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Lost on the Amazon

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These words will appear many times in this story. If you learn them before you start to read, it will be easier to read quickly.

canoe	a long, narrow boat used by American Indians
clearing	an open space in the middle of the jungle
disease	sickness; illness
flute	a musical wind instrument
headdress	a kind of hat, often made from plants and bird's feathers
Indian	a race of people who have lived in the Americas since before Europeans arrived; also called native people
jungle	a very thick, wet forest (e.g., the Amazon)
machete	a long knife used to cut trails through the jungle
malaria	a disease carried by mosquitoes found especially in jungle areas



medicine	something people eat or drink to fight disease
piranha	a meat-eating fish found in the Amazon
poison	a substance that can kill you if it comes into your body
priest	a person who guides religious ceremonies
riverbank	the edge of a river
spear	a long stick with one sharp end
spirit	a being with no physical body; a ghost
temple	a building where priests pray and do their work
trail	a way through the jungle
tribe	a group of people, often Indians
vines	long, thin plants that look like ropes
warrior	someone whose job or role is to fight



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You are a doctor.

You study diseases and travel to different countries to help sick people. You are very good at finding plants to make new medicines.

Last year, you became famous for helping many people in Africa who had malaria. You found a special tree deep in a jungle. When people eat the leaves from this tree, the disease quickly disappears from their body.

You know that the jungle areas of the world still hide many other secrets. You also know that these secrets are in danger of disappearing forever. That is why you have put together a special team of doctors to travel to the Amazon jungle in Brazil. Your plan is to help sick people there, and also to find new medicines.

However, a few days before you plan to leave, you are called to the hospital to take care of another bad case of malaria. So you send your team to Brazil ahead of you, with plans to meet them in the jungle a few days later.

When you finally arrive in Manaus, the city on the Amazon River closest to the jungle, you find a message from your team. They tell you to wait in your hotel for an Indian guide, who will take you to them in the jungle.

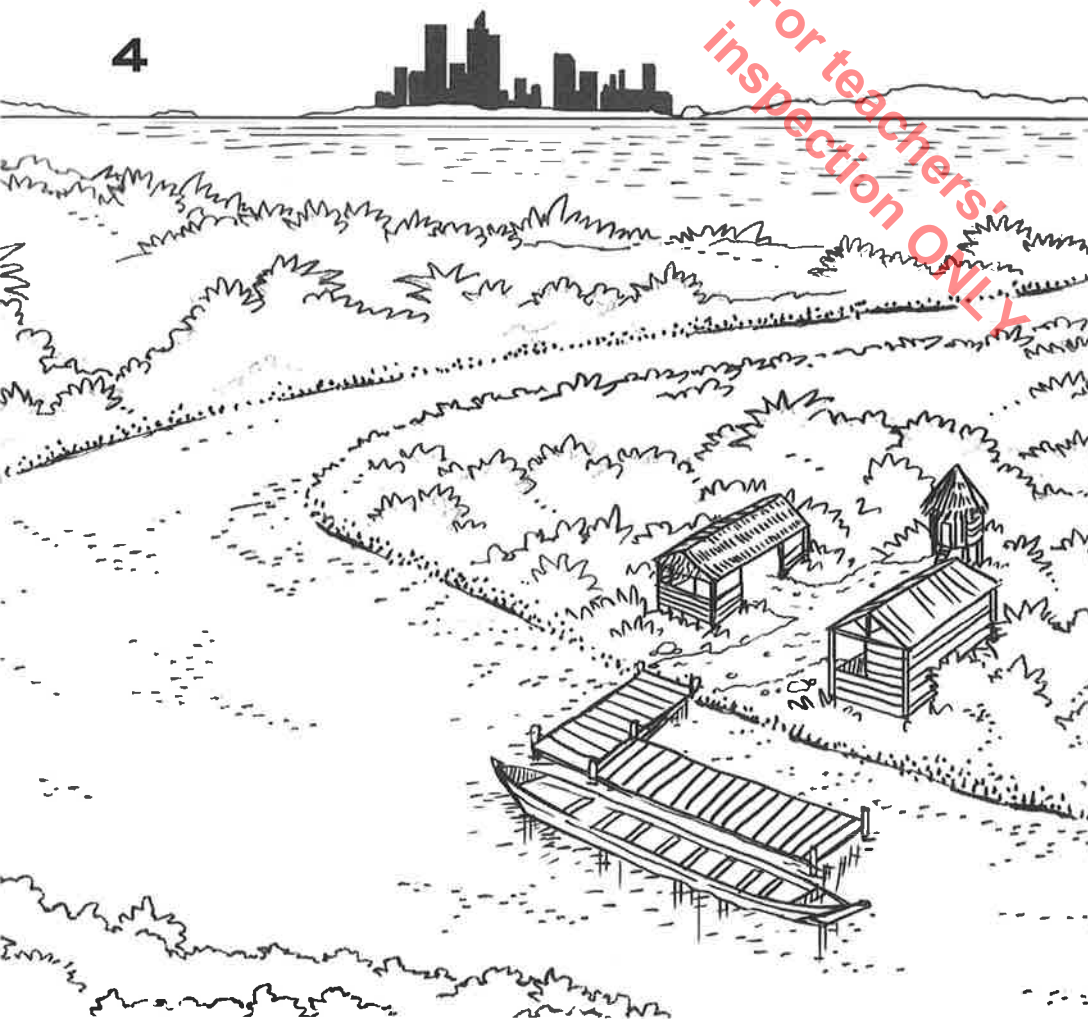
That was a few days ago, and you are starting to get worried. You go the hotel clerk and ask once again, "Any messages for me?"

"I am very sorry, Doctor," the clerk says. "But there are still no messages for you." Then, he sits down to drink his cup of black coffee.

What now? You decide to walk out of the hotel and into the hot city. You go down to the river to think.

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You sit down and look at the water.

The Amazon River is huge, and the jungle is even bigger. You start to think about the dangers your team is facing. In the river there are piranhas and poisonous snakes. In the jungle there are deadly animals, poisonous plants, and even unfriendly Indian tribes.

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Anything could have happened to your team. Why haven't they called you? You can only hope that they are safe.

Finally, you decide to head back to the hotel. When you arrive, the clerk rushes out to meet you.

"Where have you been?" he asks. "There are people here to see you!"

You run inside and meet a short, strong-looking Indian. Behind him stand two soldiers from the Amazon River Patrol.

"My name is Owaduga," the Indian says. "But you can call me Duga. We bring bad news. Very bad news. Your team is lost, deep in the jungle."

You are shocked and don't know what to say.

"Six days ago," Duga continues, "before the sun came up, we heard the song of the jungle flute. The song came again and again. The jungle flute means death to any who follow it. I told your doctor friends not to listen, but it was too late. They followed the song into the jungle and did not return."

"Your team is in danger," says one of the soldiers. "We must search for them. We can take you with us on a River Patrol boat. It is the safest way, but it will take a day to get our soldiers ready."

The hotel clerk shakes his head. "No, another day is too long," he says. "You must go quickly. The best way is to hire a small plane and fly to where your team was last seen. It is more dangerous, but you could be there in a few hours."

"That is not a good idea," Duga says. "Flying machines and soldiers make the spirits of the jungle very angry. I will take you in my canoe. We will travel quietly, and maybe the spirits will not see us."

It's your choice. What do you do?

You are about to make your first choice!
Make your choice before you turn the page.



If you go quietly, by canoe, turn to page 14.

If you go quickly, by plane, turn to page 35.

If you go safely, with the River Patrol, turn to page 63.

"I will go with you, Duga."

"Good! We must leave now," he says.

The soldiers look worried. One of them takes you by the arm and says, "Do not go. It is too dangerous. You must wait."

You don't listen to him. You turn to Duga and say, "I'm ready. Let's go."

You get your backpack and go. As you walk out the front door, you hear the clerk say to the soldiers, "They will not make it. The river is too dangerous, and so is the jungle."

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