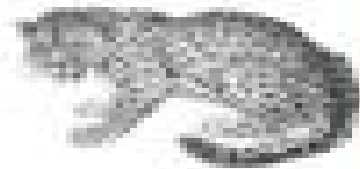


# The Great Kapok Tree:

A Tale of the  
Amazon Rain Forest



For centuries, men had cleared forests and thoughtlessly destroyed forests without realizing the harm this caused. Only slowly did the importance of forest creatures appear, brought to light by those who valued the life that trees provide.



In the book, a man is hired to chop down a kapok tree, one of the largest and most important in the entire forest. After just a few chops, the head of the tree falls and the wisdom of his advice is shown out-and he lies down to sleep. One by one, the different creatures of the forest change from his mind and begin to realize the importance of the tree, asking him to spare it and warning him those who need it—each warning in his own about the terrible consequences of being in "a world without trees".

When the men leave and discover all the wildlife they destroyed around him, the forest birds and "speak out of the rain forest."