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LOST!

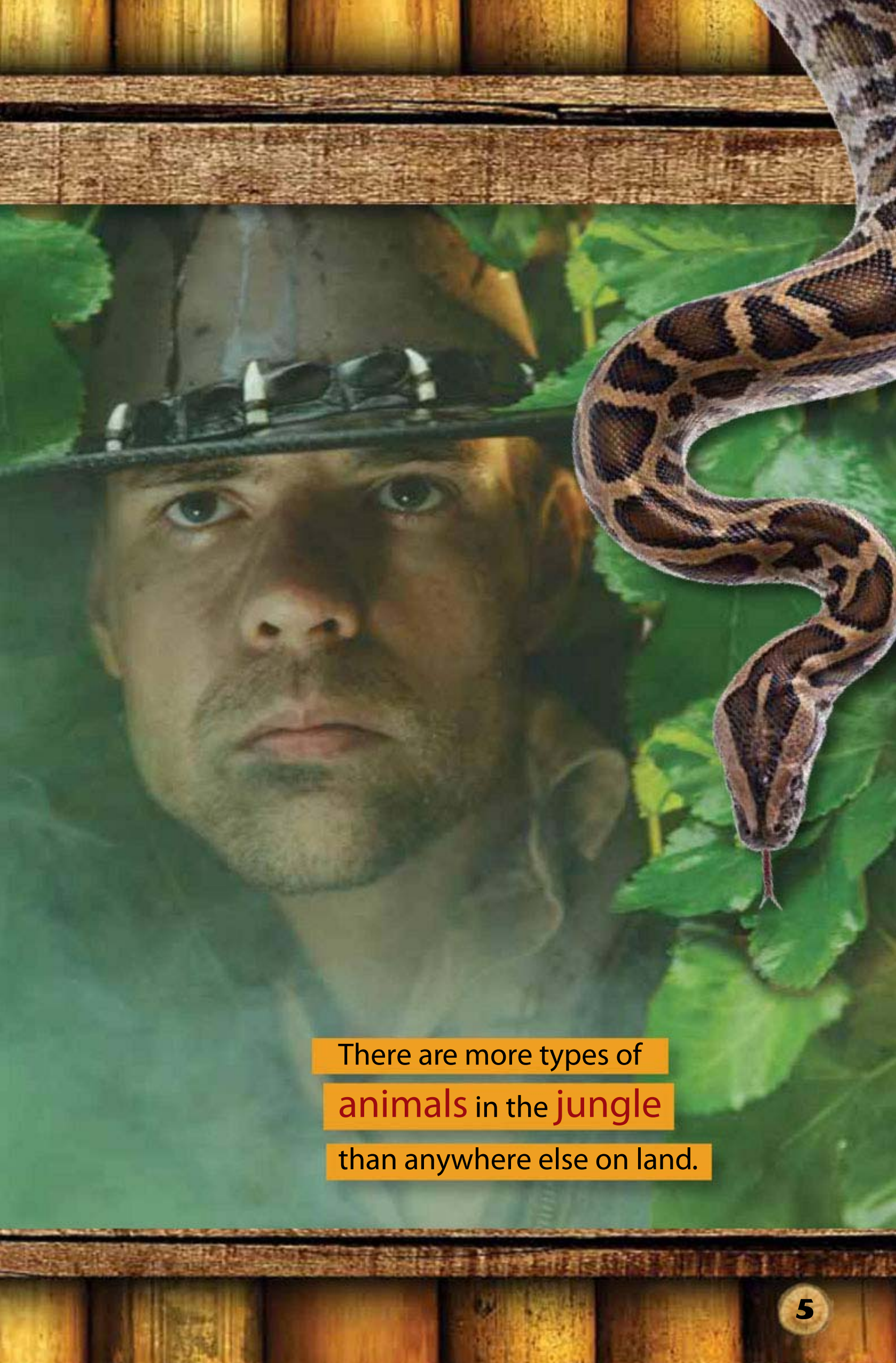
All around you, there is noise . . . loud, steady, and distracting. Sudden, strange sounds punctuate the constant hum. What is it? What's out there? It's hard to think with all this noise!

You are hot and sticky from the heat. The air feels heavy. Breathing is difficult. Tall trees grow around you, and you can't see into the distance. Plants cover the ground, and animals swing through the trees. Birds dart overhead. Everywhere you look, there are bugs! Rain falls suddenly without warning, giving relief from the heat but drenching you. You don't know which way to turn for shelter and protection.

You are lost and alone in the jungle.



- Discover how to survive in the jungle.
- Find out how to find food and water when you're lost.
- Learn the advantages of being lost in the jungle.



There are more types of
animals in the **jungle**
than anywhere else on land.

HOW DID I GET HERE?

People don't get stranded in the jungle very often. There aren't many roads there for cars to break down on. But maybe you are hiking through a jungle to explore the exotic plants and animals, and suddenly you find yourself separated from your group. Or you try to hike through an unfamiliar jungle, and you lose your way. Or maybe there is a plane crash—you survive the crash, but now you must survive the jungle.

Of course, it doesn't really matter how you got there. What matters is how you use your brains and **attitude** to think, plan, stay calm, . . . and survive!



More than 2,000,000 people visit the Amazon jungle every year.



Jungle **trees** grow more than
130 feet above the forest floor.



About **50 percent** of the world's
species live in jungle rainforests.

MAKE A PLAN

“All in all, I’d rather be in Philadelphia.” That’s what comic W.C. Fields was rumored to want written on his tombstone. If you were lost in a jungle, you might think the same thing! But to get out of your situation, you’ll need to keep calm and make a plan. You can’t just wish away your tough situation.

So, first things first. Look around you and decide on a plan. Should you stay put and wait for help to come to you, or should you try to find help? In many cases, staying put will not be the best option. It may be hard for someone to see you under the canopy of trees and thick plants. It’s not a good idea to wait to be rescued in the jungle. You should probably find your own way out.

Packing for the Jungle

If you’re stuck in the jungle, you’ll want to have some tools with you.

netting

poncho

fire starter

tweezers

shoes

compass



Attitude

The most important thing for survival is to have a good attitude. It will help you stay calm, and staying calm helps you think clearly. Just remember—you have what it takes to make it!

FINDING YOUR WAY

If you became lost in the jungle while hiking, your best bet would be to find your way back to camp. “How do I do that?” you might ask. Well, it starts before you go hiking. Be prepared! Take a map and orient yourself to your position. Take an emergency whistle and compass with you. Pay attention to what direction you’re headed. And, remember landmarks.

What if you can’t find camp? Make your way to a river, a stream, or a lake. Once you find water, you may be able to make a small raft. Bodies of water are the highways of the jungle. Chances are good that you will find a village or campsite if you travel downstream. Just keep moving, and you are likely to meet up with people.

Stay Out of the Water!

If you make it to a waterway, it is best to find a way to float *on* the water and not *in* it. Crocodiles, snakes, and other dangerous animals often live in these waters. It’s best if you stay safe above the water and don’t become someone’s lunch below it!

Piranhas

There are many kinds of fish in the Amazon River. Piranhas are famous for their sharp teeth and big appetite for meat. Contrary to what most people think, they usually won't bother people. But don't go near them with an open wound. They are attracted to blood.



Water can usually be found downhill.

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