

## Year 3

Two men walk into the rain forest.

Moments before the forest is alive with sounds of squawking birds and howling monkeys. Now all is quiet as the creatures watch the two men and wonder why they come.

The larger man stops and points to a great Kapok Tree. Then he leaves.

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## Year 4

A boa constrictor lives in the Kapok tree. He slithers down its trunk to where the man sleeps. He looks at the gash the axe had made in the tree. Then the huge snake slides very close to the man and hisses in his ear: "Senhor, this tree is a tree of miracles. It is my home, where generations of my ancestors live. Do not chop it down."

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## Year 5

The smaller man takes an axe he carries and strikes the trunk of the tree. Whack! Whack! Whack! The sounds of the blows ring through the forest. The wood of the tree is very hard. Chop! Chop! Chop! The man wipes off the sweat that runs down his face and neck. Whack! Chop! Whack! Chop!

Soon the man grows tired. He sits down to rest at the foot of the great Kapok tree. Before he knows it, the heat and hum of the forest lulls him to sleep.

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