



Quenching Tadoba

11-12-13 June 2024



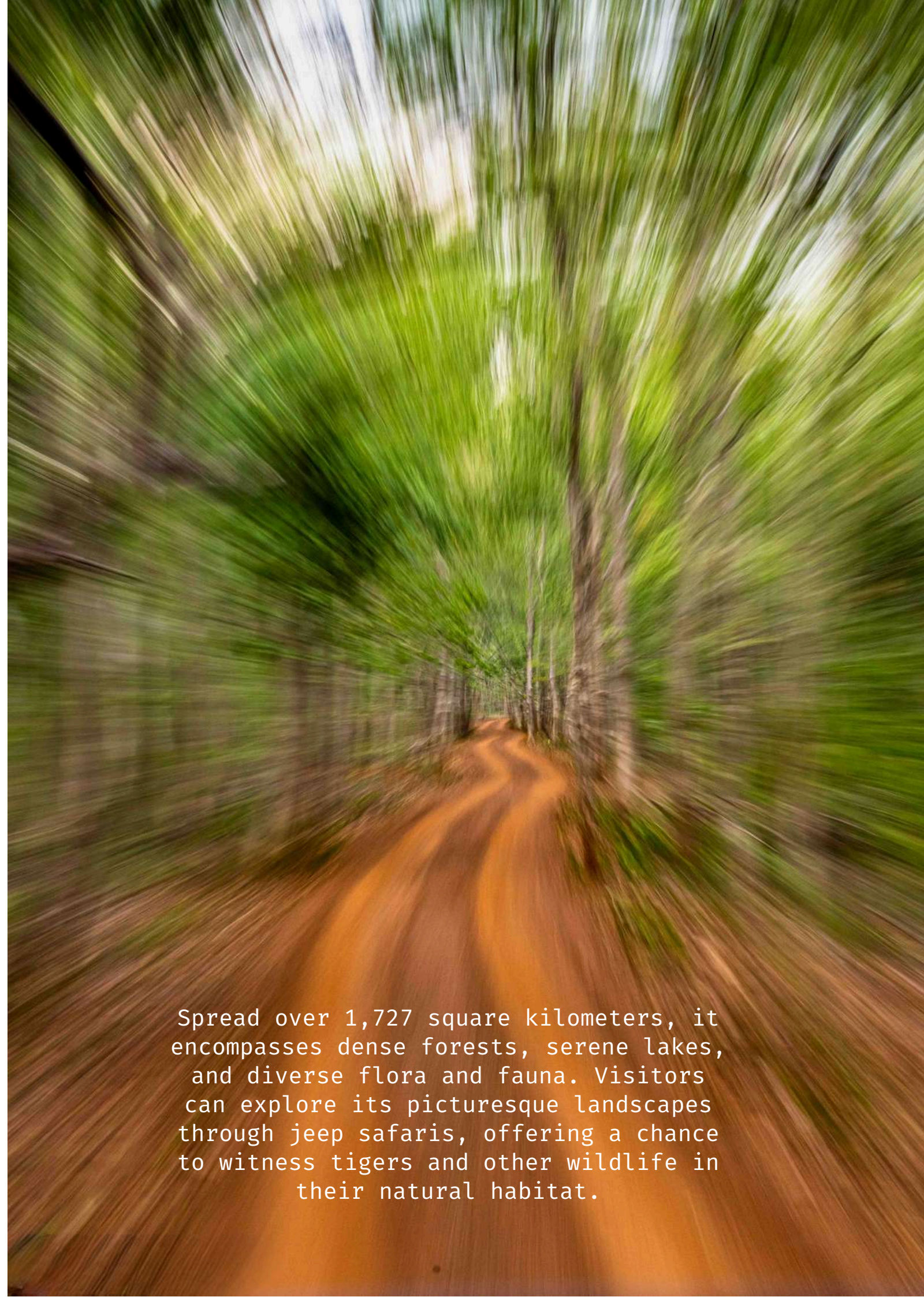
Tadoba Tiger Reserve, located in the heart of Maharashtra, is one of India's oldest and largest national parks. Known for its rich biodiversity, the reserve is a haven for wildlife enthusiasts and is home to a significant population of Bengal tigers.



The reserve's dedication to conservation and its vibrant ecosystem make it a premier destination for nature lovers.

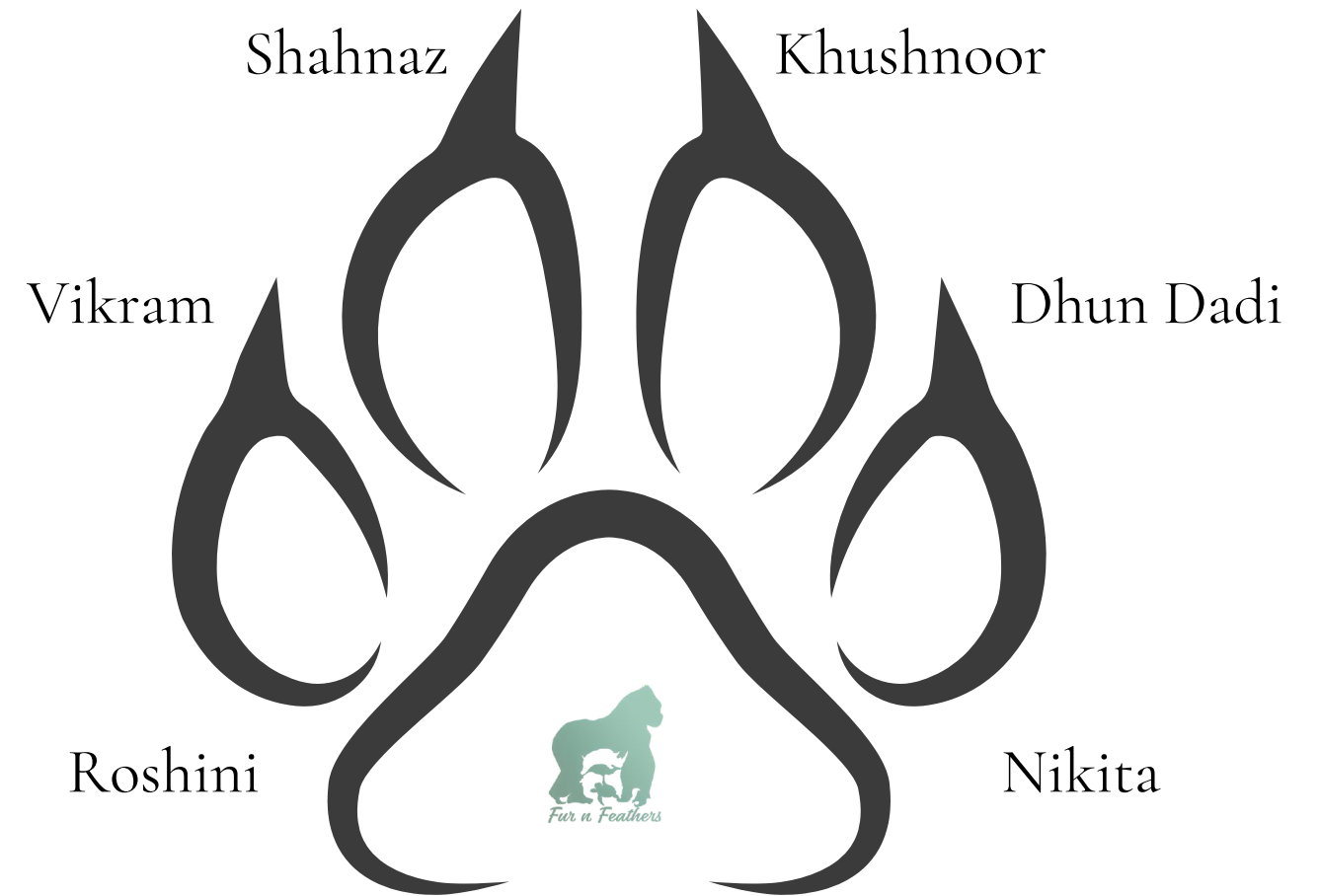


Spread over 1,727 square kilometers, it encompasses dense forests, serene lakes, and diverse flora and fauna. Visitors can explore its picturesque landscapes through jeep safaris, offering a chance to witness tigers and other wildlife in their natural habitat.

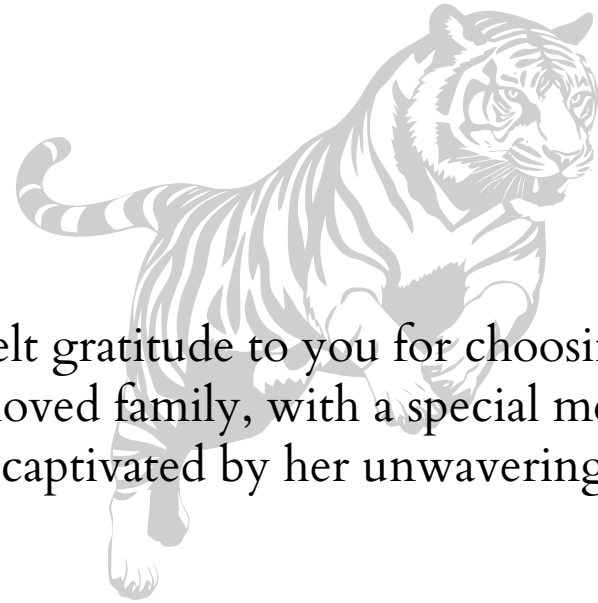




According to the latest reports, there are 135 tigers in Tadoba National Park, making it the most populous in the country



The above listed were on a mission to count how many they could count



The Tadoba Thunder

Dear Shahnaz,

First and foremost, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to you for choosing us to organize your memorable tiger safari tour, especially for your beloved family, with a special mention to your incredible mom.

Throughout the journey, we were captivated by her unwavering high spirits and enthusiasm.

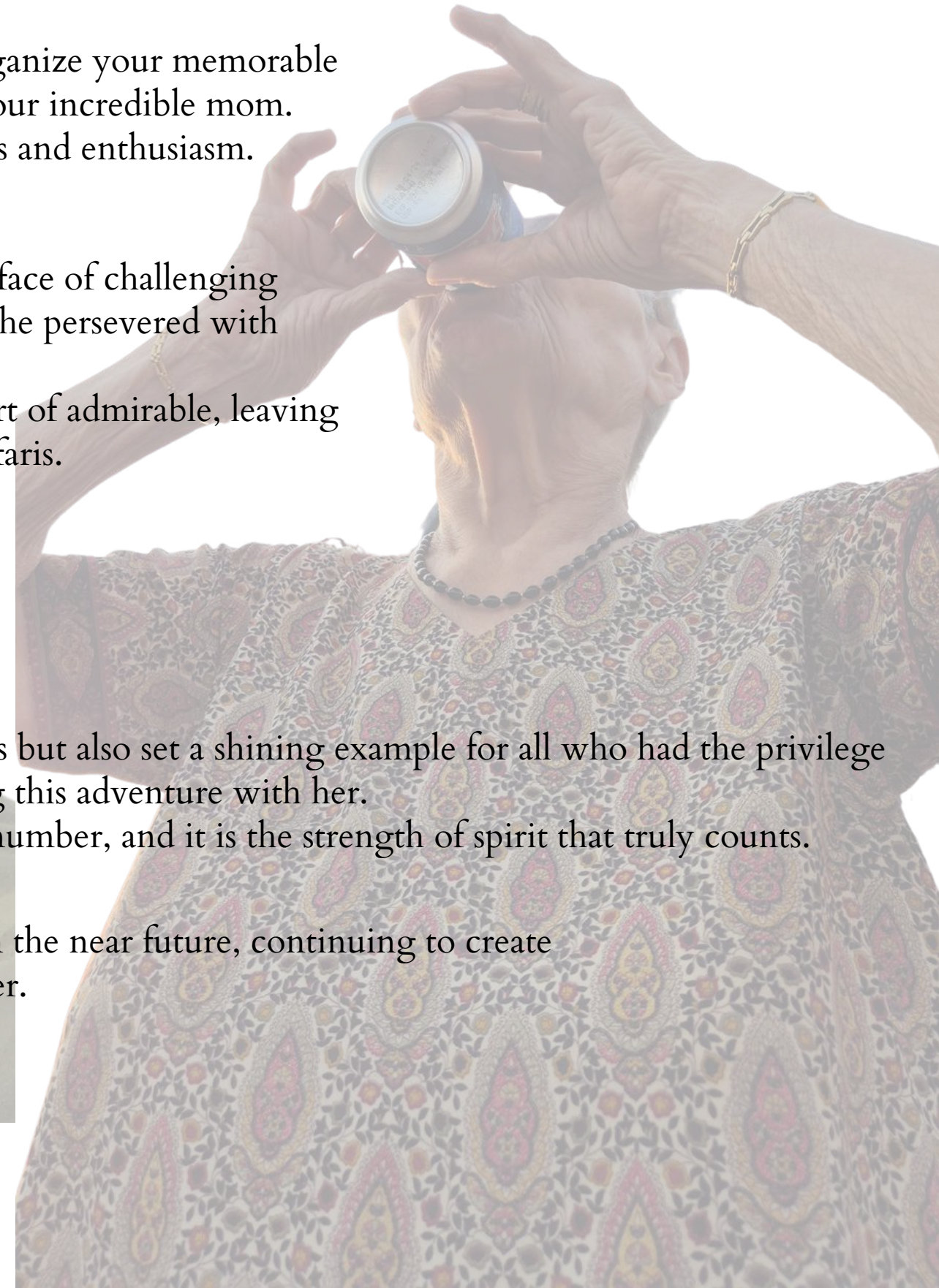
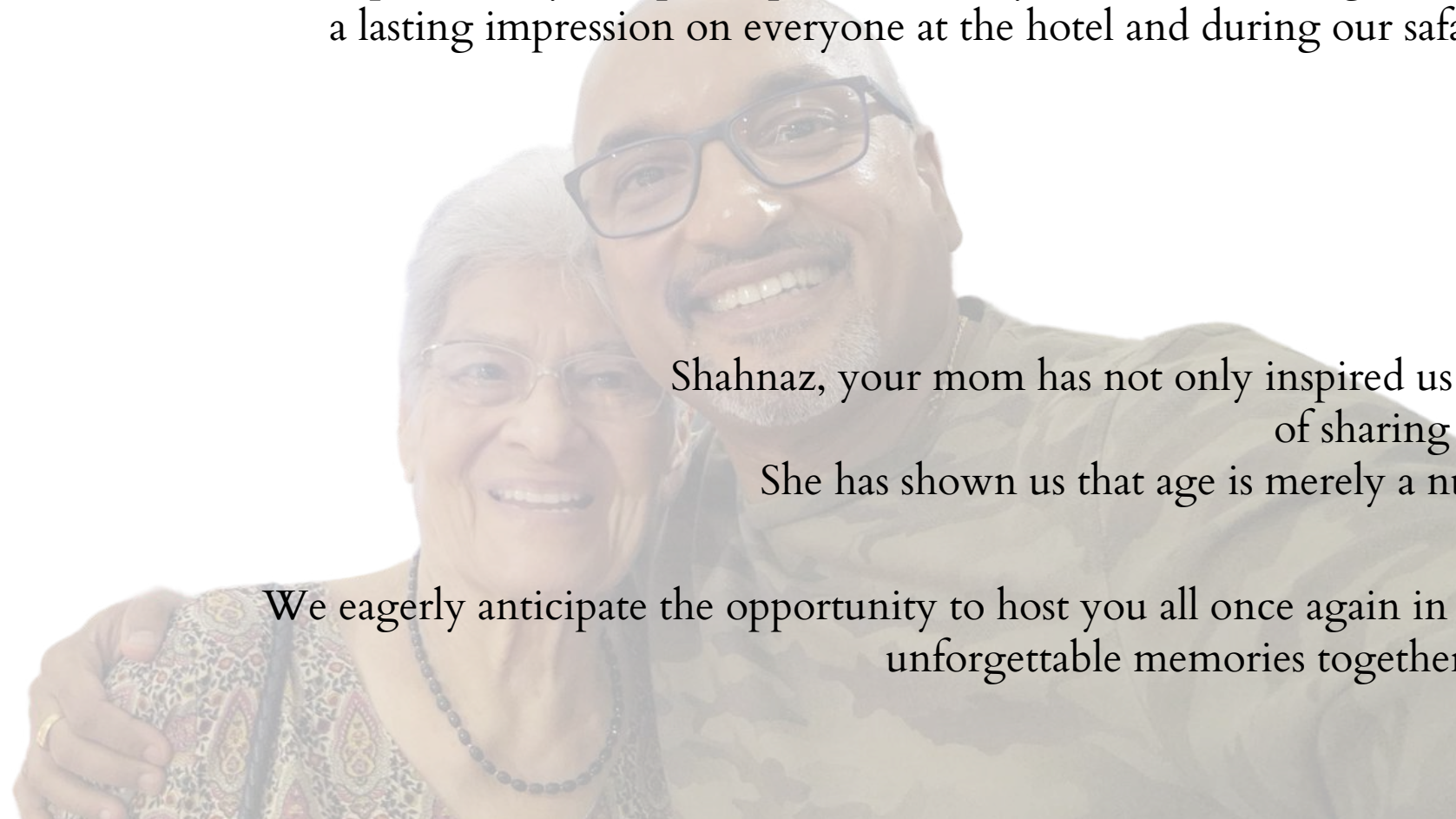
It was truly inspiring to witness her resilience and determination, even in the face of challenging conditions. Despite the initial heat affecting her health during the first safari, she persevered with remarkable zeal and eagerness.

Her commitment to punctuality and participation in every safari was nothing short of admirable, leaving a lasting impression on everyone at the hotel and during our safaris.

Shahnaz, your mom has not only inspired us but also set a shining example for all who had the privilege of sharing this adventure with her.

She has shown us that age is merely a number, and it is the strength of spirit that truly counts.

We eagerly anticipate the opportunity to host you all once again in the near future, continuing to create unforgettable memories together.



As soon as we embarked on our first tiger safari, we were met with an extraordinary sight. Just a short distance from the gate, a majestic tiger lay asleep, its powerful body relaxed in the slush under a tree in dappled sunlight, from the looked like a puppy lying in the dirt. But that was CM - Chotta Matka, the dominant male, setting the tone for an unforgettable adventure.

The name Chota Matka T-126 was derived from his father Matkasur due to his size and is easily identifiable from his broken canine tooth.

Chota Matka was born in Tadoba Core in the year 2016.

He was fathered by the famous male tiger named Matkasur and his mother Choti Tara.





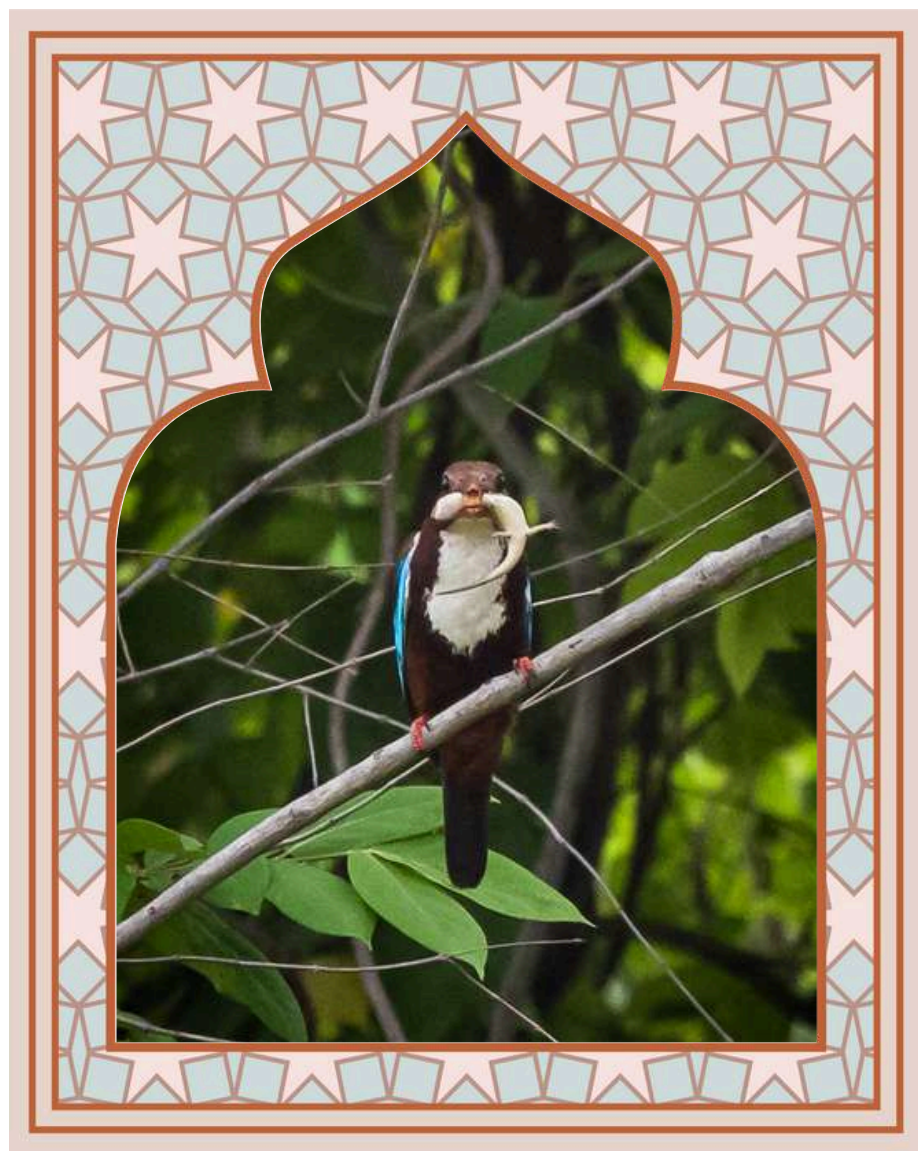
White-throated kingfishers are carnivorous generalists that eat many organisms, including locusts, crickets, beetles, mantises, ants, termites, dragonflies, grasshoppers, Ocypode and Paratelphusa crabs, scorpions, centipedes, Mabuya and Calotes lizards, mice, frogs, small perching birds, and fish.



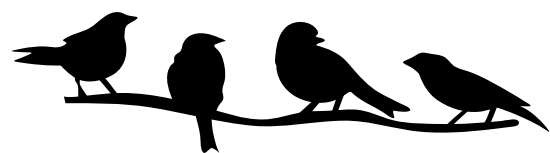
Pied Kingfisher

Pied kingfishers usually hunt by hovering over the water to detect prey and diving vertically bill-first to capture fish.

When not foraging, they have a straight rapid flight and may fly at nearly 50 km/h



White-throated kingfisher



The orange-headed thrush is a bird in the thrush family. It is common in well-wooded areas of the Indian Subcontinent and Southeast Asia. Most populations are resident. The species shows a preference for shady damp areas



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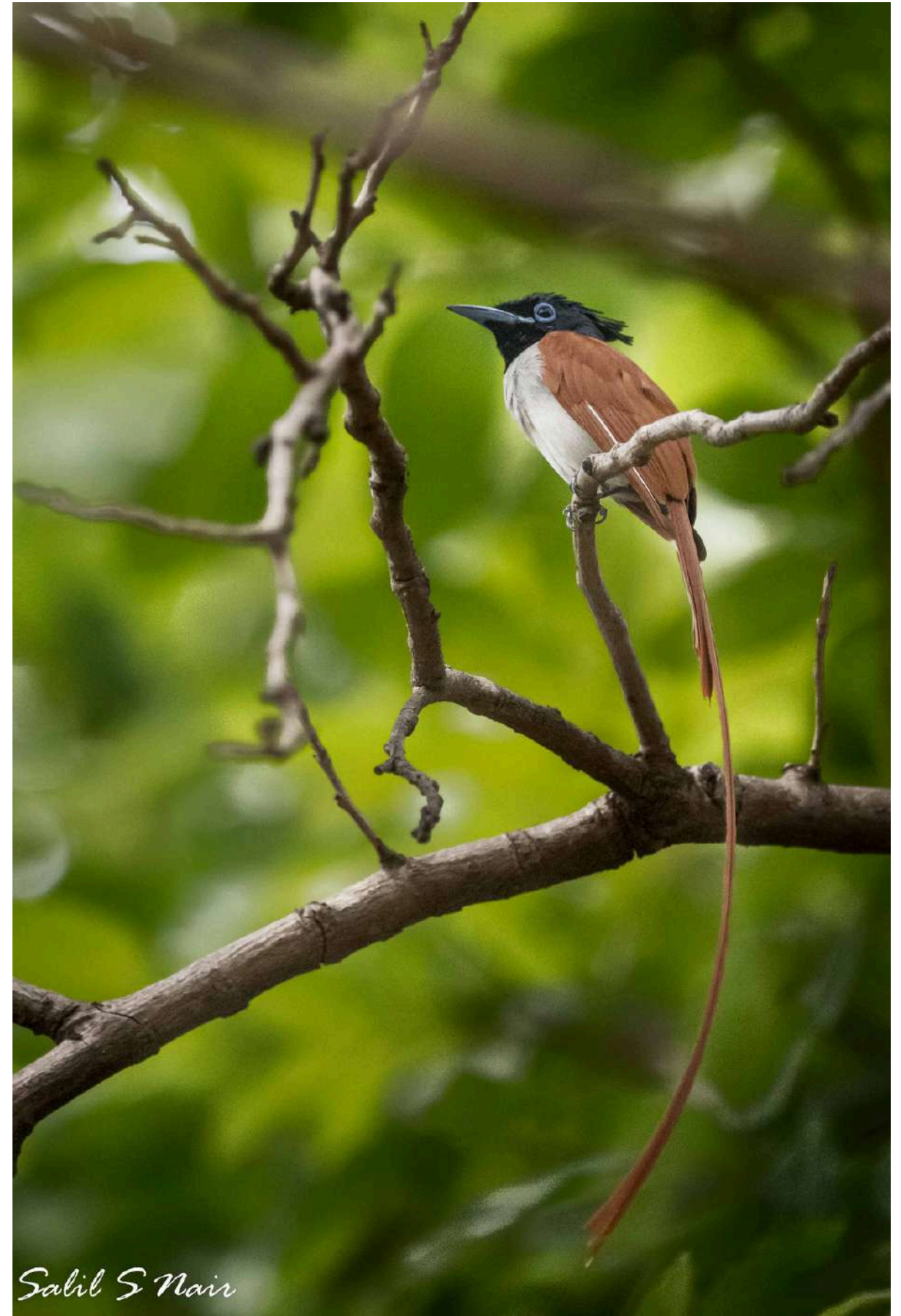


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"Feathered Fanfare: Two Long-Tailed Suitors Vie for Her Heart in a Spectacular Display!"



Watching long-tailed birds compete is like a feathered version of a beauty pageant mixed with a tug-of-war.



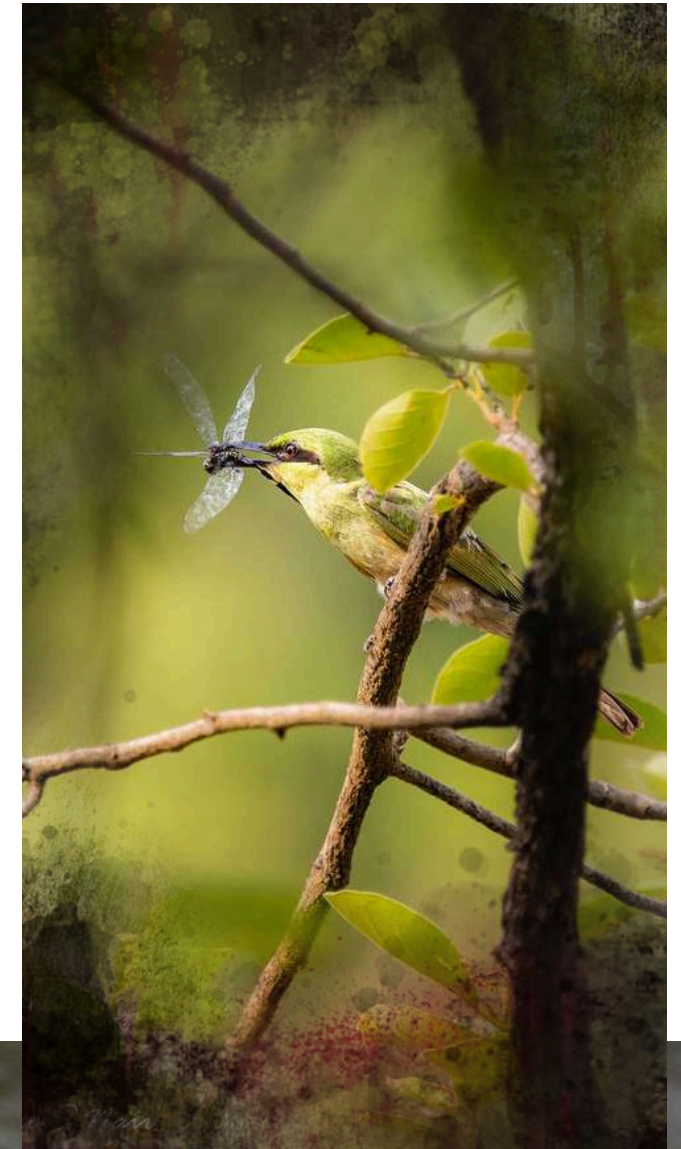
Ruddy mongoose



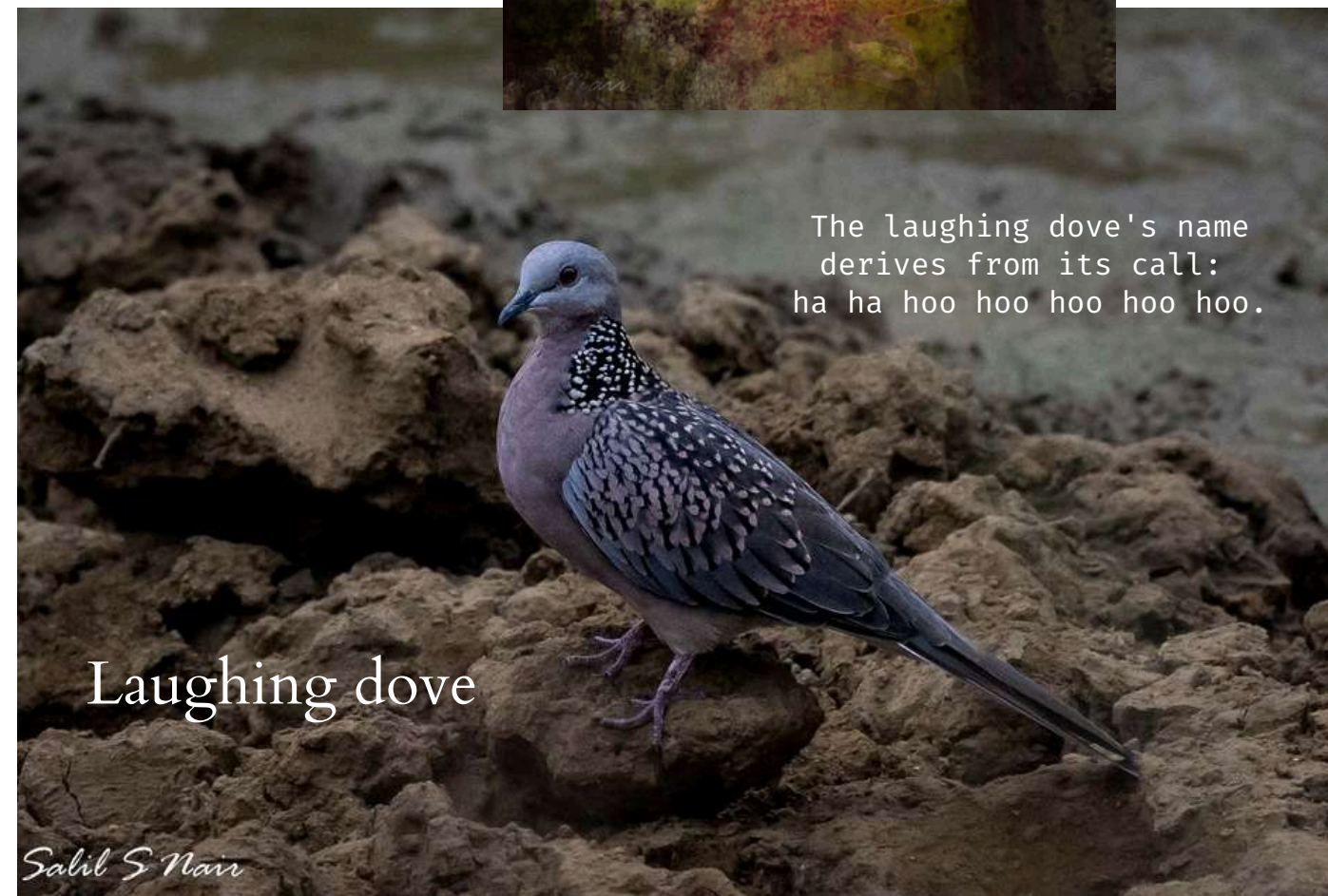
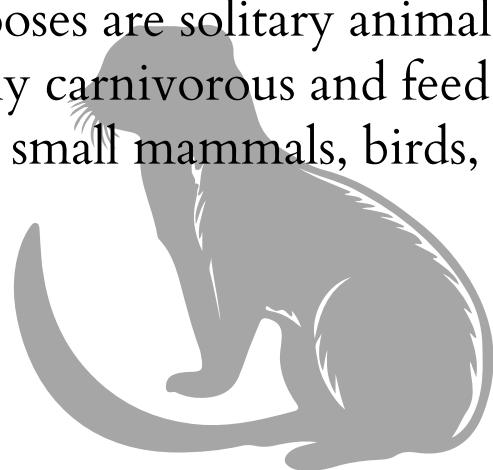
They catch their prey in mid-air with speeds of up to 48 km/h.



Asian green
bee-eater



One special characteristic of the ruddy mongoose is its ability to climb trees. They are also good swimmers and can stay underwater for several minutes. Ruddy mongooses are solitary animals & are active during the day. They are mainly carnivorous and feed on a variety of prey, including insects, small mammals, birds, reptiles, and frogs.



The laughing dove's name derives from its call:
ha ha hoo hoo hoo hoo.

Laughing dove

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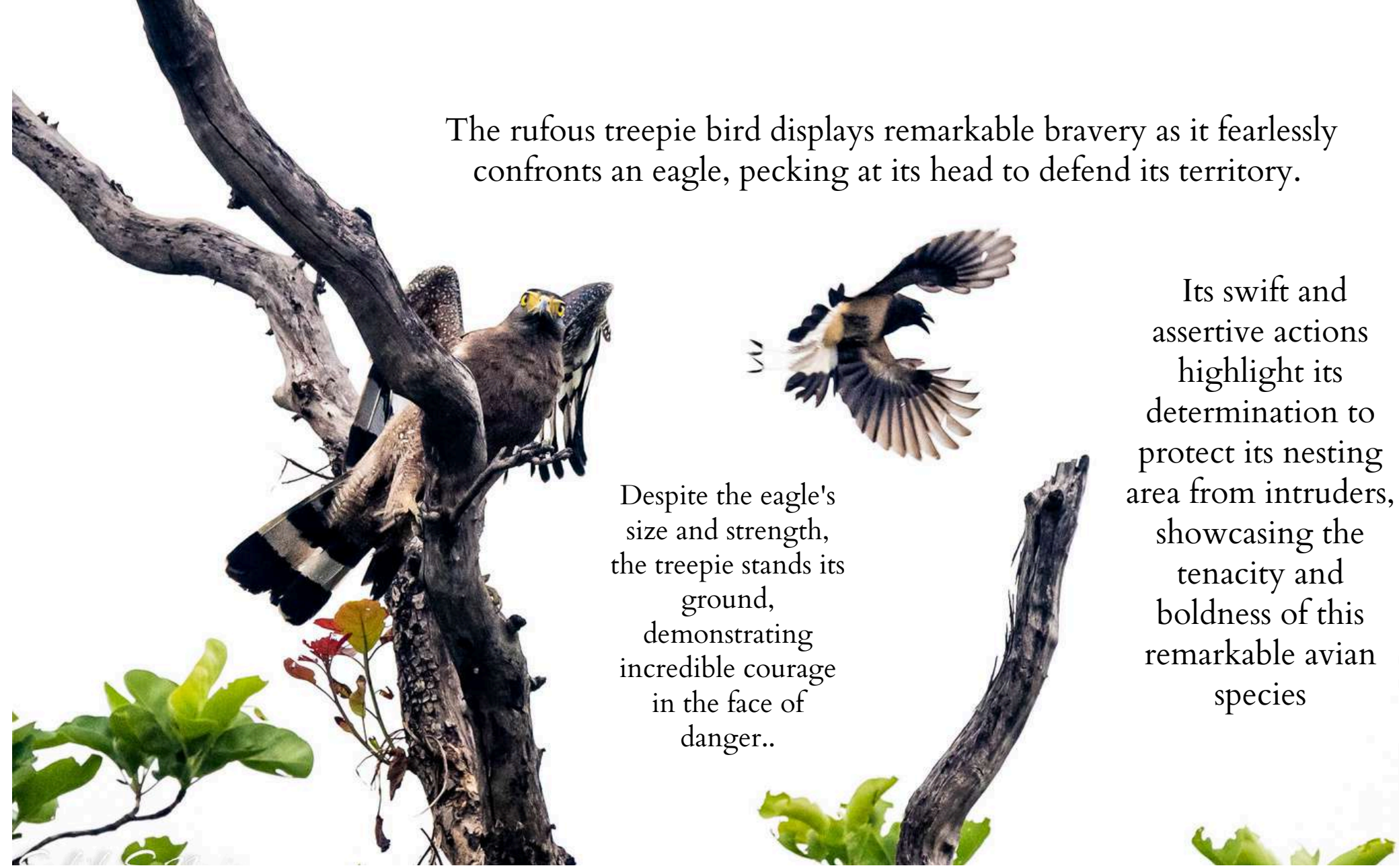
The Common Flameback woodpecker may not be as common as its name seems to indicate.

It is harder to find than the Black-rumped Flameback and the Greater Flameback.

Males and females differ in the crest colour, as males have a bright red crest while females have a black crest with white streaks. Both sexes have a white supercilium, white cheek stripe, and white throat area, all separated by stripes of black, and they have a spotted black and white underside



The rufous treepie bird displays remarkable bravery as it fearlessly confronts an eagle, pecking at its head to defend its territory.



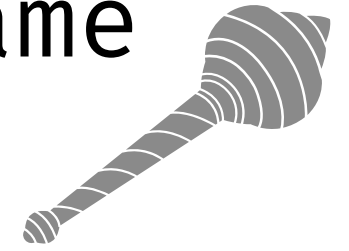
Despite the eagle's size and strength, the treepie stands its ground, demonstrating incredible courage in the face of danger..

Its swift and assertive actions highlight its determination to protect its nesting area from intruders, showcasing the tenacity and boldness of this remarkable avian species

The Rufous Treepie is called the Tooth Pick bird of the Tiger.
Or,
Would you call it the Dentist.
Hard to believe but it's true.



Bengal Hanuman langurs take their name from the Hindu god Hanuman.



The gray, or Hanuman, langur of the Indian subcontinent is almost black when newborn and gray, tan, or brown as an adult.



langurs love eating leaves. This means there is lots of gas in their intestines.

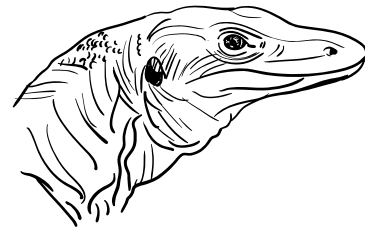


A langur's alarm call signals the presence of predators, alerting other animals to potential danger in the vicinity.

By listening for these calls, guides pinpoint the predator's location and then zero down the location to observe the animal.



Monitors Lizards are the only reptiles other than snakes to possess forked tongues. Like snakes, this tongue shape allows for better accuracy in locating a prey's scent.



Monitors practice 'open pursuit' hunting instead of stalking and ambushing.



Komodo dragons and some monitor lizards can reproduce asexually.



Unlike most monitors, which have curved teeth to hold their prey, crocodile monitors have flat, serrated teeth for slicing and tearing meat

Scientific name: Varanus

Speed: 20 km/h (Maximum)

Class: Reptilia

Domain: Eukaryota

Family: Varanidae

Genus: Varanus; Merrem, 1820



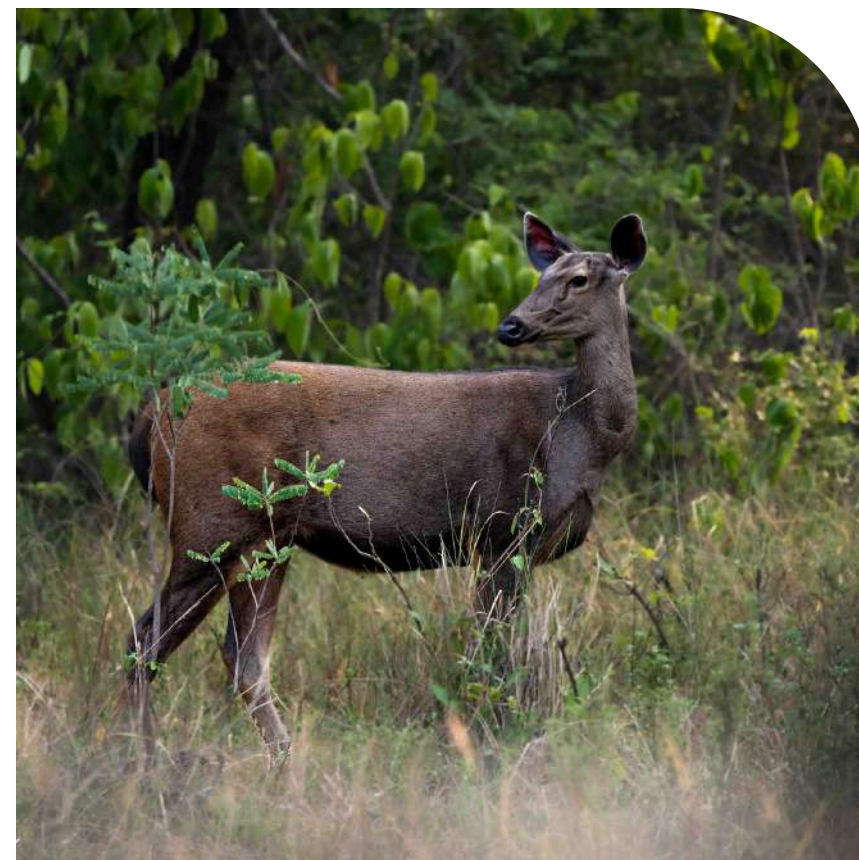
The nilgai, also known as the blue bull, is scientifically named *Boselaphus tragocamelus*

The nilgai stands 1–1.5 m at the shoulder; males weigh 109–288 kg, and the lighter females 100–213 kg

When chased, nilgai can run up to 48 kph (29 mph). Males compete with each other by using threatening posture displays and neck wrestling, sometimes leading to both males kneeling and lunging at each other with their horns.

Although nilgai are normally silent, scientists have recorded them roaring.

The nilgai is the largest antelope of Asia, and is ubiquitous across the northern Indian subcontinent.



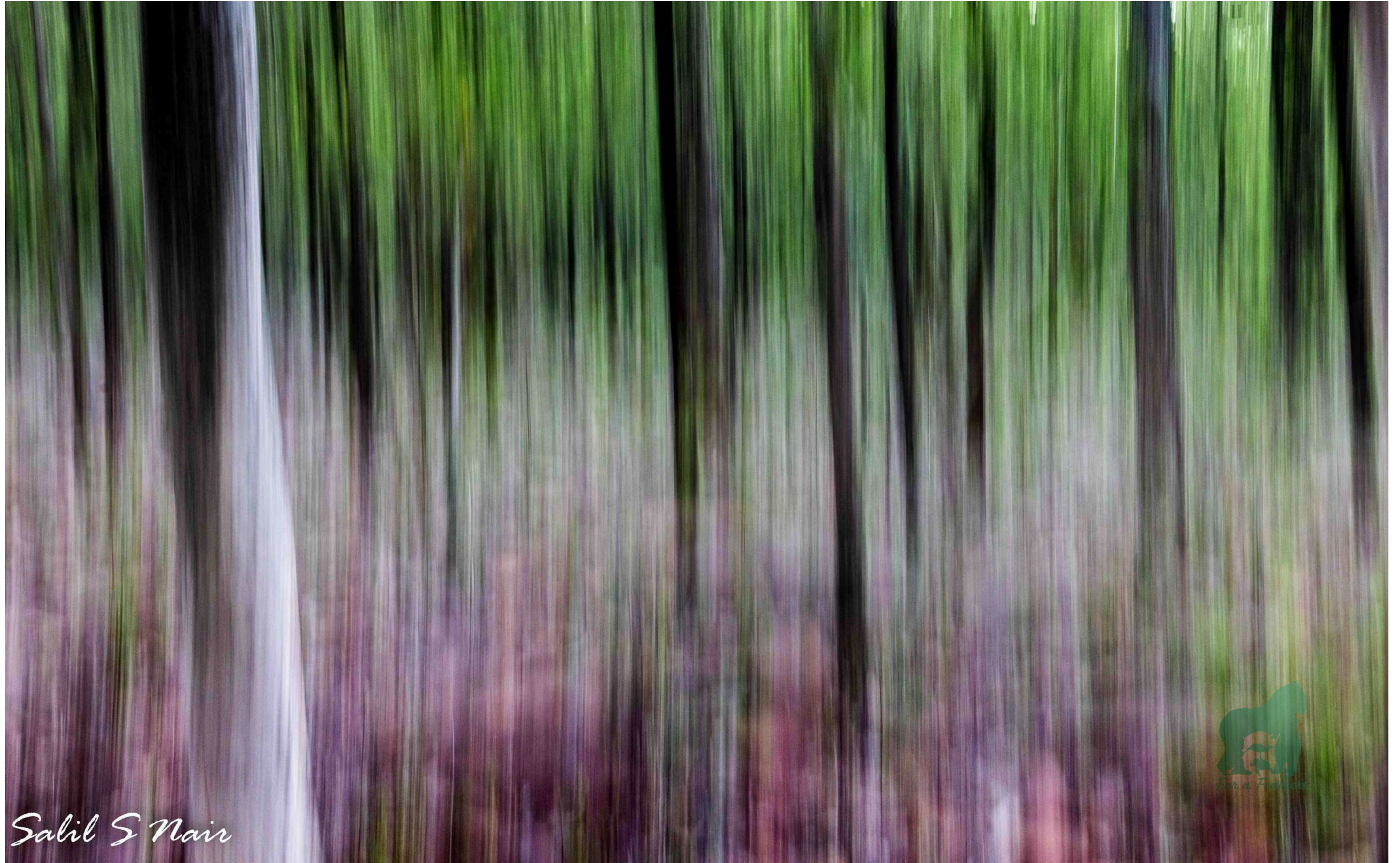
Sambar deer

Sambar males have majestic antlers that can exceed 40 inches in length; each antler has three tines (forks) with simple brow tines and fork-tipped beams.

Females typically give birth to one calf after a gestation period of about 8 months.

Calves are born with a spotted coat that fades with age

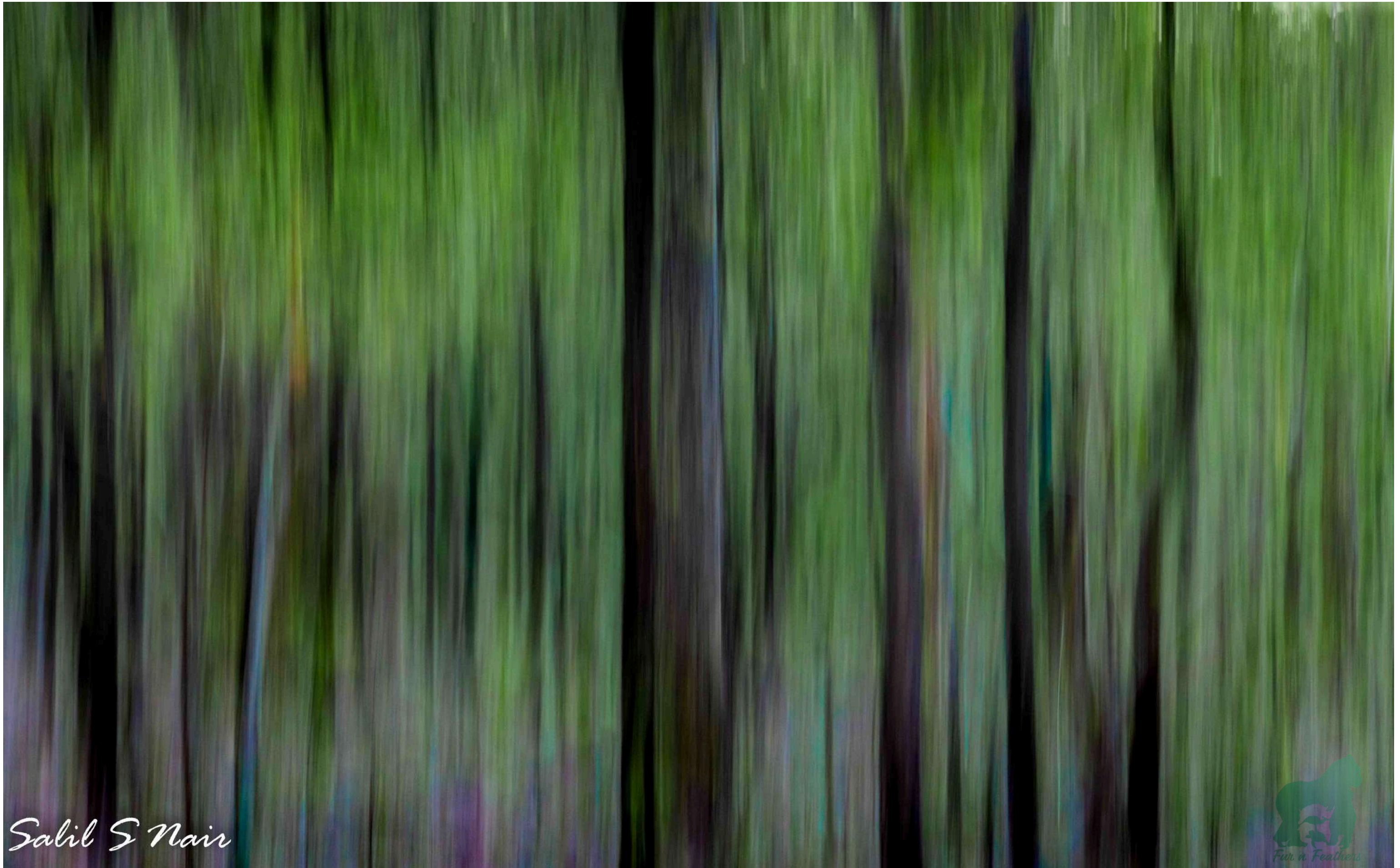
Abstracts transform a mere bunch of trees into a dynamic, swaying spectacle on paper.
Through fluid lines and vibrant hues, they capture the essence of movement and life.



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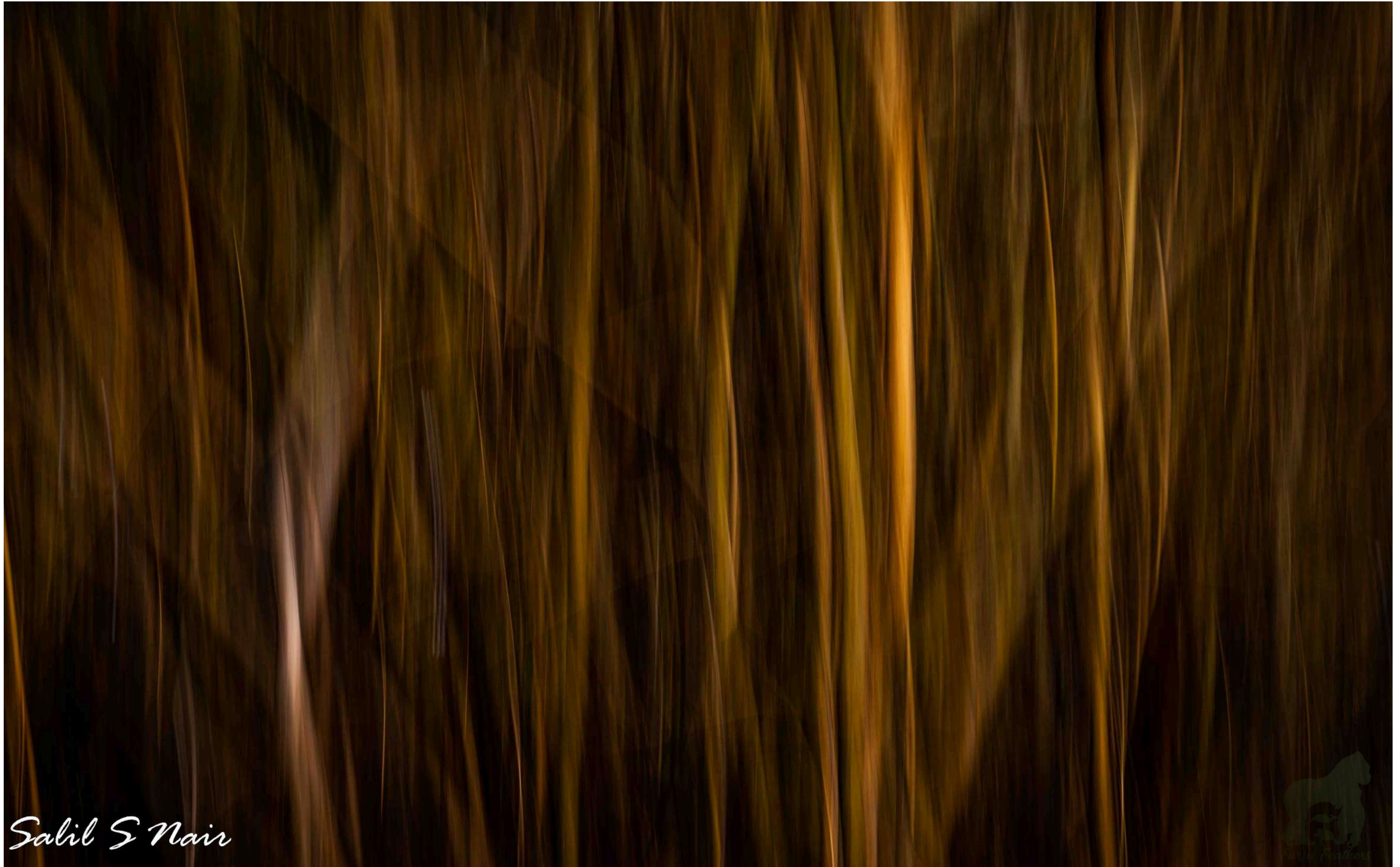
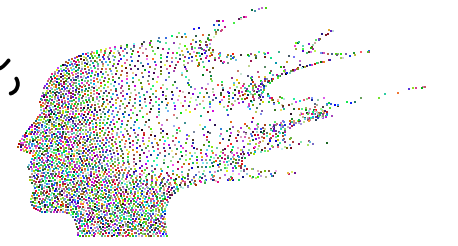
*This artistic interpretation allows viewers to feel the rhythmic dance of the trees,
bringing nature's vitality into vivid focus.*



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In the realm of abstracts, colors dance upon the canvas like whispers of a dream,
infusing static objects with a pulse of life.



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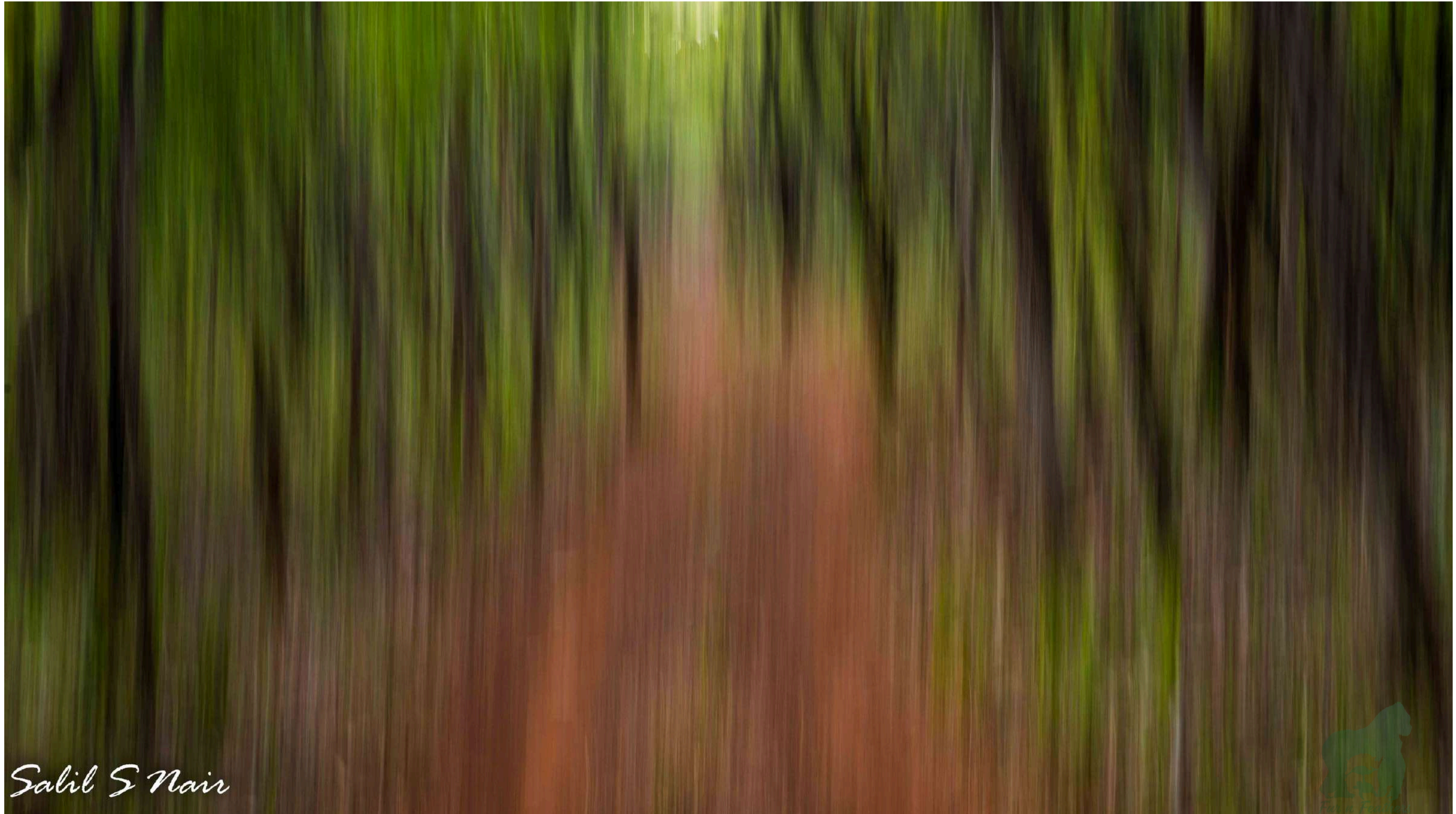
Abstracts offer a unique lens through which to view life, dissolving the boundaries of conventional reality. This artistic form challenges perceptions, encouraging a deeper, more introspective connection with the essence of existence and the beauty within the abstract chaos of life.

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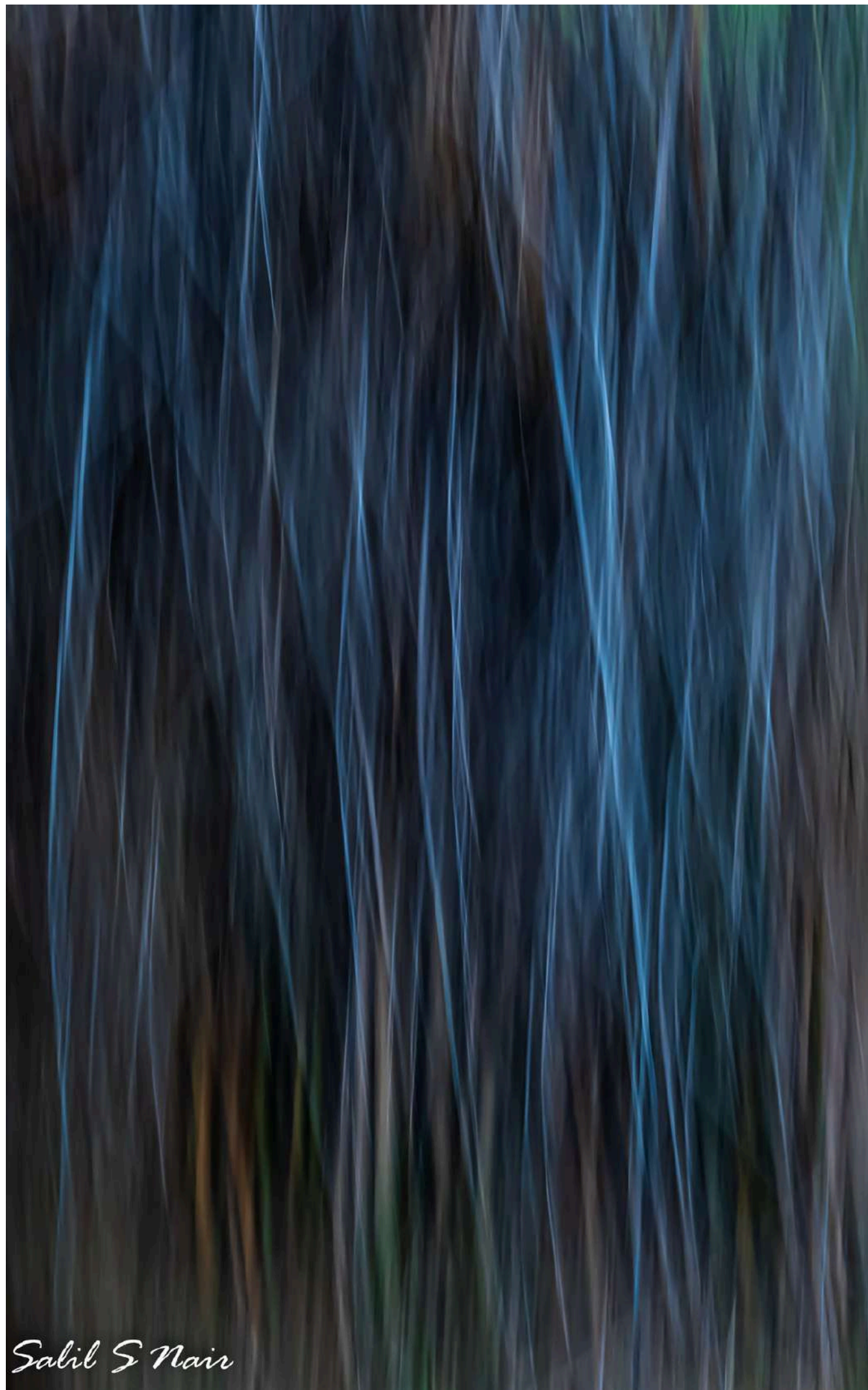
Abstracts strip away the literal, inviting the observer to delve into the realm of imagination and emotion.

Through the interplay of colors, shapes, and textures,
abstracts reveal hidden layers of meaning and evoke personal interpretations.

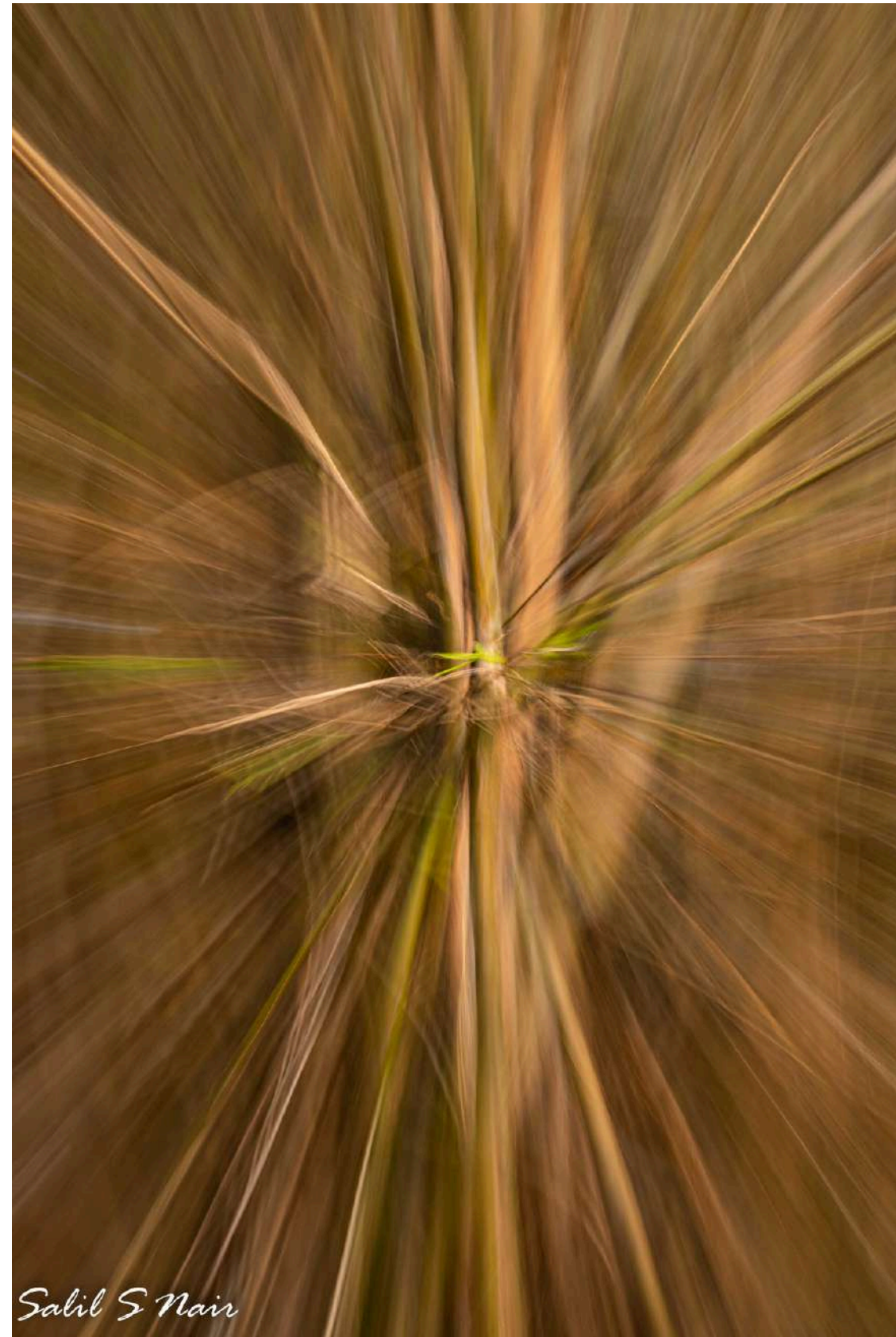


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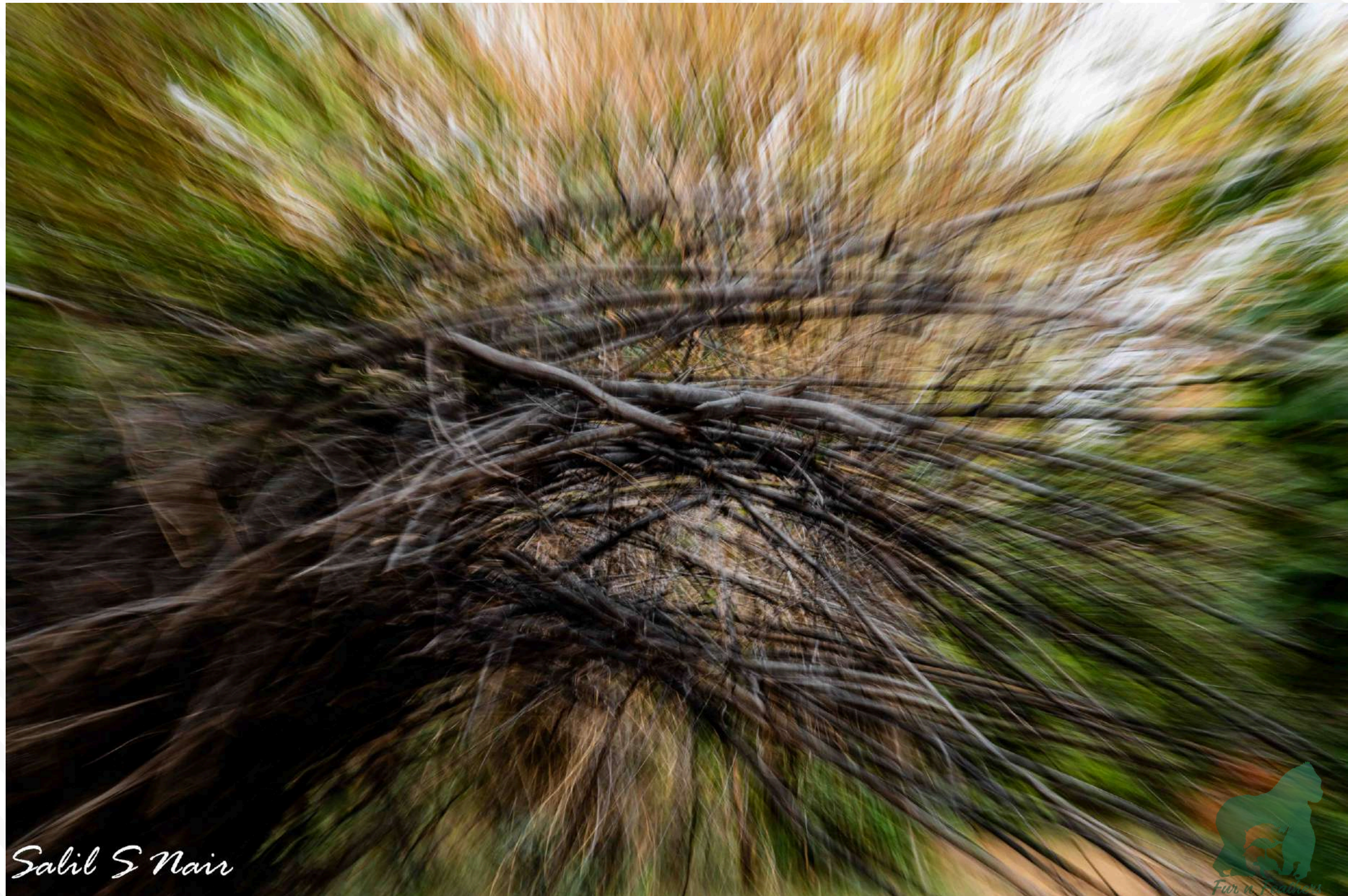
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Fur n Feathers

Hues intertwine
and cascade,
breathing
warmth into
stillness, and
coaxing form
from the void.
Each shade
sings its own
melody,
together
crafting a
symphony that
awakens the
soul of art,
transforming the
ordinary into a
vibrant tapestry
of emotion and
movement.

As bamboo grows densely, it creates an intricate chaos of intertwining stems and leaves. The tightly packed shoots form a maze of green, their rapid growth weaving a complex, almost impenetrable thicket.



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This verdant tangle exudes a wild energy, embodying nature's unchecked exuberance.



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My Dreamworld

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In the emerald depths where
shadows play,
The tiger strides, a king in
sway.

His gaze commands, his
presence grand,
A sovereign of this verdant
land.

With each soft step, the
forest bows,
A regal path where silence
vows.
Majestic, fierce, with eyes so
bright,
He rules the green with pure
delight.

Babli -T-158

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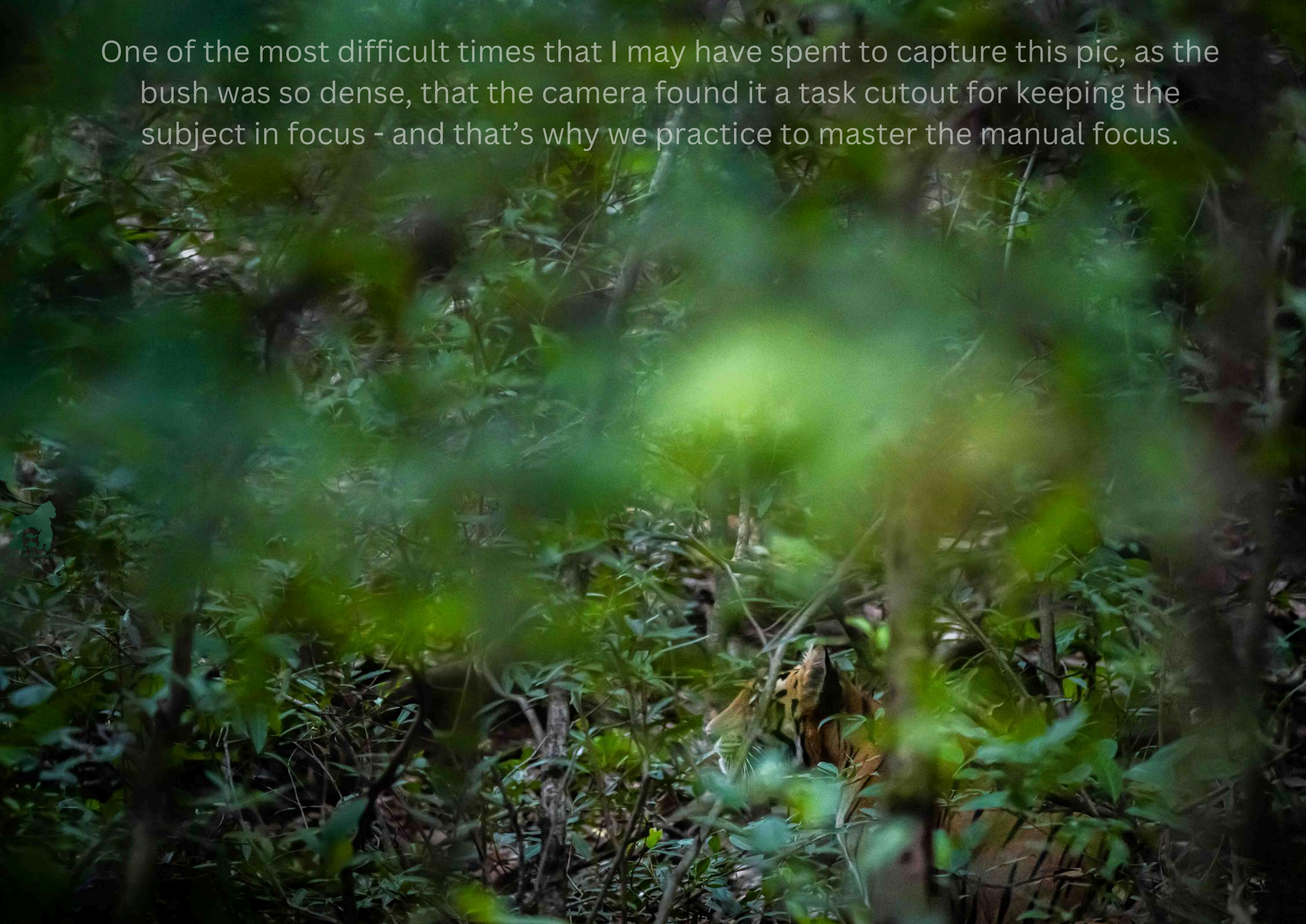
A tiger with orange fur and black stripes is lying down in a dense thicket of green foliage. The tiger is looking towards the right of the frame. The background is filled with various types of green leaves and grasses, creating a lush, natural setting. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the tiger's fur and the surrounding vegetation.

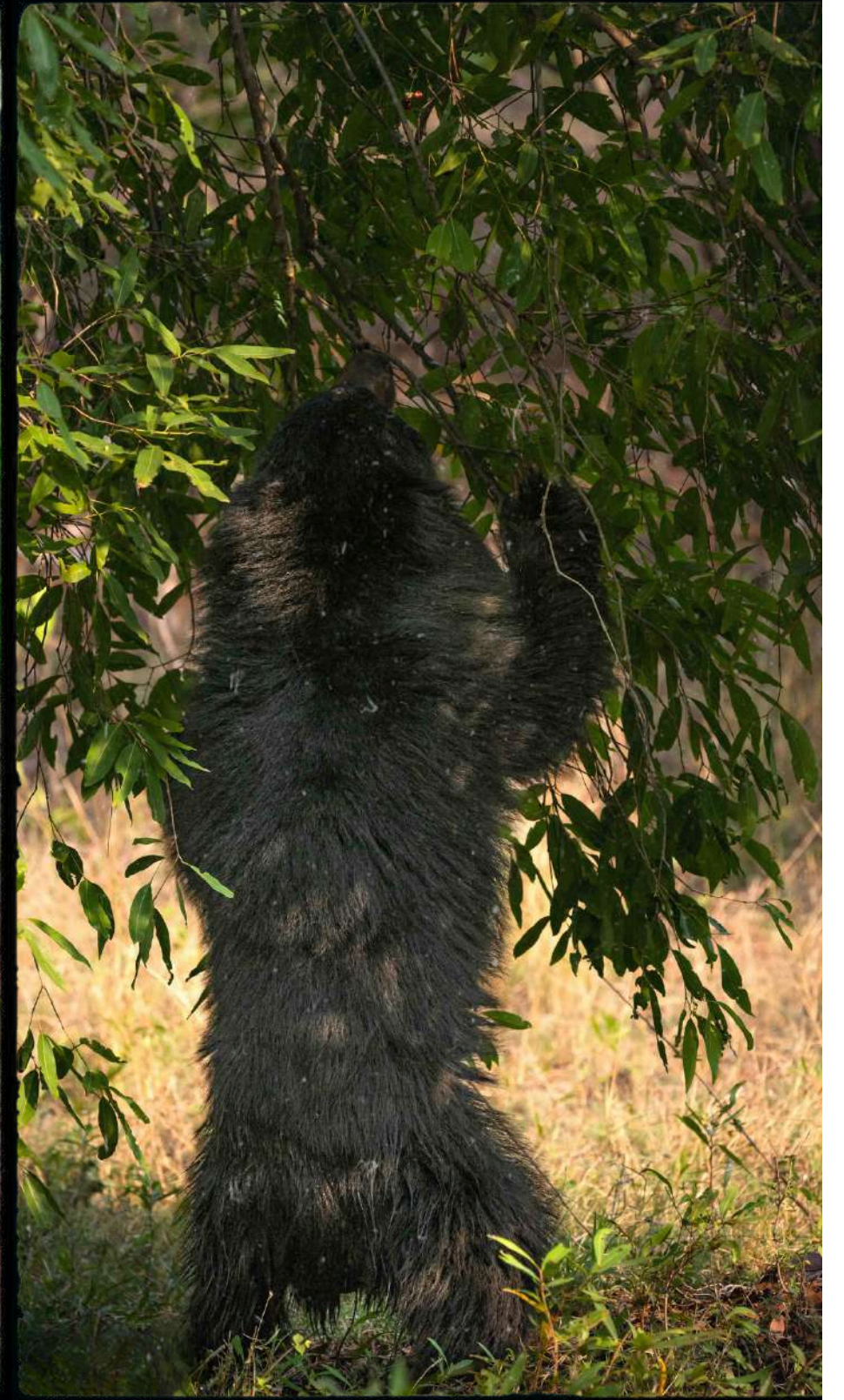
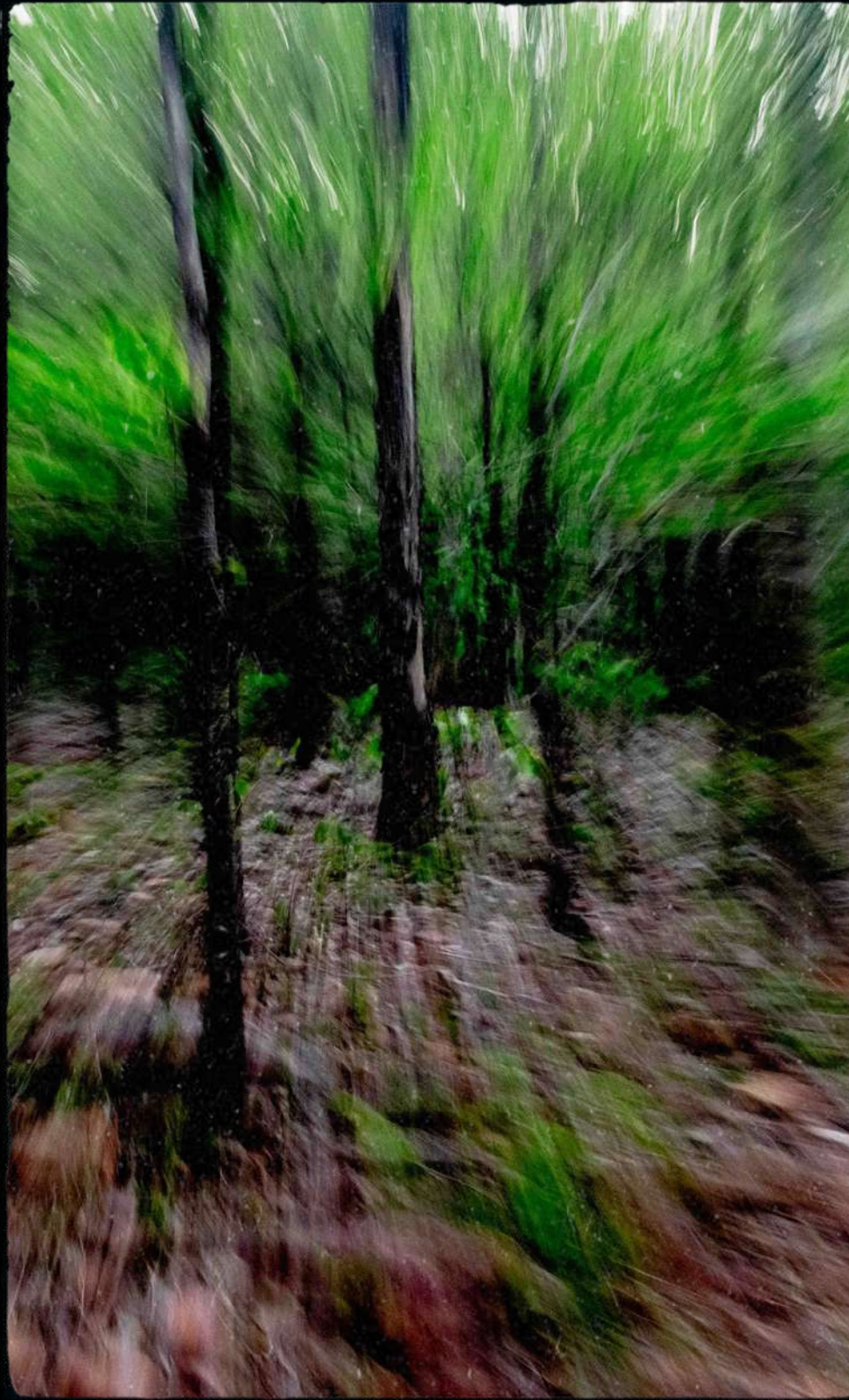
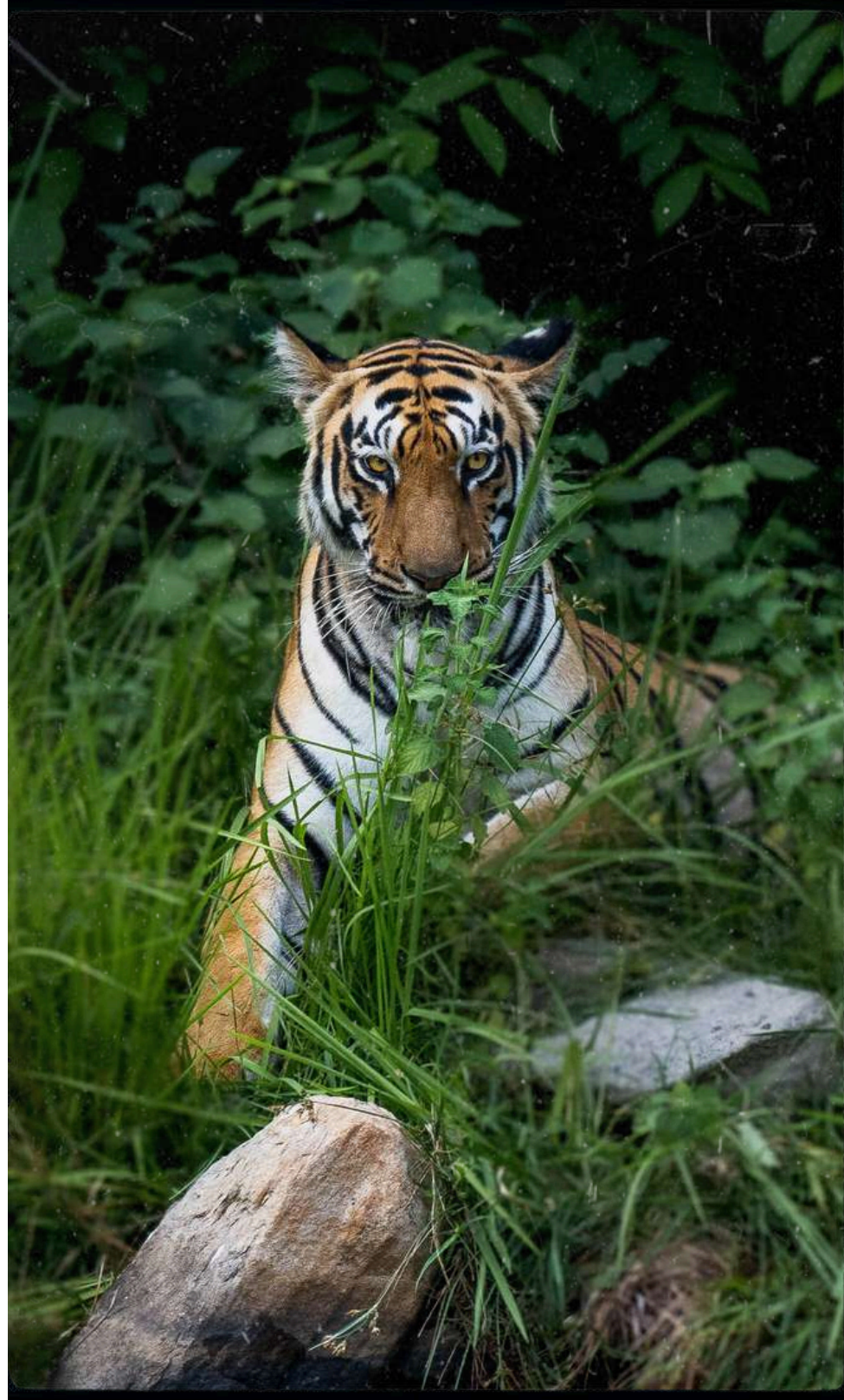
In the lush greenery of the monsoon, a majestic orange and black striped tiger stands out like a living masterpiece.

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One of the most difficult times that I may have spent to capture this pic, as the bush was so dense, that the camera found it a task cutout for keeping the subject in focus - and that's why we practice to master the manual focus.





It's rare to spot a Sloth Bear, on top of it if you get to photograph it with perfect eye contact, even more luckier, as these shy animals never lift their head while foraging for food. Being dark the light too matters a lot and hence this shot is one of my best in the last 10 years of wildlife photography

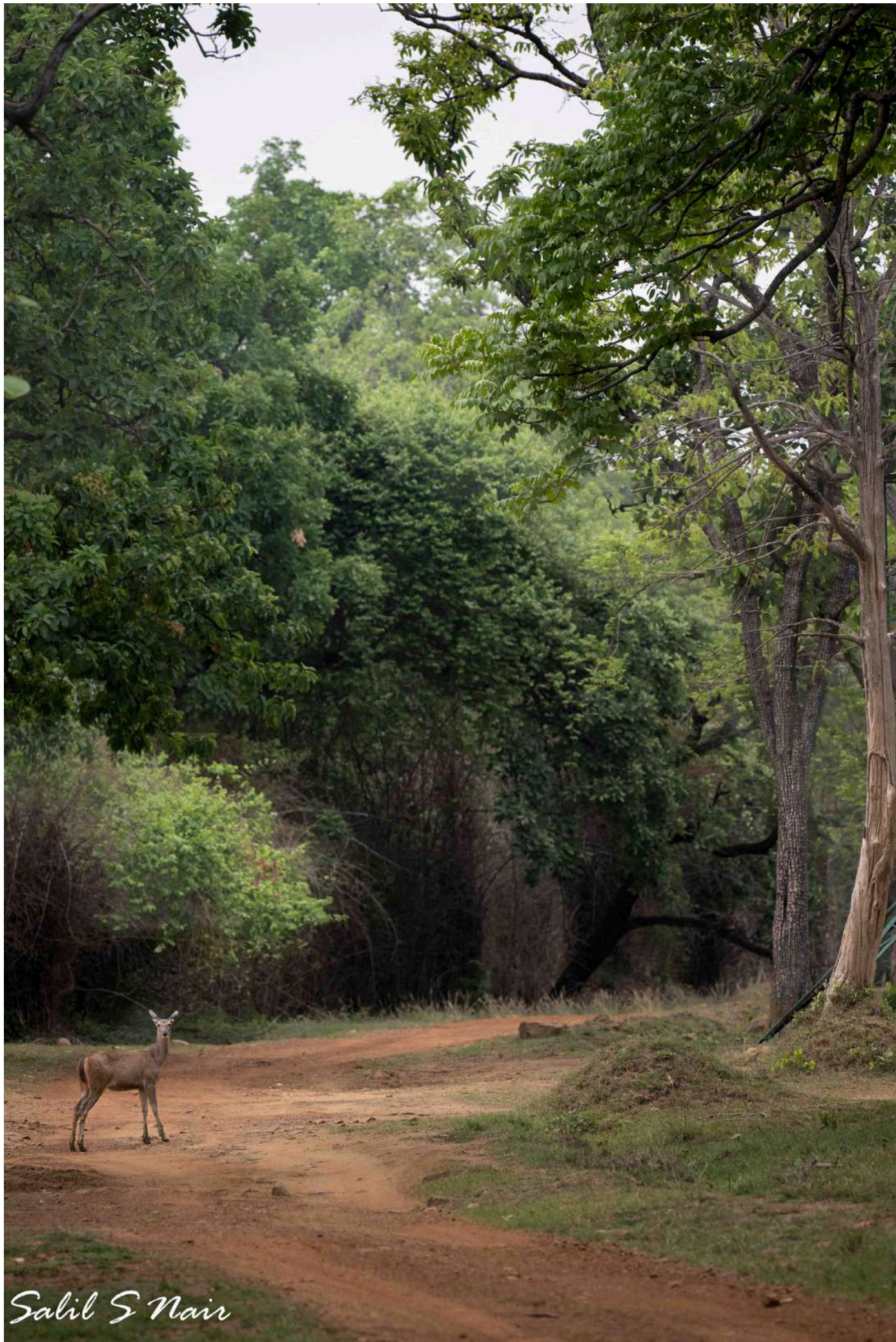
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We talk later, right now
Beary Busy



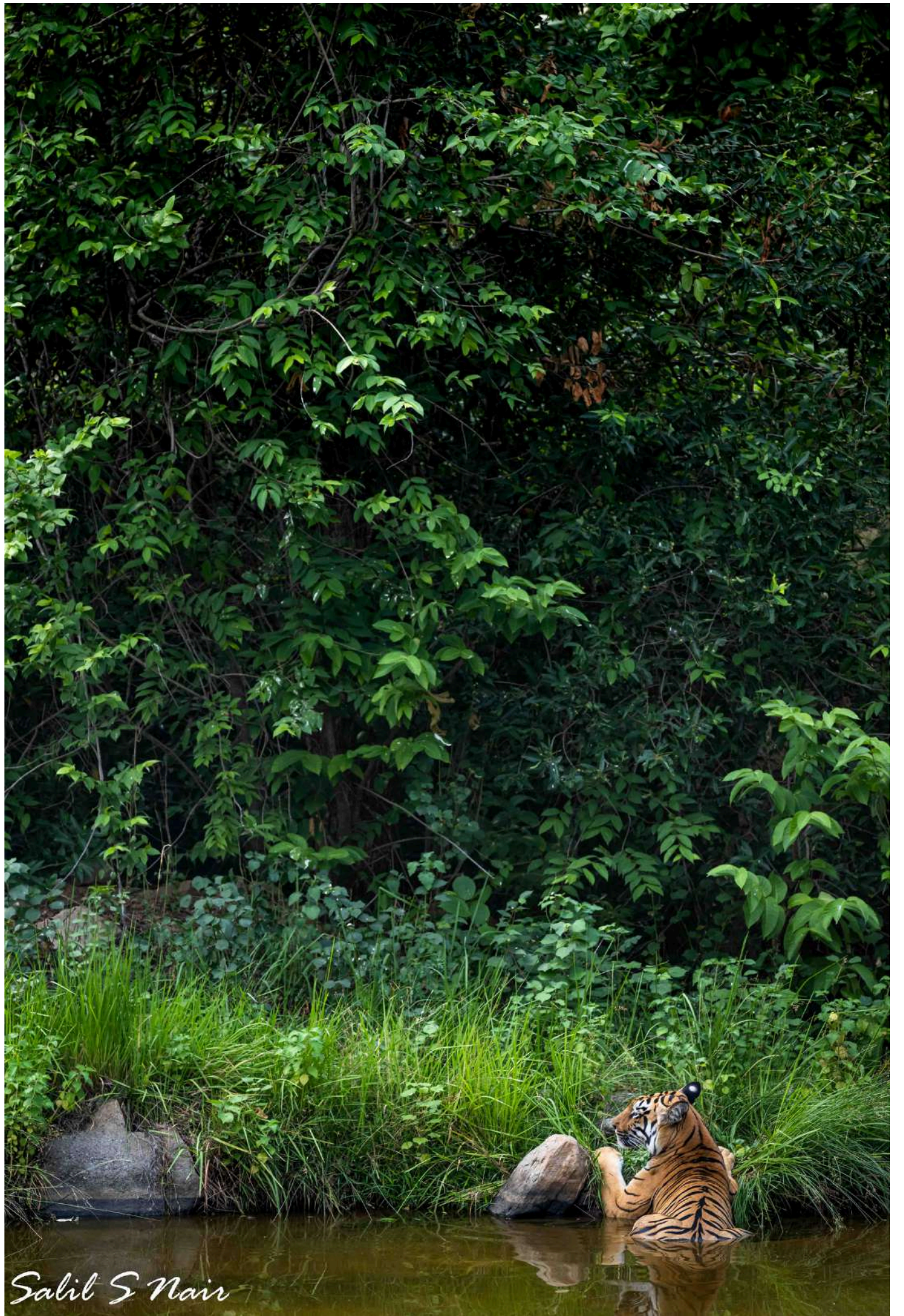
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Monsoon Magic

Exactly what Royalty looks like when Relaxing by the Pool



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It is only in still water that we can see



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Calm the mind, your answers are within the peace of silence



Babli T-158

Everyone wants to Eat, but few are willing to Hunt


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"Mirror, mirror, on the wall, who's the prettiest of them all? Oh wait, let me guess—you'll say it's someone with a filter, perfect lighting, and a team of stylists, right?"



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A tiger with orange fur and black stripes is lying on a concrete ledge next to a pond. The tiger is looking towards the camera. The pond's surface is calm, reflecting the tiger and the surrounding green foliage. The background is filled with dense green leaves and branches.

In the wild, where nature's
beauty lies,
Reflections dance beneath
open skies.
As Wildlife gazes in crystal
streams,
Their mirrored worlds are like
awaken dreams

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Tigers are one of the few big cats that genuinely love water. Unlike most of their feline relatives, tigers are strong swimmers and often cool off in streams, ponds, or lakes, especially in the hot climates of their natural habitats. Water provides relief from the heat, helps them regulate their body temperature, and serves as a refreshing escape from biting insects.



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Additionally, waterholes are prime hunting grounds, attracting prey such as deer and wild boar, making them strategic spots for tigers to stalk and ambush their next meal.

This unique affinity for water not only showcases the tiger's adaptability but also highlights their intelligence in utilizing their environment for both comfort and sustenance.

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Choti Tara T-7



A tender
moment
unfolds as a
tiny tiger
cub come to
find comfort
in his
mother's
touch.

 Choti Tara T-7

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Choti Tara with her new offspring

The Defining Moment of all
Safari's summed together



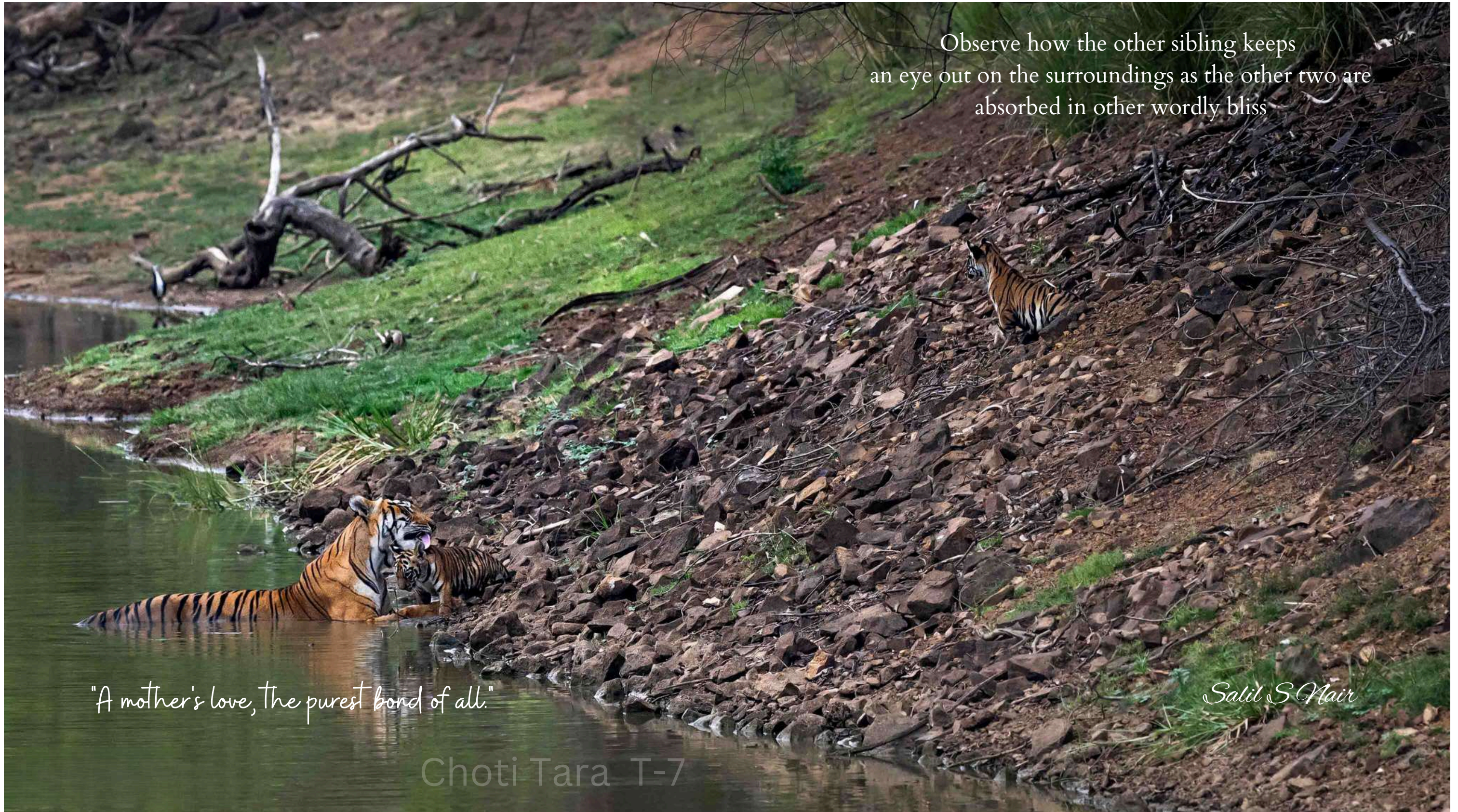
Choti Tara T-7

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With eyes that pierce the forest's veil,
Tigers tread the silent trail.
Every rustle, every sway,
They notice all, come night or day.



Alert and keen, they watch, they wait,
Masters of their stealthy fate.
In the wild, their gaze is fierce,
Observant tigers never miss



Observe how the other sibling keeps
an eye out on the surroundings as the other two are
absorbed in other worldly bliss

"A mother's love, the purest bond of all."

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Choti Tara T-7

The young cub tastes the very water which he will be the controller for the rest of his life,
if it comes to having dominance in the same area as that of his mother or sibling.



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Choti Tara T-7



Having his pail of heart and stomach filled with love and a tingle of taste buds on that pink tongue, the young one back into the oblivion of the jungle for safety.



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Choti Tara T-7

His mother - Choti Tara T-7, watches in pride, but deep down she knows that she will one day have to fight with the same little one for this prime property that she inherited in the same way where own blood flows freely like the lake that she rests in.

The jungle watches as the Tiger is on the move!!!!



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I still haven't found the right words to express this moment in time.



To put it in the correct perception, this is a Sub-adult male, not a fully grown tiger.
I Wonder how this beauty would look when it attains its beast mode.

"Forever Enchanted: Wishing to Live in This Dreamworld Eternally"

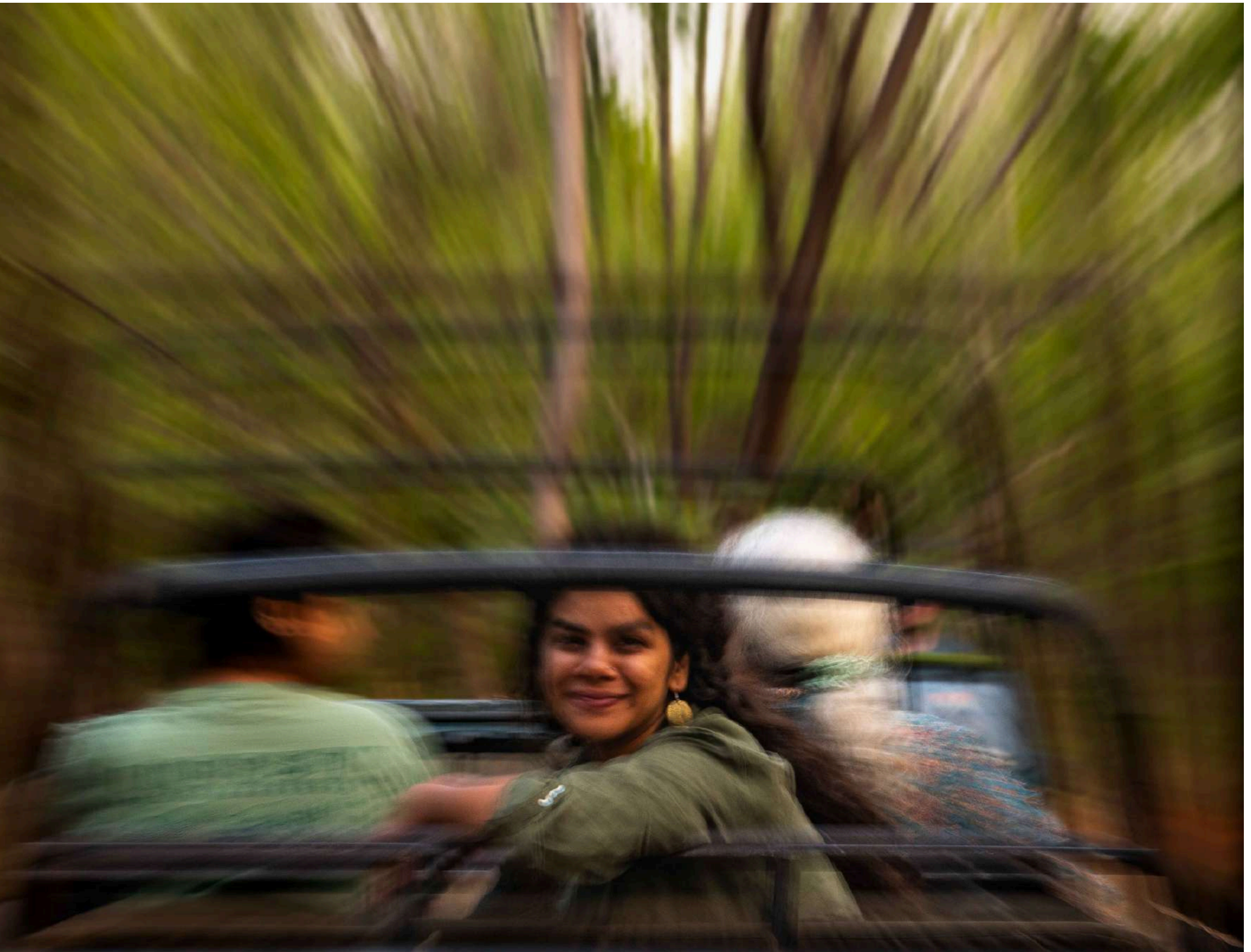
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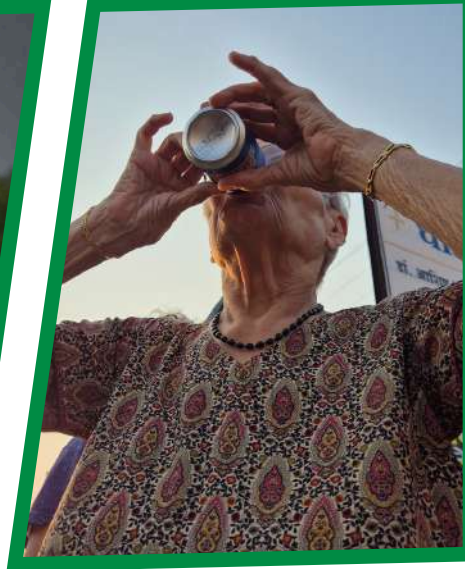
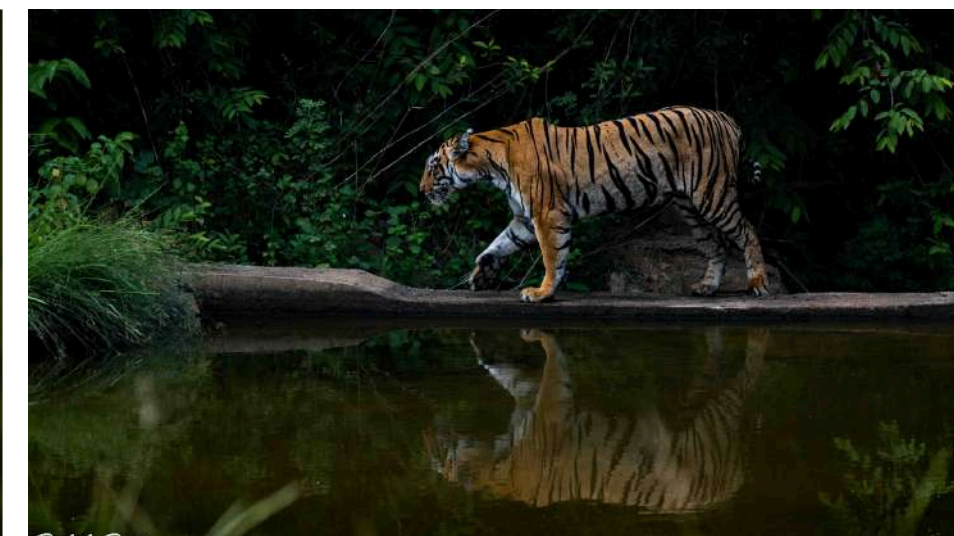
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Main ban ke morni naach uthi
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Tere naina, tere naina
Mere naino mein rang de
Aa rang de, haan rang de
Aa apni preet vich rang de



"Already Dreaming of the Next Adventure: Can't Wait for Another Wildlife Safari"





Dear Shahnaz,

We sincerely appreciate the opportunity
to serve you and your family.

Your meticulous planning and attention to detail
were truly impressive.

We also appreciate your flexibility as we explored
various options together.

Your enthusiasm for travel is contagious and
we look forward to the opportunity
to serve you and your family again soon.

Best regards,

Bhagyashri N.



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