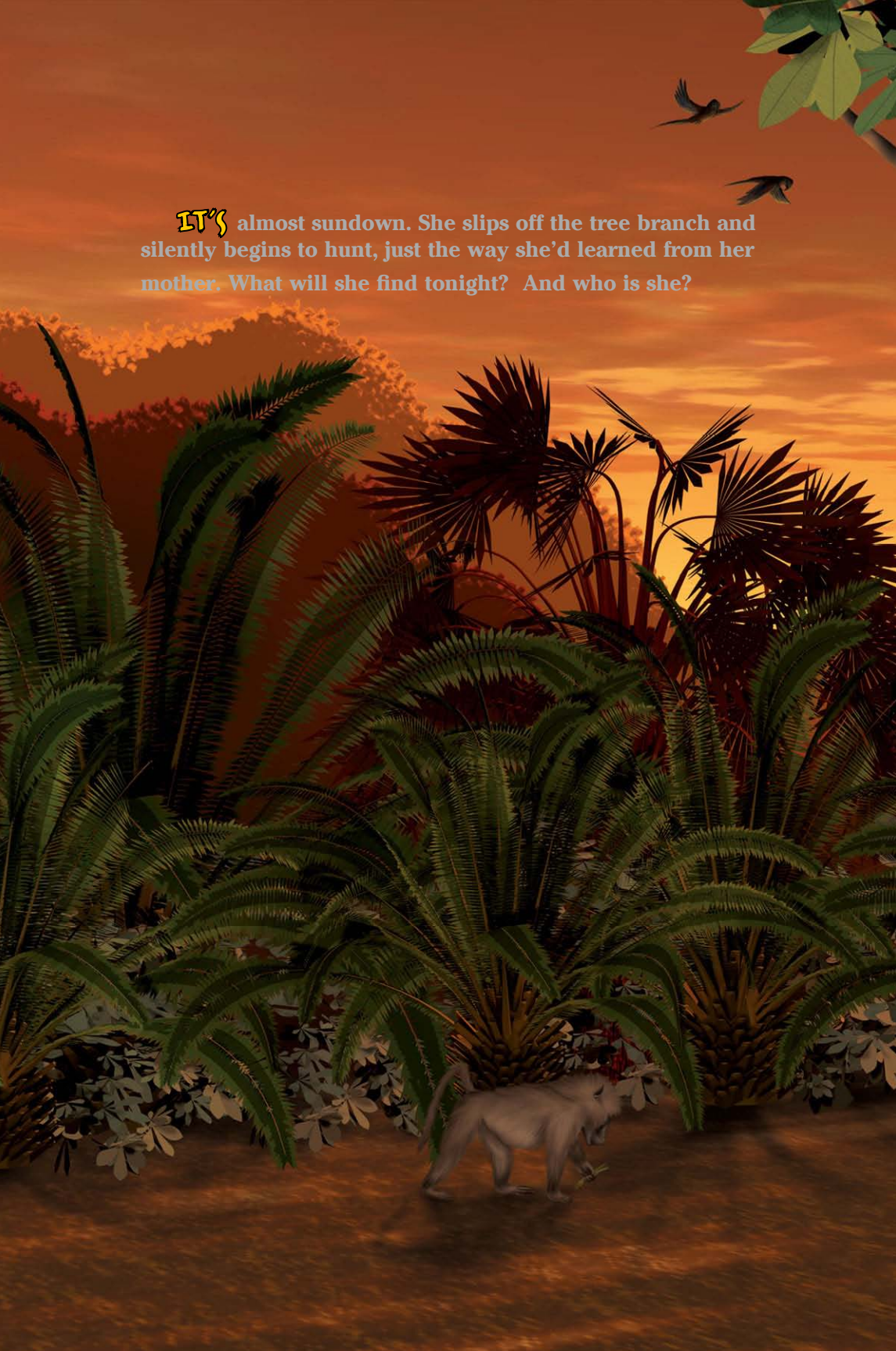



PREDATORS!



A young monkey is walking through a dense jungle at sunset. The scene is filled with various tropical plants, including large green ferns and palm trees. The sky is a warm, orange-brown color, and two birds are flying in the upper right corner. The monkey is in the lower center of the frame, walking towards the right. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and natural.

IT'S almost sundown. She slips off the tree branch and silently begins to hunt, just the way she'd learned from her mother. What will she find tonight? And who is she?

A black panther is perched on a thick, horizontal tree branch. The panther is facing right, with its body angled towards the viewer. Its fur is dark and sleek, with some lighter spots visible. The background is a warm, golden sunset sky, with the sun low on the horizon. The foreground is filled with lush green foliage, including large ferns and other tropical plants. The ground is a mix of brown earth and green grass. The overall scene is a detailed illustration of a predator in its natural habitat.

A **predator** is any animal that hunts and kills other animals for food.

"THE GHOST OF THE FOREST"

—that's what the black panther is called! She stalks her prey so quietly that it never even realizes the danger until it's too late... until she pounces and it feels her powerful jaws.

Hunted animals
are called **prey**.

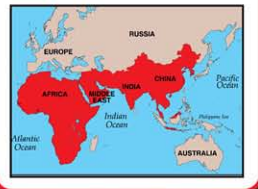


Stats

size: 75-160 pounds
preferred prey: small to
medium size mammals,
birds, snakes
attack style: stalk
and pounce
hunt s: early morning
and evening
works: alone



HUNTING GROUNDS



In one leap, this cunning predator can cover 25 feet (7.6 m). She can jump 12 feet (3.6 m) high! And like all leopards, she sees in the dark, hearing the slightest sound. But she is not the only predator on this wild earth. There are many...

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