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HAVE YOU HEARD THE STORY OF MAX?
(WHO WAS, BY THE WAY, CALLED 'THE LAST'?)

HE WASN'T SMART, NOR SHARP, NOR BRIGHT, HE HAD NO BIG HEART NOR WIDE SMILE — HE JUST ALWAYS GOT WHAT HE WANTED.

WHEN HE TURNED 10, HE ASKED FOR A SPECIAL PRESENT.

BUT,

WHAT HE WAS LONGING FOR WAS SIMPLY IMPOSSIBLE:

HE WANTED A selfie WITH
THE LAST LIVING ORANGUTAN.



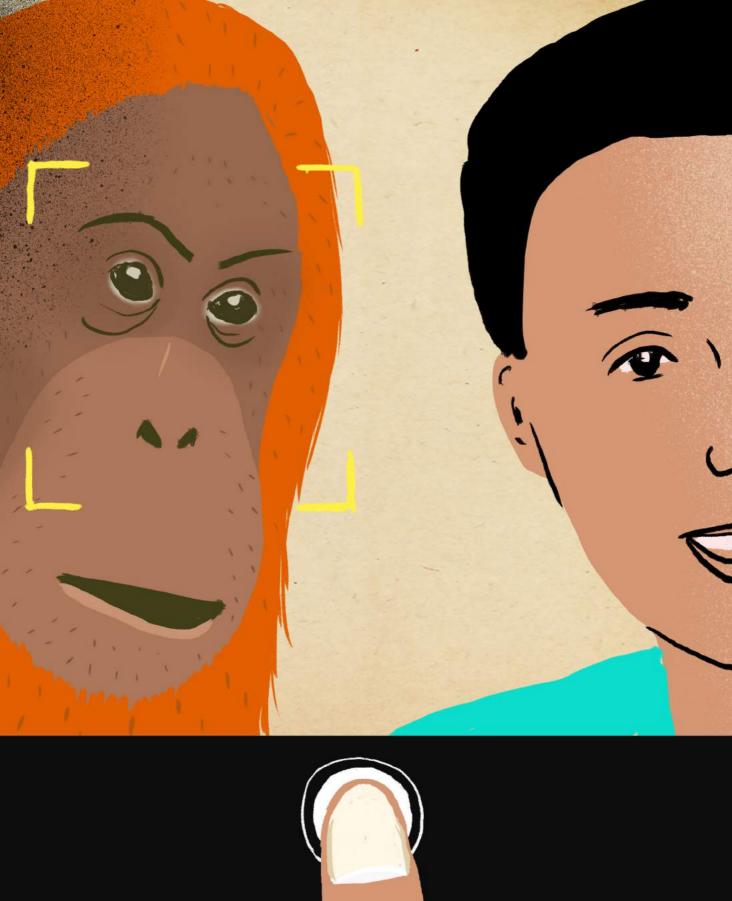
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"THERE'S **NOTHING** MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE HAPPINESS OF OUR CHILD"

- DAD DECLARED AS MOM SMILED.

THEN
DAD SMILED WATCHING MOMMY GLOW
'CAUSE HE'D FOUND PRECIOUS CONNECTIONS
TO THE PALM OIL INDUSTRY OF BORNEO.

AT LAST, THE PICTURE WAS TAKEN - AND SHARED.



AND THE **LONELY** ORANGUTAN? 9 DAYS PASSED, OR MAYBE 10, AND SHE WOKE UP, NEVER AGAIN.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT:
THERE WERE
NO MORE
ORANGUTANS LEFT ON EARTH.



"YOU'VE GONE TOO FAR" — MAX'S MOM REPLIED, BECAUSE FOR HIS 11<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY, MAX NAMED SOMETHING REALLY WILD:

HE WANTED TO SWIM WITH THE VERY LAST HAMMERHEAD SHARK.



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LUCKILY, MOM KNEW SOMEBODY - WHO KNEW SOMEBODY.

AND MAX SWAM ("THANKS MOTHER!"), LIKE NO OTHER.



EMO



FUN



DRAMA



MOODY



WHAT HAPPENED TO THE SOLITARY SHARK?

AFTER MILLIONS AND MILLIONS OF YEARS IT WAS GONE, DISAPPEARED FROM THE SEAS.

THAT'S IT:
DON'T LOOK FOR ANY MORE
LIVING HAMMERHEAD SHARKS.



"OH, NO!"—THE UNCLES **CRIED** AND THE AUNTIES SIGHED. FOR HIS 12<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION, MAX SCREAMED FOR A MAGNIFICENT GIFT, WHICH WAS BEYOND THE CRAZIEST IMAGINATION:

HE WANTED A RIDE ON THE EARTH'S VERY **LAST** ELEPHANT.





BUT **EVERYBODY** KNEW: IT WAS 'NOW OR NEVER'. SO ALL OF THE FAMILY MEMBERS HAD TO HELP: ONE COUSIN WAS RICH, THE OTHER WAS CLEVER.

IN THE END, THROUGH TEARS, SWEAT AND PAIN, THEY DISCOVERED A DISTANT RELATIVE IN THE SERENGETI PLAIN.

AND FINALLY, MAX GOT WHAT HE WANTED. (UNEXPECTED BONUS: HE BECAME FAMOUS.)



# THE LAST KID WHO RODE AN ELEPHANT

AND THE BEAUTIFUL CREATURE?

WITH EMPTINESS IN HER EYES,
THE ELEPHANT COMES, BOWS — AND DIES.

JUST THINK ABOUT IT:
NO ELEPHANTS WILL BE BORN ON EARTH ANYMORE.



OOA

AFTER A BORING YEAR
(12 TERRIBLE MONTHS, OH DEAR),
AS MAX TURNED 13,
SOMETHING HAPPENED, SOMETHING HE'D NEVER SEEN:

I WANT A TIGER THIS YEAR!

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A RHINO THEN.

LONG GONE...

A GIRAFFE?

THAT TOO...

BUT A BLUE WHALE..???

SORRY, MAX.

AND IT WAS THE MOST HORRIBLE TIME HE EVER HAD: MAX, THE LAST, FELT REALLY (REALLY)

SAD.

NOT BECAUSE HE DIDN'T GET WHAT HE WANTED.
BUT BECAUSE MAX, TO THE BONE,
FELT EXTREMELY

ALONE.



#### Message to the reader:



DON'T WORRY, THIS WAS JUST A TALE:
THESE ANIMALS ARE STILL WITH US.
BUT THEY ARE IN SERIOUS

#### DANGER.

THOUSANDS OF ANIMAL SPECIES ARE ENDANGERED: WITHOUT **OUR HELP**, THEY COULD DISAPPEAR FOREVER.

## HOW MANY ORANGUTANS ARE LEFT IN THE WORLD? Q TIGERS CHIMPANZEES

WHY ARE AFRICAN ELEPHANTS ENDANGERED?

SEA LIONS
GALAPAGOS PENGUINS

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP HAMMERHEAD SHARKS? Q

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