



## Deep in the Amazon rainforest

In the luscious, emerald-green rainforest, there were mossy vines draping over the midnight-blue, crystal-clear pond, It had a variety of weird and wonderful species. Along the forest floor, lay a patchwork of beautiful orchids and a meadow of fiery-orange bird of paradise flowers which smelt of fragrant perfume. Back in the understory layer, the dappled light glowed like the rarest gems. Stealthily, the jaguar camouflaged into the shadows. Softly, the iridescent hummingbird sang its soothing song. Slithering through the river, the violent, anaconda twisted and twirled through the Amazon River to sink its scything dagger-like fans into its next prey. Hopping from leaf to leaf and tree to tree, the cute but venomous tree frog was checking if it was safe enough to get a little sip from the river nearby. Climbing down from the gnarled, twisted branches, the sluggish sloth had only just reached the forest floor at 11:00pm the next day. Scampering and some of them tumbling, the cheeky monkeys swung from their tree to their enemies' trees. High in the sky, scarlet-red macaws painted the clear sky rainbow-like colours. Fluttering from the sky, the vibrant blue butterflies, which danced like levitating ballerinas, had unusual, candy floss pink rosettes on their outstretched wings. In the day, the blinding sunlight floods the canopy but only little speckles go into the forest itself.

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