

# Sammy's School of Sloths

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**Message for  
parents & caregivers:**

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**Hi everyone, I'm Sammy!**  
**I'm going to tell you some really cool**  
**stuff about sloths.**





**Did you know that sloths live in  
Central and South America?**





**To regulate our body temperature,  
we must live in warmer climates.**

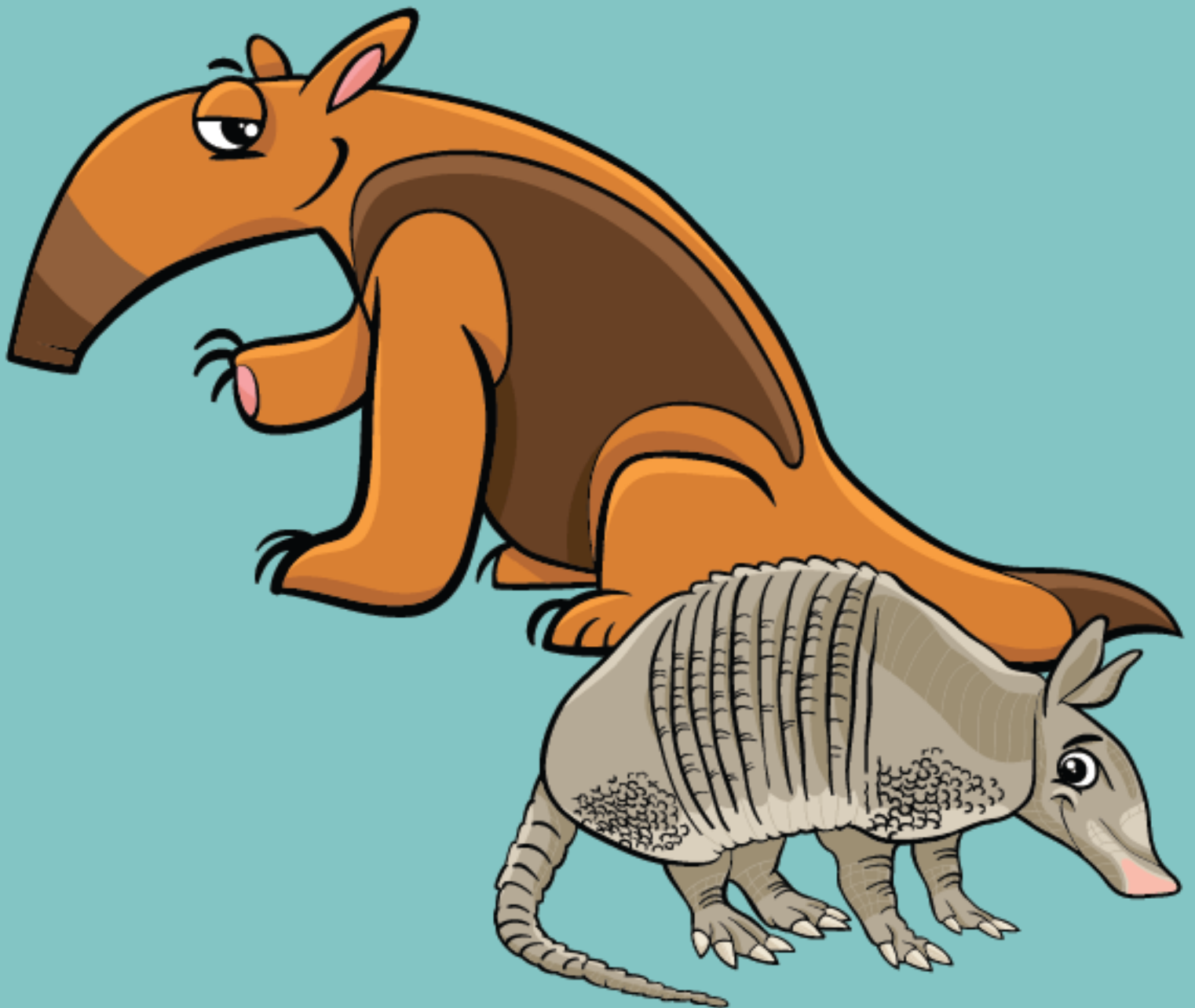
**If we lived in cooler climates,  
we would get really cold.**

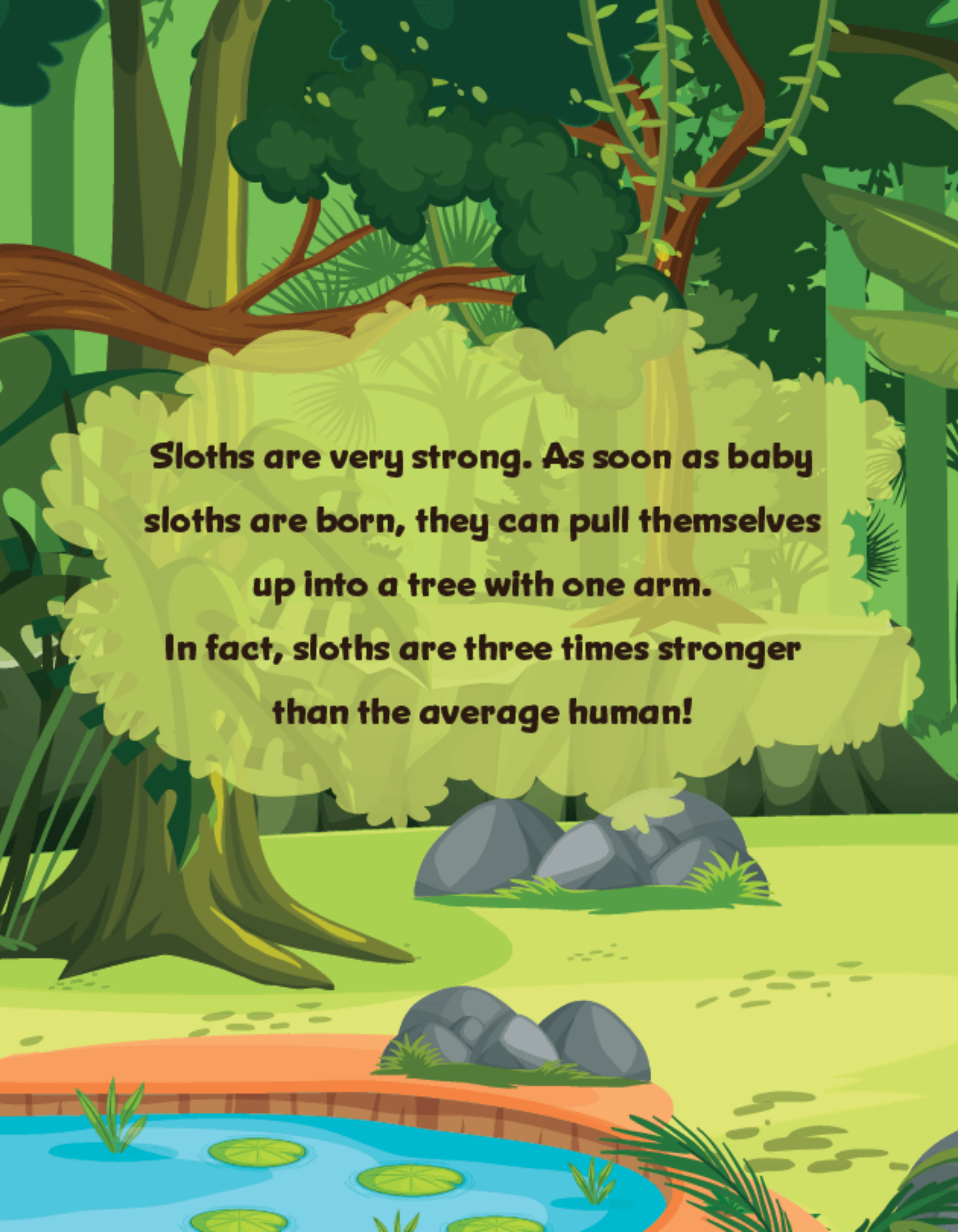
**Sloths live in trees like monkeys,**



**but we are actually more closely  
related to armadillos and anteaters!**

**Can you believe that?**





**Sloths are very strong. As soon as baby sloths are born, they can pull themselves up into a tree with one arm.**

**In fact, sloths are three times stronger than the average human!**







**Did you know we also have one extra vertebra in our necks? This gives us the ability to turn our heads almost all the way around!**





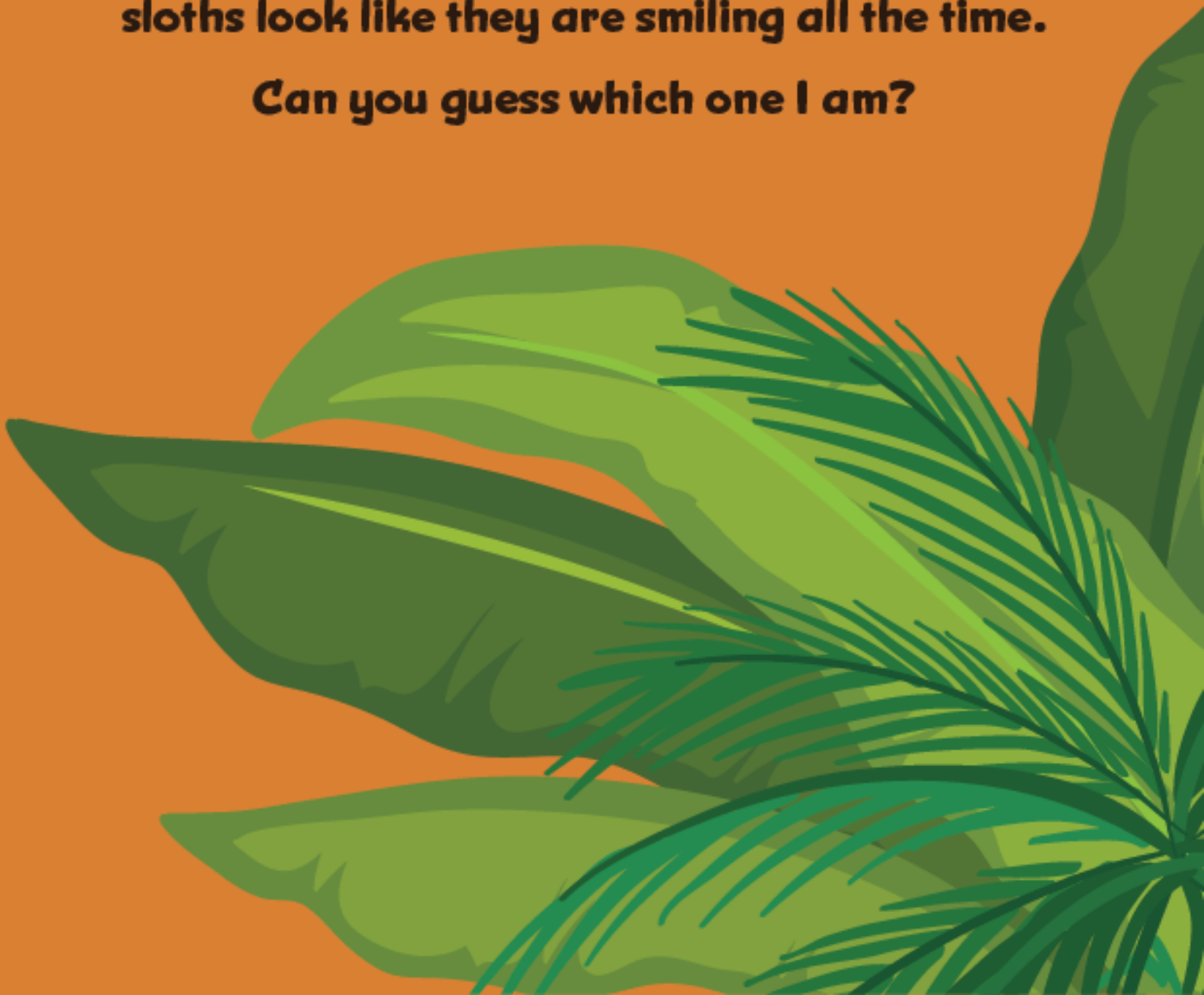



**There are two main species of sloths,  
the three-toed sloth and the two-toed sloth.**

**Two-toed sloths are a little bigger.**

**Because of the color of their fur, three-toed  
sloths look like they are smiling all the time.**

**Can you guess which one I am?**





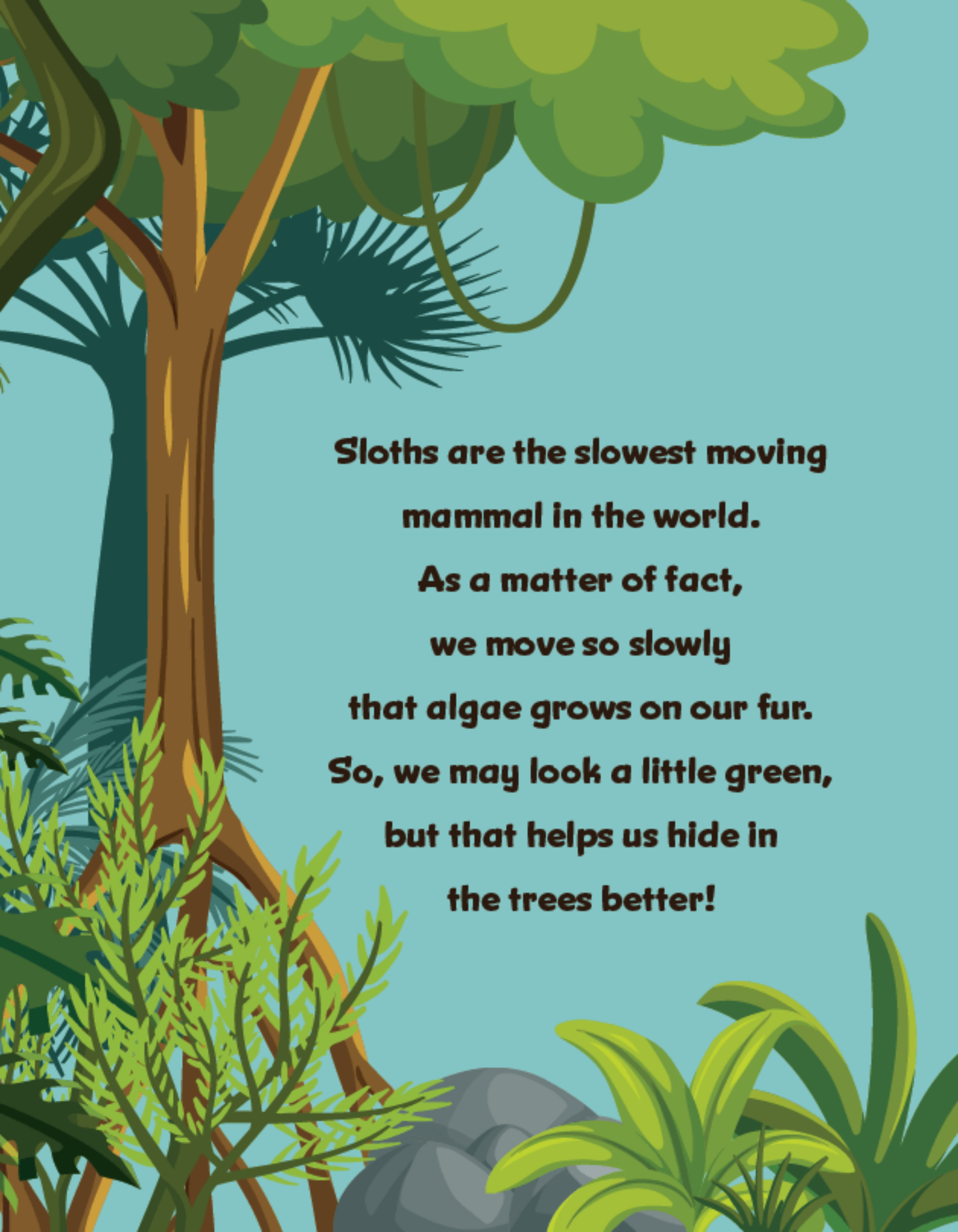
**Sloths have very long claws that  
make it hard to walk on the ground  
but help us move through  
trees and water.**












**Sloths are the slowest moving  
mammal in the world.  
As a matter of fact,  
we move so slowly  
that algae grows on our fur.  
So, we may look a little green,  
but that helps us hide in  
the trees better!**



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**Sloths can live for a very long time,  
but we have to watch out for predators -  
especially jaguars and ocelots.**

**One sloth in a zoo in Germany  
lived to be 50 years old, but we can  
live even longer in the wild!**

**Can you find  
these animals in the  
word search puzzle?**

SLOTH

TARANTULA

CROCODILE

TORTOISE

SAILFISH

ANTEATER

DOLPHINS

CAPYBARA

QUETZAL

PIRANAH

KINKAJOU

PELICAN

IGUANA

TOUCAN

MANATEE

JAGUAR

MONKEY

COATIMUNDI

LLAMA

MACAW

**(Answers can be found inside the back cover.)**





**Sloths are pretty shy,  
and we get stressed out  
by people.**

**So, if you see us in the wild,  
please keep your distance.**


**How many Sammys can  
you find in the jungle?**







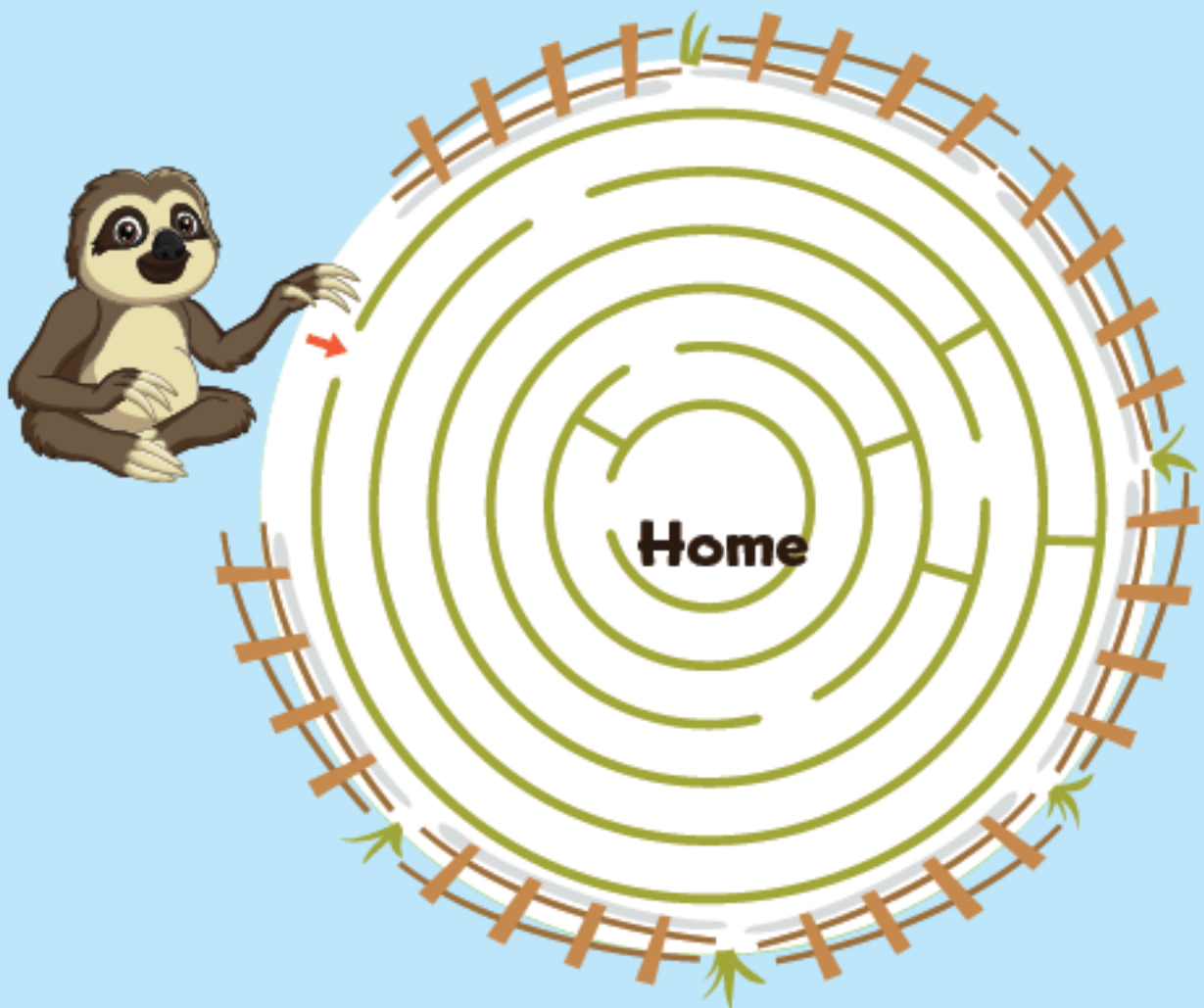
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A cartoon illustration of a brown sloth with a light-colored belly, sitting on a green grassy mound. The sloth has large, white claws and a friendly expression. To its left is a large green banana tree with several bunches of yellow bananas hanging from its trunk. The background features a light blue sky with two white, fluffy clouds. Various green plants and ferns are scattered around the sloth.

**Thanks for letting me  
school you about sloths!**

**The End.**

# Can you help Sammy find his way home?



## Word Search Answers

P	W	I	S	N	I	G	T	X	M	I	P	M	M	P
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