

There was once a peaceful kingdom in a great river on the wild island of Kalimantan. All the river animals lived happily. There were a rich variety of creatures there such as catfish, carp, alligator gar and many more. They had a wise crocodile king to thank for the peaceful, undisturbed life. The crocodile king had a beautiful queen and an adorable young prince. The crocodile king also had a trustworthy advisor and best friend, the python.



**Mirror,
Mirror
on the River**

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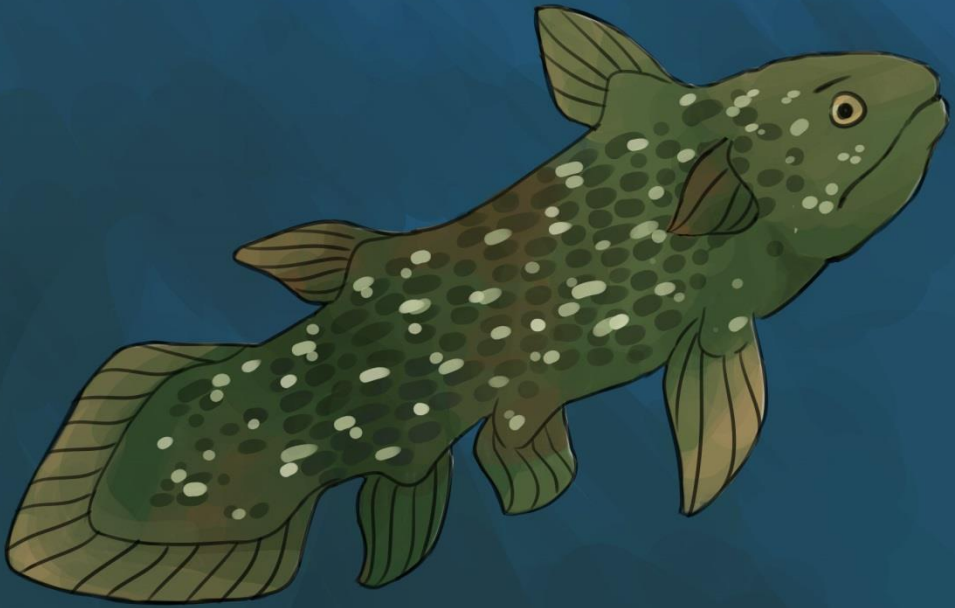
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One day, Bekantan Monkey was relaxing in his tree spot in the forest of South Kalimantan. Suddenly, he heard a soft voice, “Tra...La...La.....La.....” It was the humming of Yellow Muntjac Deer.

Just as the deer was skipping happily, a very loud laugh cut through the tranquil forest “HA, HA, HA, HA! You look very weird!” It was the monkey’s laugh. “How do you even walk on those four tiny legs of yours?! Your legs are so skinny that they look like sticks!!”

The deer looked at the monkey and felt puzzled.

The Coelacanth & the Enchanted Pearl



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Near the North Sulawesi Island, there lived a gloomy coelacanth fish named Lala. She was a rare sea creature and has had a lonely life since she was born. At first, humans thought that the coelacanth fish was extinct, until some scientists found the coelacanth fish and named them the “living fossil” based on the way they evolved and survived to avoid extinction. Now there was only a small population of coelacanths. That was why it was hard for Lala to find friends from same species.