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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:03,800

on this episode of Expedition X.

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00:00:03,800 --> 00:00:05,640

Oh, big splash overhead.

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00:00:05,640 --> 00:00:07,240

My team embarks on a journey

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00:00:07,240 --> 00:00:09,800

into the wild Peruvian Amazon.

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00:00:09,800 --> 00:00:12,340

Holy s\*\*\*. We got a venomous snake here.

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00:00:12,340 --> 00:00:16,340

On the hunt for a legend of monstrous proportions.

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00:00:16,340 --> 00:00:18,020

Probably 30 meters.

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00:00:18,020 --> 00:00:18,920

It's 90 feet.

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00:00:18,920 --> 00:00:21,220

Huge. Like this.

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00:00:21,220 --> 00:00:24,260

But witnesses say this super-sized beast

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00:00:24,260 --> 00:00:27,420

is not only real, it's on the attack.

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00:00:28,180 --> 00:00:31,880

How long would I have before it squeezed me to death?

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00:00:31,880 --> 00:00:32,720

30 seconds.

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00:00:32,720 --> 00:00:33,560

Ah, s\*\*\*.

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00:00:33,560 --> 00:00:35,160

While your heart is still beating,

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00:00:35,160 --> 00:00:37,320

they swallow you as long.

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00:00:37,320 --> 00:00:40,020

Phil and Jess hunt for clues.

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00:00:40,020 --> 00:00:41,020

Oh, s\*\*\*.

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00:00:41,020 --> 00:00:41,860

I'm gonna go this way.

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00:00:41,860 --> 00:00:43,200

I'm gonna grab you and drag you under.

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00:00:43,200 --> 00:00:44,040

Yeah.

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00:00:44,040 --> 00:00:47,900

Deep in the territory of the jungle's deadliest creatures.

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00:00:47,900 --> 00:00:49,000

What? He just got bit?

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00:00:49,000 --> 00:00:50,200

Oh, my God, you're bleeding.

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00:00:50,200 --> 00:00:52,900

That is the most painful sting in the Amazon.

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00:00:52,900 --> 00:00:55,040

That is what I call an ambush predator.

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00:00:55,040 --> 00:00:56,040

Holy s\*\*\*.

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00:00:58,420 --> 00:01:01,420

Monster of the Amazon.

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My name is Josh Gates.

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In my travels, I've experienced strange things

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that defy logic and made me question everything.

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Oh, my God.

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Now, I've put together a team to investigate

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the stranger side of the unknown.

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Let's go.

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Phil Torres is a scientist who hunts

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for rational explanations.

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This is a criminal who actually found two stones.

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Jessica Chobot's paranormal research

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has made her a true believer.

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If you're here with us, knock again.

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Together, we're searching for answers.

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What is happening here, Jess?

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To the world's most extraordinary mysteries.

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This is Expedition X.

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Jess, Phil, for your next investigation,

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I am sending you to what is without a doubt

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the wildest place in the world.

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We're going to Vegas, baby!

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Different kind of wild.

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Ah!

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Phil, you're familiar with the Amazon rainforest?

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Oh, no.

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00:02:02,420 --> 00:02:03,420

Oh, yes.

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Oh, man, I can feel the insect bites now.

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I spent the last 10 years working on conservation

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research projects down there, and you're right.

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It is wild.

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Huge areas of it haven't been properly mapped yet.

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There's new species being found all the time.

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Let's go!

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What gets me excited to go to the Amazon

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is it's known as the birthplace.

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There's so many amazing legendary creatures.

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To that end, locals in the Peruvian part of the Amazon

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claim that there is a creature

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living deep in the rainforest that has not been identified by science.

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They say it's huge, and it's on a rampage.

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The Amazon river basin spreads

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across eight South American countries

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and covers over 2 million square miles.

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An area nearly the size of Australia.

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In parts of the Amazon,

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the tree canopy is so thick

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that only 1% of sunlight penetrates to the forest floor.

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And below that dark canopy

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live some of the world's most dangerous animals.

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Poisonous frogs, venomous giant centipedes,

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deadly vipers like the Fertulance.

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And in the river,

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electric eels that can generate 800 volts

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enough to stun and potentially kill a human,

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not to mention schools of deadly piranhas.

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And those are just the creatures we know about.

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The rainforest is always revealing new, unclassified wildlife.

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Early 1500s.

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When the Spanish invade Peru,

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the indigenous tribes tell terrifying stories

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of a powerful predatory serpent.

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It's said to be 100 feet long,

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with a large triangular head,

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fiery dark orange stripes,

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glowing eyes,

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and menacing fangs.

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The locals call the beast

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Yakomama, or Water Mother.

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She stalks the forest,

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bring rain,

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thunder and lightning,

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and sucking up any creature

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that comes within 100 paces.

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Famed British explorer,

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Colonel Percy Fawcett,

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mounts an unprecedented expedition to map the Amazon.

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Fawcett documents encounters with strange beasts.

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Including huge snakes.

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Savage ape men called Marakoshi,

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and spiders the size of dinner plates.

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And perhaps most notably,

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a monstrous serpent.

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Many of Fawcett's contemporaries

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don't believe his wild claims,

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but the reports of a giant reptilian river predator

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persist for nearly a century.

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August 1997.

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In the village of Nueva Tacna,

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a few miles from the Amazonian port of Aqitos,

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locals report hearing a loud rumbling

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coming from the jungle.

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Just before something massive emerges,

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uprooting trees,

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and leaving a trail of destruction

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on its way to the river.

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As it drops into the water,

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00:05:04,420 --> 00:05:06,420

the resulting whirlpool is said to have taken down

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several nearby fishing boats.

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2009.

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In two separate incidents on the outskirts of Aqitos,

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witnesses report a massive black serpent

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with eyes resembling boat lights,

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wreaking havoc, destroying homes, and vegetation.

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Now, those reports of a large monster lurking in

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and near the river are surfacing again.

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Locals say their livestock is being snatched at night

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and dragged into the water.

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A mystery beast is stalking Peruvian villages

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along the Amazon.

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And some are saying Yakumama is back.

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So what about you?

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Did you run into any Yakumamas

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when you were down in the Amazon?

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I did not see any Yakumama.

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But you heard of this story.

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Yes, they really treat this legend with a lot of respect.

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But I can't really imagine what could be destroying

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people's homes or sinking boats,

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snatching livestock.

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Sure, there are some absolutely massive reptiles

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00:06:04,420 --> 00:06:06,420

like the black caiman that are known to eat deer.

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Yeah, but you've said yourself that the Amazon

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is home to countless undiscovered species.

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So why not a gigantic serpent?

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Why not?

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And so your mission, Amazon Explorers,

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is to get down to Peru and talk to locals along the river.

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See if you can figure out what's terrorizing these people.

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Could there be some sort of unidentified massive serpent?

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Or, Phil, can you come up with another explanation

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for what these witnesses are claiming?

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So we're going on a jungle cruise.

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Ooh, does that make me the rock?

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00:06:35,420 --> 00:06:37,420

No, you're still the nerdy scientist, Phil.

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00:06:37,420 --> 00:06:39,420

Fine. Good luck, guys.

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Phil and Jess fly more than 3,600 miles

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00:06:43,420 --> 00:06:45,420

from New York to Lima, Peru.

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From there, it's another 630 miles

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on a flight to Aquitos,

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00:06:52,420 --> 00:06:55,420

a city accessible only by air or water.

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This is the gateway to the Amazon,

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00:06:58,420 --> 00:07:00,420

where deadly creatures, both big and small,

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00:07:00,420 --> 00:07:02,420

lurk at every turn.

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So you've been to Peru before, yeah?

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Yes, I've worked in Peru for years,

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but I've never been to the Amazon River.

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I've been to nearly every tributary of it.

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But the fact that I get to go see the Amazon River itself,

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00:07:18,420 --> 00:07:19,420

I'm so stoked.

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That's cool.

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Founded in 1864, Aquitos became a major port

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for the rubber boom of the late 19th century.

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Today, this isolated city is home

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to almost half a million residents,

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and what seems like a similar number of moto taxis.

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Look at all this traffic.

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00:07:40,420 --> 00:07:42,420

We head to Masu Support, where we've arranged

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to meet two local fishermen who've had encounters

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00:07:45,420 --> 00:07:47,420

with mysterious beasts in the Amazon.

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Rona and Alejandro have lived here all their lives.

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I asked Phil to have them tell us their stories

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00:07:53,420 --> 00:07:55,420

about what they saw in the river.

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These are more than just stories.

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These are our true testimonials.

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I went fishing up river,

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00:08:04,420 --> 00:08:06,420

and saw a bunch of snakes.

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00:08:06,420 --> 00:08:09,420

But then I saw something else along the water in the distance

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that was much more massive and aggressive.

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It looked like nothing I've ever seen before.

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Dark orange stripes on its face with big, shining eyes.

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00:08:18,420 --> 00:08:20,420

It was huge.

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The whole ground was moving.

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When I asked him how big he thought the creature was,

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the answer is, well, astounding.

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Probably 30 meters, and it looked about this thick.

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He says it was that round,

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and he thinks it was about 30 meters.

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So that's 60, no, that's 90 feet.

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Alejandro backs up Rona's size estimation

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because he too claims he had an encounter

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00:08:49,420 --> 00:08:52,420

with a similar-looking beast while out fishing on the river.

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My father had a gun, and was going to shoot it.

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00:08:55,420 --> 00:08:57,420

But I told him that would be a waste of a bullet

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00:08:57,420 --> 00:08:59,420

because the thing was just so big.

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I asked him if it's possible they saw a large snake,

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and Rina and Acondas around here can typically grow

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00:09:05,420 --> 00:09:07,420

to about 18 or 20 feet.

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00:09:07,420 --> 00:09:09,420

We're fishermen.

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00:09:09,420 --> 00:09:11,420

We've seen every type of snake in the Amazon.

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This was something different.

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00:09:13,420 --> 00:09:15,420

This was Yakumama.

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00:09:16,420 --> 00:09:19,420

We've heard that she has also been seen by indigenous villagers

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00:09:19,420 --> 00:09:22,420

in the swamp areas farther south.

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00:09:22,420 --> 00:09:25,420

But we both saw her just off the main river

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00:09:25,420 --> 00:09:28,420

in a section between 30 to 50 kilometers from the city.

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00:09:28,420 --> 00:09:30,420

All right, let's start there.

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00:09:30,420 --> 00:09:32,420

Bye.

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00:09:39,420 --> 00:09:40,420

Go down there?

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00:09:40,420 --> 00:09:41,420

Yeah.

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00:09:41,420 --> 00:09:43,420

We quickly load up our gear

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00:09:43,420 --> 00:09:46,420

and plot our course roughly 20 miles upriver.

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Listo.

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To a tributary off the Amazon

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where our witnesses had their encounters

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00:09:51,420 --> 00:09:53,420

with what they believe was Yakumama.

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We got some hours on this river, Jassy.

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Ready?

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I'm ready.

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00:09:57,420 --> 00:09:59,420

All right, let's do it.

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The Amazon Brain Force is the most biodiverse place

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00:10:07,420 --> 00:10:08,420

on the planet.

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00:10:08,420 --> 00:10:11,420

You'll find 10% of all known species here,

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00:10:11,420 --> 00:10:15,420

not to mention the countless species yet to be catalogued.

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00:10:15,420 --> 00:10:17,420

Out here, you have to watch every step,

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00:10:17,420 --> 00:10:20,420

because a lot of those animals are downright deadly,

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00:10:20,420 --> 00:10:22,420

with their ability to strike,

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inject venom, constrict,

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electrify, and carry lethal diseases.

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The Amazon River is home to 3,000 species of fish

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00:10:30,420 --> 00:10:33,420

and nearly 400 species of reptiles.

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And if you believe Jassy,

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one unidentified queen of the jungle.

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Yakumama isn't the only legendary beast in this river.

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Tails vary, and some of them are dark,

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but the boat is said to be a dolphin

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that shape-shifts into a seductive man.

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Like many legends, there's some truth behind the tale.

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The Amazon's murky waters are home to a river

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sometimes aggressive species of pink river dolphin.

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So, while we're here,

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00:11:00,420 --> 00:11:04,420

I'm keeping my eyes peeled for any shape-shifting shenanigans.

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00:11:04,420 --> 00:11:07,420

Oh, big splash up ahead.

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00:11:07,420 --> 00:11:11,420

Ooh.

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00:11:11,420 --> 00:11:13,420

After hours in the boat,

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00:11:13,420 --> 00:11:15,420

we approach the remote tributary

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00:11:15,420 --> 00:11:18,420

where the fishermen had their disturbing sightings.

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00:11:18,420 --> 00:11:20,420

And we're already seeing a lot of fish

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00:11:20,420 --> 00:11:22,420

and reptiles in the water.

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00:11:22,420 --> 00:11:25,420

We're seeing a lot of disturbing sightings.

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00:11:25,420 --> 00:11:27,420

And we're already seeing encouraging signs

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that something big could be lurking in these waters.

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What's right here? Tracks, tracks.

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00:11:32,420 --> 00:11:33,420

All over that bank, actually.

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00:11:33,420 --> 00:11:34,420

Yeah, there's a lot.

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00:11:34,420 --> 00:11:35,420

Look at that.

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00:11:35,420 --> 00:11:36,420

Is it a capybara?

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00:11:36,420 --> 00:11:39,420

I believe our witnesses did run into something enormous out here.

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00:11:39,420 --> 00:11:41,420

Something they insist was not a snake.

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But there are plenty of other real-world beasts

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to fear in this jungle.

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Black caimans are the apex predators of these parts.

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With the alligator family,

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these stealthy, ruthless, nocturnal carnivores

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00:11:52,420 --> 00:11:54,420

can grow to 15 feet.

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With their powerful jaws,

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00:11:56,420 --> 00:11:59,420

they'll attack anything that wanders into their territory.

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00:11:59,420 --> 00:12:02,420

And yeah, that includes humans.

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00:12:02,420 --> 00:12:03,420

The mammal tracks on the riverbank

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00:12:03,420 --> 00:12:05,420

tell me there's plenty of food here

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00:12:05,420 --> 00:12:09,420

to support a whole population of very big caimans.

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00:12:09,420 --> 00:12:12,420

Can we pull over right here?

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00:12:12,420 --> 00:12:15,420

I'm thinking this could be a good spot to set a camera trap.

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00:12:15,420 --> 00:12:18,420

Oh, that's a good idea.

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00:12:19,420 --> 00:12:22,420

With miles of river and jungle to cover,

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00:12:22,420 --> 00:12:26,420

we need to be strategic in the placement of our 25 cameras.

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00:12:26,420 --> 00:12:28,420

But we're also chasing daylight,

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00:12:28,420 --> 00:12:31,420

so we gotta get some extra eyes up in a hurry.

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00:12:31,420 --> 00:12:34,420

This is a nice little natural arched clay

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00:12:34,420 --> 00:12:36,420

with really, really sharp spines.

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00:12:36,420 --> 00:12:38,420

So I'm not gonna put on this tree.

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00:12:38,420 --> 00:12:40,420

Put it right here.

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00:12:43,420 --> 00:12:45,420

Holy s\*\*\*.

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00:12:48,420 --> 00:12:50,420

This is no joke.

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00:12:50,420 --> 00:12:53,420

One of the biggest vipers I've ever seen in the Amazon.

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00:12:53,420 --> 00:12:55,420

It's right on the crook of this tree.

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00:12:55,420 --> 00:12:57,420

A big one. We got a venomous snake here.

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00:12:57,420 --> 00:12:58,420

All right.

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00:12:58,420 --> 00:12:59,420

Here's a light. Here's a light.

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00:12:59,420 --> 00:13:00,420

Jess, take a look.

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00:13:00,420 --> 00:13:01,420

Let me see. Let me see.

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00:13:01,420 --> 00:13:02,420

Here, let me get over here.

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00:13:02,420 --> 00:13:03,420

Bye, you.

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00:13:03,420 --> 00:13:05,420

Oh, my God.

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00:13:05,420 --> 00:13:06,420

Yeah.

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00:13:06,420 --> 00:13:08,420

Look at that beauty.

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00:13:08,420 --> 00:13:10,420

You know what kind of s\*\*\*?

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00:13:10,420 --> 00:13:11,420

Not sure from here.

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00:13:11,420 --> 00:13:12,420

It could be a fertilizer lance.

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00:13:12,420 --> 00:13:13,420

Looks like bathrobes.

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00:13:13,420 --> 00:13:15,420

There's a few snakes.

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00:13:15,420 --> 00:13:17,420

It's a maroon, but...

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00:13:17,420 --> 00:13:18,420

Wow.

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00:13:18,420 --> 00:13:19,420

That's...

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00:13:19,420 --> 00:13:20,420

Good thing you looked.

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00:13:20,420 --> 00:13:22,420

...is what I call an ambush predator.

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Just sits and waits in a little crook of a tree like that.

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The fertilizer lance is the most dangerous snake

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in South America.

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Upon attack, this pit viper releases a necrotizing venom

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that's painful and often deadly.

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This is like 20 steps into the Amazon rainforest,

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00:13:39,420 --> 00:13:41,420

and we just found that...

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00:13:41,420 --> 00:13:42,420

Something to murder us.

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00:13:42,420 --> 00:13:43,420

Is that a good idea?

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00:13:43,420 --> 00:13:44,420

Something to murder us.

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00:13:44,420 --> 00:13:46,420

Is that a good omen or bad omen?

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00:13:46,420 --> 00:13:47,420

Uh, yes.

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00:13:47,420 --> 00:13:48,420

I think it's a good omen.

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00:13:48,420 --> 00:13:49,420

Yes.

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00:13:49,420 --> 00:13:50,420

Just don't get bit.

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00:13:50,420 --> 00:13:51,420

Oh, and that's a bold ant.

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00:13:51,420 --> 00:13:52,420

See that big ant right there?

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00:13:52,420 --> 00:13:53,420

No.

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00:13:53,420 --> 00:13:54,420

Yes.

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00:13:54,420 --> 00:13:56,420

Call him up the side, so that is the most painful sting

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00:13:56,420 --> 00:13:57,420

in the Amazon.

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00:13:57,420 --> 00:13:58,420

Great.

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00:13:58,420 --> 00:14:02,420

Essentially, lesson learned, no one ever lean on trees

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00:14:02,420 --> 00:14:04,420

or step at the roots of them.

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00:14:04,420 --> 00:14:06,420

All right, can you please just pick a tree

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00:14:06,420 --> 00:14:09,420

to put that game cam on so we can get out of here?

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00:14:09,420 --> 00:14:10,420

Yeah.

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00:14:10,420 --> 00:14:11,420

Yeah, why do you want to leave here, Jess?

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00:14:11,420 --> 00:14:12,420

Oh, gee, I don't know,

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00:14:12,420 --> 00:14:13,420

because everything's trying to kill me.

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00:14:13,420 --> 00:14:15,420

This is the most magical place on the planet.

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00:14:15,420 --> 00:14:16,420

Mm-hmm.

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00:14:16,420 --> 00:14:18,420

Suddenly, the 90-foot beast I'm after

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00:14:18,420 --> 00:14:21,420

isn't as intimidating as all the other things

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00:14:21,420 --> 00:14:22,420

crawling around me,

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00:14:22,420 --> 00:14:24,420

but I have to stay focused.

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00:14:24,420 --> 00:14:25,420

To prove Yakumama is out here,

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I first need photographic proof.

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00:14:28,420 --> 00:14:29,420

Ooh, do you know what we should do?

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00:14:29,420 --> 00:14:30,420

Hmm.

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00:14:30,420 --> 00:14:32,420

Point the camera at the snakes.

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00:14:32,420 --> 00:14:33,420

Yeah.

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00:14:33,420 --> 00:14:34,420

We can not only catch anything passing through here,

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00:14:34,420 --> 00:14:36,420

but we can catch if it eats anything.

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00:14:36,420 --> 00:14:37,420

Okay, that is actually pretty cool.

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00:14:37,420 --> 00:14:38,420

Right.

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00:14:38,420 --> 00:14:39,420

All right.

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00:14:39,420 --> 00:14:41,420

So we're setting up a series of 25 cameras

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00:14:41,420 --> 00:14:45,420

along what locals say has been her most recent path.

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Our witnesses gave us a roughly 12 and a half mile range

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00:14:48,420 --> 00:14:50,420

to cover between their sightings.

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The plan is to position our cameras

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on alternating sides of the river

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and retrieve them at the end of our investigation.

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00:14:56,420 --> 00:14:58,420

Here's my foot.

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00:14:58,420 --> 00:15:01,420

I'm hoping Yakumama is still in the area,

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00:15:01,420 --> 00:15:02,420

and if you believe the legend,

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00:15:02,420 --> 00:15:06,420

she's about to make an appearance.

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00:15:06,420 --> 00:15:07,420

Did you hear that thunder?

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00:15:07,420 --> 00:15:09,420

Yeah.

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00:15:09,420 --> 00:15:13,420

Legends say that Yakumama is more than just a jungle beast.

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She is a protective spirit of the Amazon,

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00:15:16,420 --> 00:15:19,420

with the power to control the weather and other animals.

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00:15:19,420 --> 00:15:21,420

All right, all right, all right.

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00:15:21,420 --> 00:15:22,420

Set.

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00:15:22,420 --> 00:15:23,420

Sweet.

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00:15:27,420 --> 00:15:29,420

F\*\*\*.

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00:15:30,420 --> 00:15:32,420

Those sound like some very upset parrots.

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00:15:32,420 --> 00:15:34,420

I wonder if the parrot's going crazy

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00:15:34,420 --> 00:15:36,420

is some kind of warning call.

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00:15:36,420 --> 00:15:39,420

Between that and the thunder that stories say

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00:15:39,420 --> 00:15:41,420

precedes a Yakumama appearance,

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00:15:41,420 --> 00:15:44,420

I'm feeling like she can't be far away.

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00:15:55,420 --> 00:15:57,420

Based on our witness testimony,

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we're looking for something roughly 90 feet long,

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00:16:00,420 --> 00:16:03,420

which for a reptile is simply off the charts.

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00:16:04,420 --> 00:16:07,420

The largest snake around here is the green anaconda,

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00:16:07,420 --> 00:16:09,420

and the biggest one of those on record

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00:16:09,420 --> 00:16:12,420

was 28 feet long and 44 inches around.

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Some anacondas have yellowish-orange facial markings,

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00:16:15,420 --> 00:16:18,420

but I've never heard of one with the dark, fiery marking

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00:16:18,420 --> 00:16:20,420

said to be on Yakumama.

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00:16:20,420 --> 00:16:23,420

So maybe there's a subspecies of anaconda down here

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00:16:23,420 --> 00:16:25,420

yet to be identified by science.

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00:16:31,420 --> 00:16:32,420

Jess, got a tributary right here.

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00:16:32,420 --> 00:16:33,420

Perfect.

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00:16:33,420 --> 00:16:35,420

All right, going in.

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00:16:36,420 --> 00:16:39,420

Suggests this is where we have a really good chance

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00:16:39,420 --> 00:16:42,420

of seeing something like a jaguar with a tape here.

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00:16:42,420 --> 00:16:46,420

A lot of those really rare, big mammals because...

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00:16:46,420 --> 00:16:47,420

Oh.

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00:16:50,420 --> 00:16:52,420

Do you think we can hit this right side?

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00:16:52,420 --> 00:16:53,420

I love derecho.

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00:16:58,420 --> 00:17:00,420

Wait, wait, wait, wait, wait, wait.

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00:17:00,420 --> 00:17:02,420

Something's moving over there.

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00:17:08,420 --> 00:17:09,420

Sam, what's here?

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00:17:09,420 --> 00:17:10,420

Light it up.

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00:17:10,420 --> 00:17:12,420

You see it?

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00:17:12,420 --> 00:17:14,420

Tracks? We got tracks?

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00:17:14,420 --> 00:17:16,420

Big tracks.

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00:17:16,420 --> 00:17:17,420

I'm not sure what Jess saw,

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00:17:17,420 --> 00:17:20,420

but there are definite signs of a lot of mammal traffic

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00:17:20,420 --> 00:17:21,420

through here.

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00:17:21,420 --> 00:17:23,420

Oh, that totally looks like Capybara.

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00:17:23,420 --> 00:17:24,420

Yeah.

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00:17:24,420 --> 00:17:25,420

These are some big ones.

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00:17:25,420 --> 00:17:27,420

These could be 50, 60 pounds.

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00:17:28,420 --> 00:17:31,420

Capibaras are the world's largest rodents.

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They're semi-aquatic mammals living in high numbers

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in the forest near the Amazon,

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00:17:36,420 --> 00:17:39,420

putting them at the top of the menu for hungry caimans

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00:17:39,420 --> 00:17:40,420

and other big reptiles.

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00:17:40,420 --> 00:17:44,420

And where there's prey, predators usually aren't far behind.

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00:17:44,420 --> 00:17:47,420

Let's try to find a spot over here

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00:17:47,420 --> 00:17:49,420

just in case we get any animals passing through here.

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00:17:49,420 --> 00:17:50,420

Okay.

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00:17:50,420 --> 00:17:53,420

Phil and I continue positioning our cameras along the river,

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00:17:53,420 --> 00:17:55,420

keeping our eyes and ears open for anything

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00:17:55,420 --> 00:17:57,420

that might be lurking in the dark.

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00:17:57,420 --> 00:17:58,420

I want to find a good saw log

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00:17:58,420 --> 00:18:00,420

and maybe a little trail going in.

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00:18:06,420 --> 00:18:07,420

Careful, Jess.

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00:18:07,420 --> 00:18:08,420

Don't stray too far.

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00:18:13,420 --> 00:18:14,420

All right, right here.

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00:18:14,420 --> 00:18:15,420

I think this is the one.

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00:18:15,420 --> 00:18:16,420

That one?

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00:18:16,420 --> 00:18:17,420

Jess, how does this look from where you are?

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00:18:17,420 --> 00:18:18,420

Looks fine for me.

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00:18:18,420 --> 00:18:19,420

Okay.

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00:18:19,420 --> 00:18:20,420

Right now, I'm sitting up a camera,

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00:18:20,420 --> 00:18:22,420

pointing basically all along the shore here.

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00:18:22,420 --> 00:18:25,420

So if anyone comes from the forest to there

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00:18:25,420 --> 00:18:27,420

or walks along their stream,

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00:18:27,420 --> 00:18:29,420

hopefully have an image of their...

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00:18:29,420 --> 00:18:32,420

get a sense of what's living around here.

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00:18:32,420 --> 00:18:35,420

Just insanely dense rainforest in here.

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00:18:35,420 --> 00:18:37,420

Ooh.

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00:18:37,420 --> 00:18:39,420

Oh, we got a snake.

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00:18:39,420 --> 00:18:41,420

Look at this thing.

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00:18:41,420 --> 00:18:42,420

Wow.

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00:18:42,420 --> 00:18:46,420

So it may be a coral snake,

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00:18:46,420 --> 00:18:48,420

but by the fact that it's climbing in a tree

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00:18:48,420 --> 00:18:49,420

and most coral snakes,

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00:18:49,420 --> 00:18:51,420

you generally find out that there's a lot of snakes

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00:18:51,420 --> 00:18:53,420

that you generally find on the ground.

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00:18:53,420 --> 00:18:54,420

I don't think it is.

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00:18:54,420 --> 00:18:57,420

I think that warning coloration is false coloration.

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00:18:57,420 --> 00:18:59,420

If we're a coral snake and you get bit,

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00:18:59,420 --> 00:19:00,420

you die pretty quick.

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00:19:00,420 --> 00:19:02,420

This one, fairly certain,

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00:19:02,420 --> 00:19:04,420

it is non-venomous.

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00:19:04,420 --> 00:19:06,420

Oh, wow, look at that.

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00:19:06,420 --> 00:19:07,420

Wow.

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00:19:07,420 --> 00:19:09,420

Yeah, oh, yeah.

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00:19:09,420 --> 00:19:10,420

Nice.

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00:19:10,420 --> 00:19:11,420

Ooh.

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00:19:11,420 --> 00:19:13,420

Ooh, he's moving.

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00:19:13,420 --> 00:19:14,420

Where'd he go?

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00:19:14,420 --> 00:19:15,420

Inside there?

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00:19:15,420 --> 00:19:16,420

There.

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00:19:19,420 --> 00:19:21,420

You would think you'd be able to find

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00:19:21,420 --> 00:19:24,420

a super bright candy cane colored snake out here,

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00:19:24,420 --> 00:19:26,420

but nope, just disappeared.

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00:19:29,420 --> 00:19:31,420

So since every witness has seen it

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00:19:31,420 --> 00:19:33,420

both on land and in water,

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00:19:33,420 --> 00:19:36,420

I like that idea of putting one face in the water

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00:19:36,420 --> 00:19:37,420

and some fish in the water.

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00:19:37,420 --> 00:19:40,420

Let's maybe try to get this side of the river.

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00:19:40,420 --> 00:19:42,420

All right, how solid is this?

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00:19:42,420 --> 00:19:43,420

That's good.

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00:19:43,420 --> 00:19:44,420

Pretty solid.

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00:19:44,420 --> 00:19:47,420

Alejandro and Roner said they were fishing

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00:19:47,420 --> 00:19:48,420

when they saw Yakumama,

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00:19:48,420 --> 00:19:50,420

so we're going to try to chum this monster

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00:19:50,420 --> 00:19:51,420

out of hiding.

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00:19:51,420 --> 00:19:54,420

I'm hoping she won't be able to resist the funky,

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00:19:54,420 --> 00:19:57,420

I mean, tasty smell of these dead fish

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00:19:57,420 --> 00:19:59,420

I bought back in Iquitos,

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00:19:59,420 --> 00:20:01,420

a perfect nighttime snack.

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00:20:01,420 --> 00:20:03,420

All right.

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00:20:03,420 --> 00:20:05,420

Oh, that stinks.

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00:20:09,420 --> 00:20:11,420

Honestly, we're just trying to get a sense

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00:20:11,420 --> 00:20:12,420

of what this habitat is like,

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00:20:12,420 --> 00:20:14,420

what species live around here,

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00:20:14,420 --> 00:20:16,420

and obviously if something big,

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00:20:16,420 --> 00:20:20,420

really big comes through to take that fish.

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00:20:20,420 --> 00:20:22,420

With the camera traps all set,

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00:20:22,420 --> 00:20:23,420

we'll stay at the river's edge

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00:20:23,420 --> 00:20:24,420

and break out the thermal cam

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00:20:24,420 --> 00:20:26,420

to help us see in the dark.

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00:20:26,420 --> 00:20:28,420

Even a cold, blooded animal

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00:20:28,420 --> 00:20:29,420

will retain heat from the day

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00:20:29,420 --> 00:20:32,420

and register on this sensitive piece of equipment.

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00:20:33,420 --> 00:20:35,420

I said one business.

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00:20:35,420 --> 00:20:36,420

Oh, look at those bats.

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00:20:36,420 --> 00:20:38,420

This place is covered in bats.

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00:20:38,420 --> 00:20:40,420

That's wild.

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00:20:40,420 --> 00:20:41,420

That's one word for it.

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00:20:41,420 --> 00:20:43,420

Wild life everywhere.

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00:20:50,420 --> 00:20:51,420

Wait, wait, wait, wait, wait.

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00:20:51,420 --> 00:20:53,420

Oh, yeah, there's movement under the water.

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00:20:53,420 --> 00:20:54,420

Look.

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00:20:54,420 --> 00:20:55,420

Right over there.

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00:20:55,420 --> 00:20:56,420

See it, I see it.

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00:20:56,420 --> 00:20:57,420

See it pops up every once in a while.

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00:20:57,420 --> 00:20:58,420

And that's not one of the bats

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00:20:58,420 --> 00:20:59,420

just coming through in the water?

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00:20:59,420 --> 00:21:01,420

No, no, it's coming up from the bottom.

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00:21:06,420 --> 00:21:07,420

And that's not one of the bats

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00:21:07,420 --> 00:21:08,420

just coming through in the water?

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00:21:08,420 --> 00:21:10,420

No, no, it's coming up from the bottom.

536

00:21:10,420 --> 00:21:11,420

Oh, what's that?

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00:21:11,420 --> 00:21:12,420

That's a caiman.

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00:21:12,420 --> 00:21:13,420

No way.

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00:21:13,420 --> 00:21:14,420

Little baby, look at it.

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00:21:14,420 --> 00:21:15,420

Oh, you're right.

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00:21:15,420 --> 00:21:16,420

Wow.

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00:21:16,420 --> 00:21:17,420

Now what are you gonna try to do?

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00:21:17,420 --> 00:21:18,420

Huh.

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00:21:18,420 --> 00:21:20,420

Try calling, see if it's mom response.

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00:21:20,420 --> 00:21:21,420

Okay.

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00:21:21,420 --> 00:21:26,420

Eww, eww, eww, eww, eww, eww, eww, eww.

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00:21:27,420 --> 00:21:30,420

Animal calls aren't exactly my specialty,

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00:21:30,420 --> 00:21:33,420

but I have been successful with this one in the past.

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Seeing this little guy also makes me wonder

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if what the witnesses saw here

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00:21:37,420 --> 00:21:40,420

could have been a group of caiman swimming together

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that, in the water, looked like one monster creature.

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Eww, eww, eww.

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I don't think he's convinced.

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You would definitely expect mama to be close.

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I wonder if mama's over by her fish.

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Oh, that's a good question.

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00:21:57,420 --> 00:21:58,420

Oh, yeah.

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Here, okay, we got one.

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I don't see the ones in the water anymore.

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And hopefully the scent of that fish

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00:22:05,420 --> 00:22:06,420

washed on the stream.

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So that if anything comes upstream,

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we'll get on that camera.

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Perfect.

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Having these cameras set up is probably the best thing

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we can do right now, because they're gonna be here

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00:22:16,420 --> 00:22:19,420

all night, just recording anything that comes through here.

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A lot of things out here are nocturnal.

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Yakumama has been seen both day and night.

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Our bases should be covered because the camera traps

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we've set up can spot motion up to 20 feet away

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in daylight and total darkness.

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We're pretty sure that we're gonna be here

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all night long.

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With our cameras set to catch Yakumama,

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where she was reported by the fishermen,

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the next morning, Phil wants to keep heading south

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where the fishermen said there were other

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Yakumama sightings, and where the wildlife populations

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are even more concentrated.

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But that would take us into restricted,

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indigenous territory.

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We got a text on our set phone from Josh

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asking us to call him.

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So we're going to see if he can help us get access.

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The set phone works by beaming radio signals to

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and from satellites orbiting Earth.

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No cell service required.

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00:23:18,420 --> 00:23:20,420

Josh, are you there?

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00:23:20,420 --> 00:23:22,420

Hey, guys. How's Peru treating you?

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00:23:22,420 --> 00:23:24,420

It is so nice to be back.

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00:23:24,420 --> 00:23:26,420

We've seen so many things that can kill you

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00:23:26,420 --> 00:23:28,420

or seriously maim you. It's amazing.

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00:23:28,420 --> 00:23:30,420

Yeah, I'm having a great time.

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I'm sure you are, Jess.

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So is Percy Fawcett full of it,

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or did you find a giant serpent in the Amazon?

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I think we're getting close.

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We are definitely in the right habitat.

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Yeah, things are looking good.

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But I know the deeper we go into the jungle,

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the more likely we are to find wildlife that's more

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lucid. We just need some help from you getting

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access to those areas because they're off-limits

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for outsiders.

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I mean, to me, that means a better chance

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to find something unknown.

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Okay, well, I may have some good news for you

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in terms of access. I've been doing some research

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on my end, and I got linked up with a local

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guy down there named Juan Carlos.

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He goes by JC.

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This guy's a former Peruvian army commando,

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so you know this dude is legit.

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And he is super well connected down there.

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Not only that, he says that the Yaku mama

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is 100% real because he claims to

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have seen it for himself.

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And he says he knows where you can find it.

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00:24:20,420 --> 00:24:22,420

Perfect.

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00:24:22,420 --> 00:24:24,420

Okay, I'll arrange a meeting, and I'll send you the coordinates.

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00:24:24,420 --> 00:24:26,420

Sweet. Can't wait to meet him.

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00:24:26,420 --> 00:24:28,420

All right, be safe.

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00:24:28,420 --> 00:24:30,420

All right, Josh. Bye, Josh.

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00:24:30,420 --> 00:24:32,420

Bye. Thanks.

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With our cameras in place and recording,

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we cover more ground up river.

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After about two hours, we reach the

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remote outpost of Nalta.

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We're meeting Josh's contact Juan Carlos Palomino.

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JC has spent nearly two decades

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leading explorers and researchers

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into the Amazon to track all manner of wildlife.

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My kind of guy.

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Welcome to the middle of nowhere.

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00:24:58,420 --> 00:25:00,420

Welcome aboard.

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00:25:00,420 --> 00:25:02,420

Okay, okay. Got it?

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JC says he was guiding a group through the jungle

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when he had a terrifying encounter

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with Yaku mama, right near an oxbow lake.

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Named for its shape,

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an oxbow lake is when a bend in the river

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is cut off from the main channel.

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It creates a calm water habitat

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that attracts more wildlife,

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which I'm hoping includes

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an unidentified, super-sized serpent.

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The lake is in an area called

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Renacol, about 80 miles away.

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That's pretty far from the

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fishermen's recent sightings,

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so it makes me wonder if there might be

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more than one Yaku mama.

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My question is, what are people

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00:25:36,420 --> 00:25:38,420

actually seeing?

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Actually, I had a conflict in my mind

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between our traditional beliefs

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and scientific explanations until I saw it.

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So, and we were with some guys

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that came to make survival trip.

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And I just heard noise.

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I was like, what's going on?

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And I just heard noise.

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And I see, you know, a big, big head.

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Really big head, like this big.

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It slowly warped

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00:26:00,420 --> 00:26:02,420

in the water.

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00:26:02,420 --> 00:26:04,420

Doesn't make sense because the lake,

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00:26:04,420 --> 00:26:06,420

especially in dry season, does not have a current.

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Not like in Hanover.

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Typically, if you see a big head in the water here,

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you're going to think that's a black caiman.

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Or a big turtle.

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Especially if you are far away.

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But it was close enough to see from the tail.

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To the head, I could say

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00:26:20,420 --> 00:26:22,420

that he saw a big, big carp,

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00:26:22,420 --> 00:26:24,420

so he's been swimming in the water.

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00:26:24,420 --> 00:26:26,420

It could be two large, big, big, big, big

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mits, so 33 to 39 feet long.

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Maybe there could be some kind

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of subspecies out here that hasn't been documented.

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I believe that also, 100%.

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00:26:34,420 --> 00:26:36,420

50%

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00:26:36,420 --> 00:26:38,420

50%

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00:26:38,420 --> 00:26:40,420

50%

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00:26:40,420 --> 00:26:42,420

I will go up to my friend, ok?

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On our way to Rennecall, we stop

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00:26:44,420 --> 00:26:46,420

at a small village along the river

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00:26:46,420 --> 00:26:48,420

to pick up J.C.'s Snake hunting buddy

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00:26:48,420 --> 00:26:50,420

■■■■■ soror sweating.

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00:26:51,580 --> 00:26:53,300

Set lunch time now,

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00:26:53,300 --> 00:26:54,960

forachel,

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00:26:54,960 --> 00:26:57,420

andLANSI keeps screwing them down.

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00:27:03,920 --> 00:27:05,920

Out of curiosity,

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00:27:05,920 --> 00:27:09,440

if Yakmama came after me and managed to-to get me,

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00:27:09,440 --> 00:27:13,400

how long would I have before it squeezed me to death?

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00:27:13,420 --> 00:27:16,200

It would squeeze you in less than 30 seconds.

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00:27:16,200 --> 00:27:18,200

They swallow you as long as you can.

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00:27:18,200 --> 00:27:19,200

Ooh, that's a bummer.

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00:27:19,200 --> 00:27:23,200

So your only option would be to break the ice.

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00:27:23,200 --> 00:27:24,200

Break the ice?

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00:27:24,200 --> 00:27:25,200

Break the ice.

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00:27:25,200 --> 00:27:27,200

That's the only way to survive.

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It's over there.

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00:27:35,200 --> 00:27:36,200

That's where we'll stop it.

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00:27:36,200 --> 00:27:37,200

Perfect.

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00:27:37,200 --> 00:27:38,200

OK, Jess.

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00:27:38,200 --> 00:27:40,200

Back to the sunlight.

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00:27:40,200 --> 00:27:41,200

Heading in.

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00:27:41,200 --> 00:27:42,200

Are you ready?

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00:27:42,200 --> 00:27:43,200

I'm so ready.

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00:27:43,200 --> 00:27:47,200

We arrive at the Renicol shore just before sundown.

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And as we prepare for the hour-long hike to the inland lake

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where JC says he saw Yacumama,

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he warns the team about everything else to watch out for,

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00:27:55,200 --> 00:27:59,200

which pretty much spans every color of the rainbow.

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If you see yellow bright ice on the trees,

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00:28:03,200 --> 00:28:05,200

boy constructors.

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00:28:05,200 --> 00:28:08,200

If you see blue ice, tarantulas.

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00:28:08,200 --> 00:28:12,200

If you see bright orange ice,

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00:28:12,200 --> 00:28:14,200

you'll see anacondas.

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00:28:14,200 --> 00:28:15,200

OK.

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00:28:15,200 --> 00:28:16,200

Let's find it.

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00:28:16,200 --> 00:28:17,200

All right.

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00:28:17,200 --> 00:28:18,200

Vamos.

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00:28:22,200 --> 00:28:23,200

Check it out.

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00:28:23,200 --> 00:28:24,200

This is the lake.

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00:28:24,200 --> 00:28:25,200

It doesn't even look like a lake.

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00:28:25,200 --> 00:28:27,200

It looks like a field.

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00:28:27,200 --> 00:28:28,200

Which always, really, Maria.

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00:28:28,200 --> 00:28:29,200

Yeah.

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00:28:29,200 --> 00:28:30,200

Wow.

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00:28:30,200 --> 00:28:31,200

Look at that.

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00:28:31,200 --> 00:28:36,200

So in that water, there could be anacondas,

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00:28:36,200 --> 00:28:38,200

maybe even Yacumama herself.

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00:28:38,200 --> 00:28:40,200

Swim up, grab you, and drag you under.

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00:28:40,200 --> 00:28:41,200

Yeah.

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00:28:41,200 --> 00:28:43,200

See, this is the perfect place for ambush predator.

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00:28:43,200 --> 00:28:45,200

Just use a little splash in.

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00:28:45,200 --> 00:28:46,200

Yeah.

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00:28:46,200 --> 00:28:47,200

Take you right in.

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00:28:47,200 --> 00:28:48,200

Can you see any eye shine?

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00:28:48,200 --> 00:28:49,200

Nothing.

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00:28:49,200 --> 00:28:51,200

Oh, wait a minute.

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00:28:51,200 --> 00:28:52,200

We got eye shine.

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00:28:52,200 --> 00:28:53,200

We got eye shine.

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00:28:53,200 --> 00:28:54,200

Oh, yeah.

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00:28:54,200 --> 00:28:55,200

No!

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00:29:01,200 --> 00:29:02,200

We got eye shine.

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00:29:02,200 --> 00:29:03,200

We got eye shine.

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00:29:03,200 --> 00:29:05,200

Oh, yeah.

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00:29:05,200 --> 00:29:06,200

No!

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00:29:06,200 --> 00:29:07,200

Wow.

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00:29:07,200 --> 00:29:08,200

Oh, it's moving.

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00:29:08,200 --> 00:29:09,200

It is moving.

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00:29:09,200 --> 00:29:10,200

JC, what would that be?

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00:29:10,200 --> 00:29:11,200

Yeah, it's a caiman.

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00:29:11,200 --> 00:29:12,200

Oh, wow.

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00:29:12,200 --> 00:29:13,200

Just look to the right.

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00:29:13,200 --> 00:29:14,200

Yeah.

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00:29:14,200 --> 00:29:15,200

Oh, yeah.

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00:29:15,200 --> 00:29:17,200

There's probably five, six.

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00:29:17,200 --> 00:29:18,200

Oh, oh, oh.

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00:29:18,200 --> 00:29:19,200

You found more?

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00:29:19,200 --> 00:29:20,200

Oh, yeah.

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00:29:20,200 --> 00:29:21,200

Oh, man.

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00:29:21,200 --> 00:29:22,200

Yeah, you found actually a bunch of them.

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I'm going to try to use the flare.

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OK.

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What does it look like?

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Oh, we're getting hits.

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Can you tell how big it is?

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00:29:32,200 --> 00:29:33,200

I cannot tell.

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00:29:33,200 --> 00:29:35,200

But there's multiple small ones around it.

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So that could be a big caiman and smaller caiman.

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Are you picking up any anacondas?

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It's really hard to tell.

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Nothing that screams anaconda to me.

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But definitely a lot more activity in this lake

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than we can see with the naked eye.

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I'll tell you that.

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00:29:50,200 --> 00:29:51,200

All right, I'm going to go up.

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00:29:51,200 --> 00:29:52,200

OK.

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00:29:53,200 --> 00:29:55,200

So we're going to go along the side of the lagoon here?

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00:29:55,200 --> 00:29:57,200

Yeah, we're going to go on the side

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00:29:57,200 --> 00:29:58,200

and then go up to the high ground.

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00:30:06,200 --> 00:30:07,200

Watch your step.

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00:30:10,200 --> 00:30:11,200

Oh, my God.

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00:30:14,200 --> 00:30:17,200

JC takes us to the very spot where he had his encounter

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with Yakumama.

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00:30:18,200 --> 00:30:22,200

This whole area is teeming with deadly wildlife.

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00:30:22,200 --> 00:30:25,200

So JC sends monkey to scout the trail ahead of us.

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00:30:29,200 --> 00:30:30,200

What you got?

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00:30:30,200 --> 00:30:31,200

Huge.

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00:30:31,200 --> 00:30:32,200

One kilopter from us.

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Oh, my God.

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Smoky jungle frog?

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Yes.

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Those are edible actually in the community we eat it.

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The leg stays like chicken.

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00:30:40,200 --> 00:30:41,200

Frog legs.

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Oh, look at this guy.

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00:30:43,200 --> 00:30:44,200

Hi, bud.

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00:30:44,200 --> 00:30:45,200

Oh, look how big he is.

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00:30:45,200 --> 00:30:47,200

Wow, you can kind of tickle his chin a little bit.

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00:30:47,200 --> 00:30:48,200

Hey, buddy.

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00:30:48,200 --> 00:30:49,200

I can't believe he's just sitting there.

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00:30:49,200 --> 00:30:50,200

Like he doesn't care.

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00:30:50,200 --> 00:30:51,200

He's just sitting there.

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00:30:51,200 --> 00:30:53,200

OK, by Toad.

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00:30:53,200 --> 00:30:54,200

You see those big glands back there?

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00:30:54,200 --> 00:30:55,200

Yeah.

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00:30:55,200 --> 00:30:57,200

They're called the parotid glands and they're full of poison.

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00:30:57,200 --> 00:31:00,200

So that's why he's not too defensive.

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00:31:04,200 --> 00:31:05,200

Oh, you guys got to look at this.

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00:31:05,200 --> 00:31:07,200

Check out these leaf cutters.

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00:31:07,200 --> 00:31:11,200

Jess, welcome to the hardest working creatures in the Amazon.

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They can take leaves from 150 feet up in a tree,

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cut them, carry them all the way down,

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drag them hundreds of feet across the forest.

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Jess is crazy to think that during the rainy season

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this entire area we're walking is underwater.

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What's really crazy is that Mr. Wizard is geeking out

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over ants and toads when we might be closing in on a monster.

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This is a taper footprint.

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Taper footprint.

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Where?

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Over here.

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What's that?

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All this.

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It's a big 250-kilometer animal with the longest snout,

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actually vegetarian.

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It only leaves muscle.

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Can you do a taper call?

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They actually whistle.

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Yeah, can you do the whistle?

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Like a sloth.

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Yeah, that sounds exactly like it, which is absolutely crazy.

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And that means you just made the call of potentially

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Yacumamas prey.

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The footprints are low, but so let's keep an eye open on the trees.

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The branches also for snakes, tarantulas, scorpions,

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anything, any eye you see, OK?

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OK.

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You got a whole bunch of stuff in this area.

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And guys, these are really bad ants.

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Do not touch these ants.

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These will hurt.

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Yeah.

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Listen to Phil.

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These are all so appropriate and protected by this Azteca ant.

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So if you touch the tree, you'll get stung.

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And we're in a hurry.

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We're in a hurry.

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We're in a hurry.

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We're in a hurry.

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We're in a hurry.

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We're in a hurry.

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We're in a hurry.

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We're in a hurry.

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We're in a hurry.

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We're in a hurry.

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We're in a hurry.

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We're in a hurry.

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We're in a hurry.

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Come on.

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We're in a hurry.

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You got stung and we're in a forced hole.

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Fantastic.

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Oh, my God.

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You're bleeding.

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OK.

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OK.

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Monkey found an anaconda nest.

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He got a bite.

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Wait, what did you just got bit?

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Holy s\*\*\*.

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Wait, what kind of snake are we talking about right now?

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Anaconda.

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Yeah.

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Anacondas do their killing through constricting.

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Their bites are not venomous.

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Okay.

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JC grabs a piece of iteningavine to treat monkeys bite.

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It's used by natives here because of its potent pain-killing properties.

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There's also a natural antibiotic in the sap.

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You're a bastard, crazy.

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Keep an eye open, okay? Keep an eye open.

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I'm just going to see this thing still here.

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It's there, it's there, it's there.

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It's here, it's here.

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Come on, come on, come on.

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It's over there, it's over there.

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Oh, oh, oh.

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You okay?

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Yeah, yeah, yeah.

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It's fine, it's fine, it's fine, it's here.

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Okay, where is it, where is it, where is it?

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There, there, there.

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There, there, there, there.

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If it's that aggressive, be careful.

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Phil, don't get too close.

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Phil, do you see it?

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I don't see it.

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Do you still see it?

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It was there.

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Underneath these dead trees?

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Yeah, you can see it just right here.

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Yeah, I mean, I can see where he's talking.

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Huh?

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Look at the size of this snake skin.

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Look at that.

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Look at that.

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Oh my God.

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This is just a piece of shed skin,

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but it looks like it came from something

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that could be at least a foot wide.

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I think we're gonna have really good genetic material here.

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I just wish we got a look at its face to see if it had

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the dark orange markings of Yakumama.

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Oh yeah, all of this snake skin.

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Look at that.

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Are you kidding me?

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Look at all that skin.

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This snake must have been so huge.

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It's possible what people are calling Yakumama

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is actually an unknown subspecies of Anaconda,

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not a thunder-wielding monster,

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but a very big snake,

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one not officially documented by science.

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I'm just gonna get the kit out

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because that scan could hold the key to this whole thing.

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We'll compare this DNA sample and any others we collect

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to that of known Anaconda DNA.

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Then we'll know if we found something unique.

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Got it?

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All right.

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Wow.

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It's beautiful.

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This is venomous snake territory.

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So just watch.

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This is everything we touch.

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Oh, holy f\*\*\*!

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Snake! Snake!

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What's up, Joe?

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We're going.

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Oh, my God.

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Scientists estimate that the Everglades

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are home to nearly 300,000 snakes

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that should be living in Southeast Asia.

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It's believed Burmese pythons were introduced in the 80s

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when people released their pet constrictors into the wild.

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They multiplied rapidly

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and are now consuming food sources for native predators

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and wreaking havoc on the swamps' ecosystem.

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Authorities are so desperate to curb the python population,

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they're paying by the foot.

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Anyone who catches a python can collect 50 bucks

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for the first four feet

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and \$25 for each additional foot.

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Not bad considering Burmese pythons can grow up to 25 feet.

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There's also an annual 10-day python challenge

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with a grand prize of \$10 grand

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for whoever removes the most pythons.

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I'm already training for next year.

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Oh, holy f\*\*\*!

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Snake! Snake!

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Holy f\*\*\*!

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Careful!

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Oh, your head's turning.

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F\*\*\*!

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Careful.

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That's a real big one.

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Ready? Ready?

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I got it. I got it.

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Oh, my God.

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Okay, okay.

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Watch out. Just hold the head.

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Watch out. Watch out.

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We need to help with it.

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Yeah, with the tail.

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We got it. We got it.

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Don't release the head. Don't release the head.

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I got it. I got it.

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Check the face.

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Oh, black markings.

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Mask.

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Do we have the red on the side?

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I'm seeing orange. I'm seeing orange.

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Yeah, I'm seeing orange.

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Orange on the side.

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Okay, guys.

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Yep. All right. Let me get you back.

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Oh, wait.

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Come on. It's okay.

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It's okay.

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You okay, Phil?

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I got it. I got it.

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Okay.

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I have my friends as a mouthful of teeth.

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Wow.

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We finally found ourselves in Anaconda

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with the specific markings associated with the Akumama.

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So, I've got my shin over its body.

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I'm not putting too much pressure on it right now.

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I'm just trying to get it to calm down

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so we can get a DNA sample

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and try to figure out if this is a specific subspecies

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you need to this area that maybe gets huge.

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There we go. It's calming down. It's calming down.

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It's okay. It's okay.

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Look for loose scales.

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No.

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No, it's all new mold, but actually it's all fresh.

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Hang on. I might have some scar tissue right here.

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Right here. Right here.

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We must not allow the hair to drop.

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Phil, stretch it.

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Stretch it.

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Hey, with these marks?

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How about this?

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Yeah, yeah.

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Watch your fingers.

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Yeah, it's small, but it's a piece. Hold on.

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It's small, but it'll do, Jess.

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All right. I got it.

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Okay.

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Wow.

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I'm going to back off the head real quick.

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All right. Which direction do we run?

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I say everybody back up this way.

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Okay.

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Ready?

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One, two, three.

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Go. Go, go, go.

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Okay.

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Nice.

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Jess, come on.

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Shop them a shaggy. Give me high five.

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Wow.

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That is beautiful.

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All right. How long do you think?

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Another way we can see it.

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Close to five meters.

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So it's like 15 feet.

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Could be a baby, Yakumama.

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But hey, keep going.

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Nice. All right. Back to the river.

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Back to the river.

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Come on.

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My team came to the Peruvian Amazon

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to investigate reports of a legendary monster.

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It looked like nothing I've ever seen before.

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With big, shining eyes.

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It was huge.

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What Phil and Jess found is that behind the legend...

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We got ice on. We got ice on.

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There could be a grain of truth.

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After collecting the trap cameras

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and reviewing the images,

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it turns out they got plenty of shots of prey.

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But the predator that took Jess's bait

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remained elusive.

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Based on what we've heard about the mythical

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Yakumamas markings,

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the snake that Phil so expertly subdued

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looked like it could be a 15-foot juvenile version

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of the Amazon legend.

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Don't release the head.

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I got it. I got it.

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DNA analysis on the skin sample

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that Jess collected came back as a match for anaconda.

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Though it did not identify a subspecies.

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But the DNA from that snake did not match

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the shed skin samples that Phil collected earlier in the night,

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meaning that came from a completely different snake.

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And the size of that skin suggests to Phil

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something much bigger than 15 feet.

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That is enormous. Let's find it.

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I have to say I'm impressed with the way my team

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braved the dangers of the jungle.

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This is venomous snake territory.

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This is no joke.

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One of the biggest vipers I've ever seen in the Amazon.

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Why do you want to leave here, Jess?

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Oh, gee, I don't know, because everything's trying to kill me.

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It's the most magical place on the planet.

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Wait, wait, wait, wait, wait, wait, wait, wait, wait.

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Something's moving over there.

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Sure, Phil knew what he was getting into,

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but Jess didn't run for the boat

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when surrounded by stingers, venom, and fangs.

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Drop that machete and give me high five.

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As for Yakumama, all the eyewitnesses remain convinced

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that there's a monster-sized serpent lurking in the remote recesses

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The evidence Phil and Jess collected suggests that perhaps

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some unclassified species could be out there, still at large,

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and getting larger.

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