

*Manuelo, the Jaguar Who Was
Afraid of the Sounds of Night*

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Manuelo, a jaguar from the jungles of Costa Rica, was afraid of the sounds of night. They gave him nightmares. He was a nervous wreck.



"Maybe I should visit my friends for their advice," thought Manuelo.



So he went to the medicine man, who said, "Take this cocoa bean medicine for two days." It turns out the medicine only worked for people; Manuelo just got more nervous!



He went to see his friend the monkey, Morales. "Hang upside down from your tail!" he told him. But all that happened was Manuelo fell on his head.



As he was walking home, Manuelo thought, "Maybe I should get more advice from my friend, Mateo, the piranha." Mateo said, "You just need to know the sounds the animals make. I'll show you. That "a-a-ahh!" is a loud cockatoo. "Croooaak!" is the mysterious bullfrog. "Eeech-chee-chee!" is the howl of a howler monkey."

"Thank you for your help!" said Manuelo. "I needed your advice all along!"



Manuelo climbed up his tree that night and in his head identified the sounds of all the night animals. This night he fell asleep peacefully, and never had another nightmare.



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