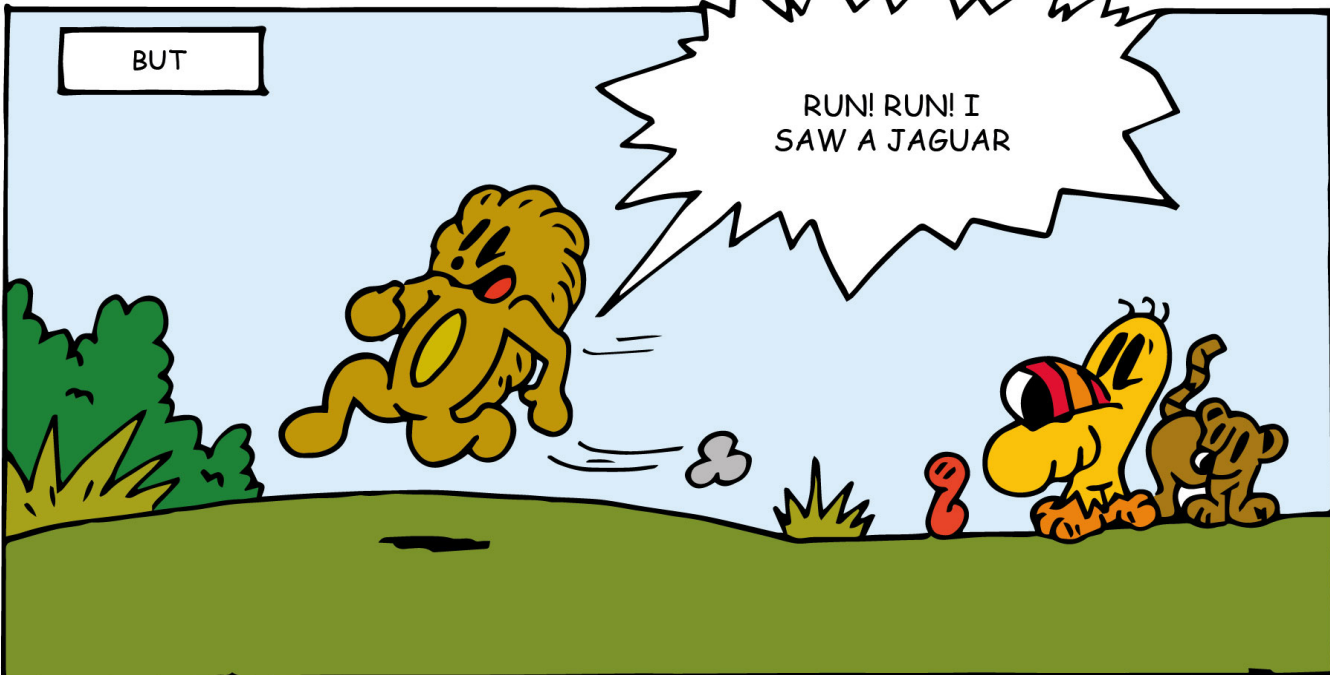
MAYBE SHE PASSED THROUGH  
HERE EARLY IN THE MORNING,  
ALREADY HAD HER MEAL, AND IS  
RESTING SOMEWHERE.

OH! WE'VE ALREADY WALKED A LOT, AND THAT  
JAGUAR NEVER SHOWS UP. I DON'T KNOW IF I'M  
MORE AFRAID OR IF I WANT TO FIND HER.



DON'T BE AFRAID, JUST BE RESPECTFUL. THE  
JAGUAR PREFERENCES TO HUNT OTHER MAMMALS  
LIKE PECCARIES, ARMADILLOS, AND CAIMANS.  
SHE WOULD EAT A COATI OR TURTLE IF  
SHE DIDN'T HAVE ANOTHER OPTION.

THEN, I HOPE SHE HAS  
PLENTY OF OPTIONS ON HER  
MENU FOR TODAY.



BUT

RUN! RUN! I  
SAW A JAGUAR



HEI JABOÍNO,  
WHAT ARE YOU  
RUNNING FROM?



WELL, I SAW A JAGUAR  
AND STARTED  
RUNNING...  
I GOT SCARED.

SHE MUST BE  
CLOSE BY

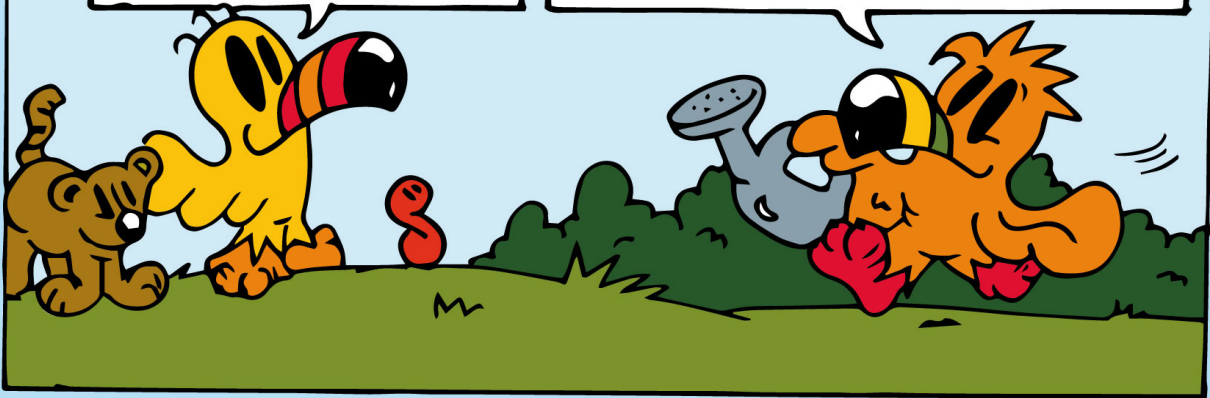
A MOMENT LATER.

THE JAGUAR  
TRACKS  
STOPPED HERE...

I WONDER IF  
THE JAGUAR  
ESCAPED TO  
ANOTHER  
FOREST AREA?

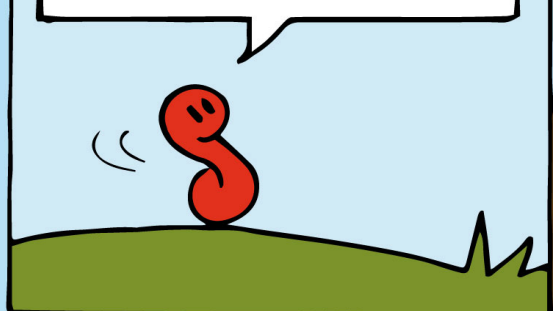
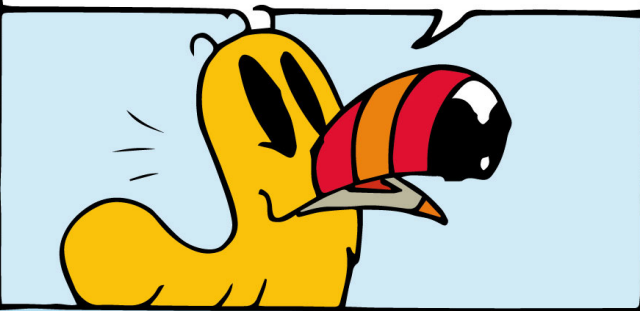
HELLO, FRIEND  
'FALEI',  
HOW ARE YOU?

I'M GOOD! I CAME TO BRING  
WATER FOR THE JAGUAR.



WHAT A COINCIDENCE!  
WE ALSO CAME TO CHECK ON  
THE JAGUAR AND  
OFFER WATER.

BUT WE HAVEN'T  
FOUND THE  
JAGUAR YET.

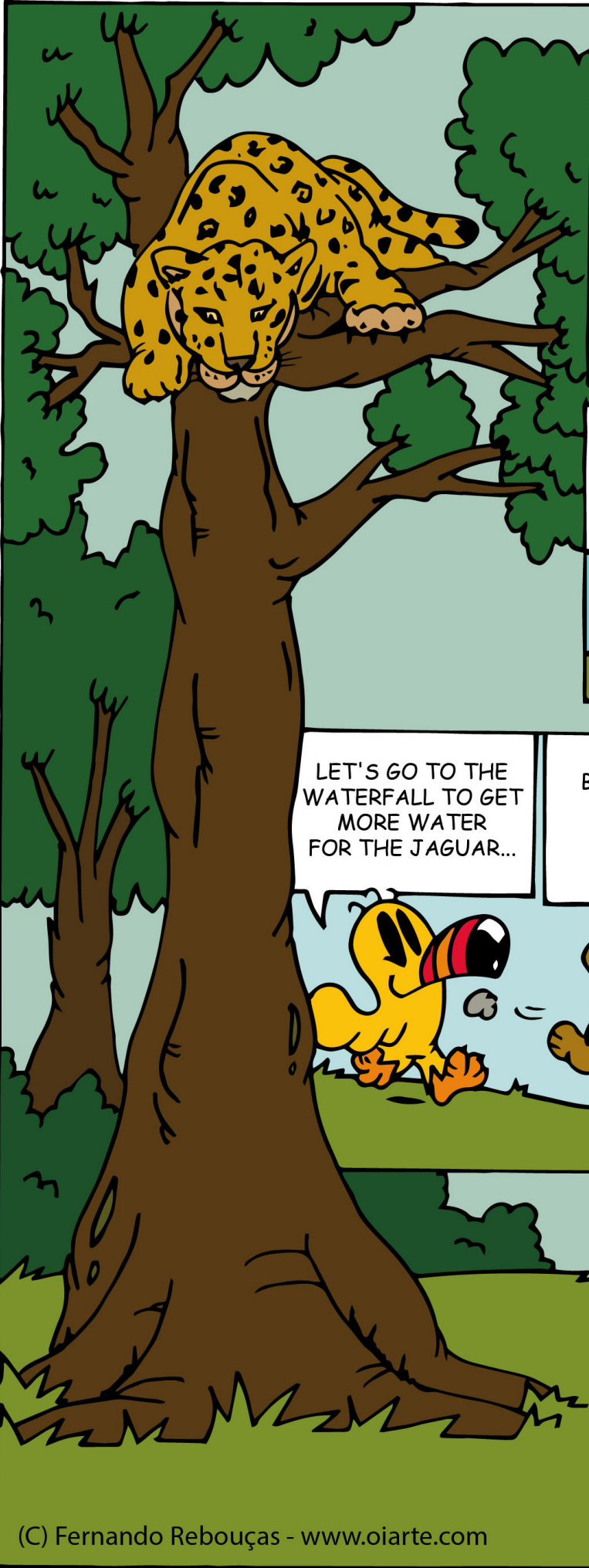


LOOK UP!

SHE'S UP  
IN THE  
TREE.







SHE CLIMBS TREES TO REST,  
SEARCH FOR ANOTHER PREY,  
OR EVEN TO PROTECT  
HERSELF FROM SOME  
KIND OF THREAT.



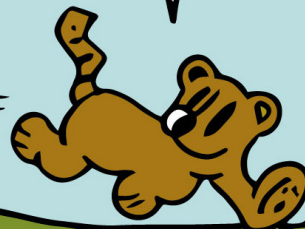
WE WALKED FOR HOURS AND  
HOURS JUST TO SEE  
THE JAGUAR UP IN THE TREE...



LET'S GO TO THE  
WATERFALL TO GET  
MORE WATER  
FOR THE JAGUAR...

BUT LET ME RUN  
HOME BEFORE  
SHE DECIDES  
TO HUNT ME...

EVEN  
THOUGH I'M  
A WORM,  
I'M  
RUNNING  
TOO...





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