



Discovery Narrative

It was early morning when the bold core of the sun rose and burned through the atmosphere. Friday carried out an idyllic situation. Their destination had been achieved; Brazil. In fact, Rio de Janeiro. The barbed, harsh waves had drastically changed into soothing ripples. Their week voyage had tested their reserve. The crystal, shallow waters of the coast of Rio had been overflowed with vibrant coral reef. As Emma unstruck to lower the ramp, the specimen glass jars were being hauled off the ship. Darwin's excitement could not be kept inside.

The seas coral glistened as the vibrant reef glared in the sun's rays. Lowering the ladder, sweet aromas circulated the vessel. Slowly, they hauled the mass of the glass jars of the ship. The abundance, fantasy of the jungle, rich core of Rio de Janeiro stood talking in the side of the pebbly shoreland. The sound of the croaking cockroaches echoed in the canopy. Ubbie yelps of help came from deep in the Jungle.

"Charles, above!" Emma frantically shouted. "What is it?"

Emma repeated. The magnificent creature, hunted its prey. It stared and glared at Emma.

"Unbelievable, it's a Panther or would you prefer to be called Panthera Once!" Darwin calmly said, while looking into its eyes.

With excitement building Darwin drew the menacing beast. The spots took half his ink. While the protruding fangs created clear, bubbly, gooey saliva. Its claws screeching the tree as bark tumbled off.

On closer inspection the yelps from before had turned into crying shriels from a helpless deer. The Panther's razor sharp claws dug into the flesh of the juicy meat. In minutes, the panther gobbled the mammal whole. With out a care in the world it recklessly, aggressively dragged the scalp right back to its den. After watching that Darwin and Emma stood in awe.



Emma insanely started to sketch this camouflage creature. Later, with sketchbook in hand, Darwin kept thinking about the situation. Why did it hunt? Why did it need to camouflage? He pondered about a myriad of different species. His voyage of discovery had just begun.



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The crew had just, that second sight of land, they couldn't hold in their excitement, they had arrived at the intended destination, Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, South America. They edged closer, through blue and green seas. Their journey took many weeks, to be precise, eight weeks and two days, which is 58 days of hard work. It had left them in exhaustion, but it was all worth it, especially after their arrival. They readied themselves and their equipment. They were ready. Ready for anything. They approached the harbour cautiously.

As they ~~approached~~ lowered the anchor, the three savages launched the thick bulky rope, onto the Reer. Darwin disembarked their vessel. This was Darwin's opportunity to identify, many never seen before species. He ventured forward curiously, as he Reered through thick greenery. Some of the scents and aromas

he noticed started to blend to make an extraordinary fragrance.

"Incredible, Captain are you seeing this?" an intrigued Darwin exclaimed.

"I jolly well am, unbelievable." Captain said, astonished. A smudge of yellow and green fluttered by, as Darwin started taking notes.

"A parrot! Extraordinary the young scientist thought to himself.

"It is just a *Phylloscopus*."

Darwin said to himself. He really couldn't believe what he had just seen.



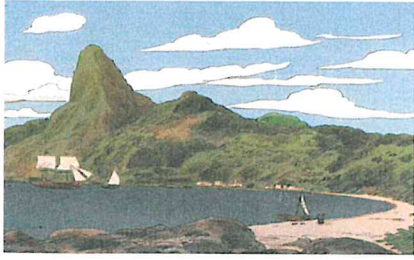
It had such an even level of flight, as it soared up into a rear line. It had eyes as black as beetles and a beak as bright as the sun. This vibrant macaw had caught sight of a preying mantis, on a single blade of grass.

Just beneath it. It swooped down and stole with not even a second to react. The existence of this animal was truly unbelievable. As it spotted another animal. A male Parrot. It dived

down, ready to challenge for the mantis. Darwin assembled his notes and his mind. He noticed how efficiently they used their claws. But the parrot remained victorious.

Him and his crew started to wonder back to the ship. He boarded the Beagle, ready to move on and make many more discoveries.





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It was a peaceful, humid morning when the HMS Beagle sighted their pinpointed location: the Galapagos Islands. It was here where the crew desired to encounter and classify numerous new species and specimens. The waters, azure and calm, were teeming with life of many fish. The crew had witnessed foaming, angry waves and stormy, rough seas. This had tested their endurance and resolve. They were grateful to be nearing the end of a tormenting voyage. Darwin gathered his equipment and waited for Fitzroy's order to disembark.

The beaches, strewn with pebbles and spread with sand, were a welcoming sight due to landless travel. The crew were fascinated by the unusual scents that were traced back to the flora that swayed gently in the light breeze. Trees concealed many hidden wonders that were hiding in the dense undergrowth, waiting to be discovered. Darwin was overwhelmed by the thought of adventure. Then, with equipment in satchels, the unit of explorers ventured into the forests.

Further in, light pierced the canopy, illuminating the forest floor. A crunching in the bushes alerted FitzRoy.

"What was that?" he inquired. Then it emerged.

"Oh, incredible!" whispered Darwin. The sheer size was jaw-dropping, and the way it moved was like a king.

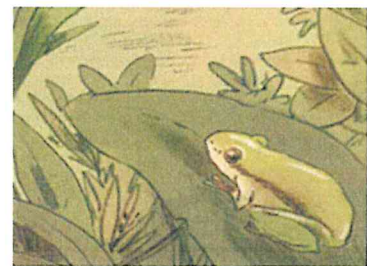
"A pleasure to meet you, fellow Giant tortoise. Or would you like to be called *Chelonoidis niger complexus*?" Darwin said in awe.

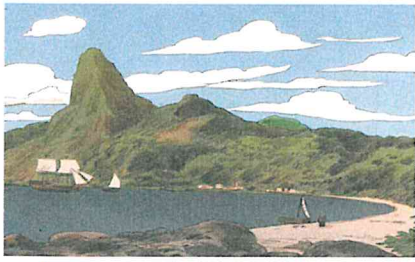


The shell was a pearly colour and as smooth as a stone. The eyes had such a peaceful look, like a butterfly flapping its wings on a tepid afternoon. The tortoise seemed to survive on a diet of plants and leaves. As it opened its mouth, the naturalist noticed that the tortoise had no teeth, but a beak that looked a little jagged. This helped the creature to break down food before it was swallowed. But why was this reptile so large? What was the need for such size in this peaceful environment? Time elapsed, unlike the tortoise, who seemed to take life in a

chilled way. Acknowledging it's environment, relishing in this unperturbed habitat.

Subsequent from this moment, Darwin assembled his gear and his own observations. What was the requirement for such an extensive size of reptile? Why not small like other lizards? He concluded that it required to be such a size for wanting to be respected. As the voyage continued, and there was more room for more discovery.





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After weeks on rough waves, the crew finally caught a glimpse of their pin-pointed location: Rio de Janeiro. They had intended to uncover many different specimens of animals, fauna and flora. As the boat reduced speed, the crew thought back to the violent, tempestuous waves they had experienced on their journey. Relieved to approach the tranquil, gentle waters of the Atlantic, the HMS Beagle slowly came to a halt.

Slowly, as the ladder was lowered, the crew gathered their equipment. Finally, when they had lugged their apparatus to the trees, the crew began to notice the pleasant sights and scents around them; beautiful fuchsias and roses, the mellow sounds of humming birds filled the air, comforting Darwin. Glancing in the distance, FitzRoy noticed something, "What is that?" he questioned.

"Marvellous! Just beautiful indeed!" Darwin responded in wonderment. They stared at the creature

For a short while, then Darwin realised that it was really a peacock! He had only seen these in books before. "Enchanted to finally meet you peacock or would you prefer to be called Pavo Cristatus!" Darwin exclaimed.

Whilst elegantly fanning his feathers, he protruded forward, Pavo Cristatus's Jade green fan fluttered behind him.

Darwin edged closer, the peacock feasted on seeds from the abundant trees that looked like they were enclosing around him. His beady eyes gawped at this magnificent, azure creature.



After a short while, Darwin sketched this extraordinary bird to preserve memory of it. FitzRoy started to gather their equipment once again. Minutes passed, those minutes felt like seconds, FitzRoy was ready to head on, Darwin however wanted to stay forever.