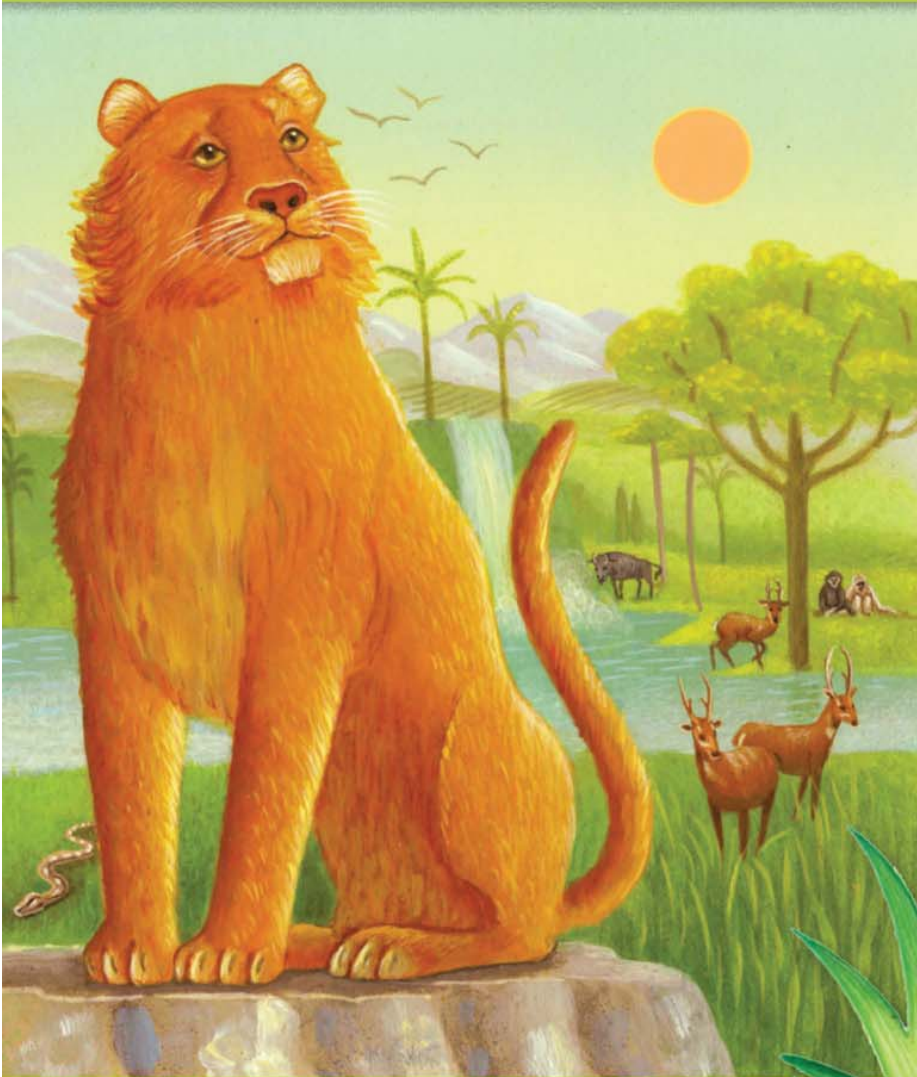
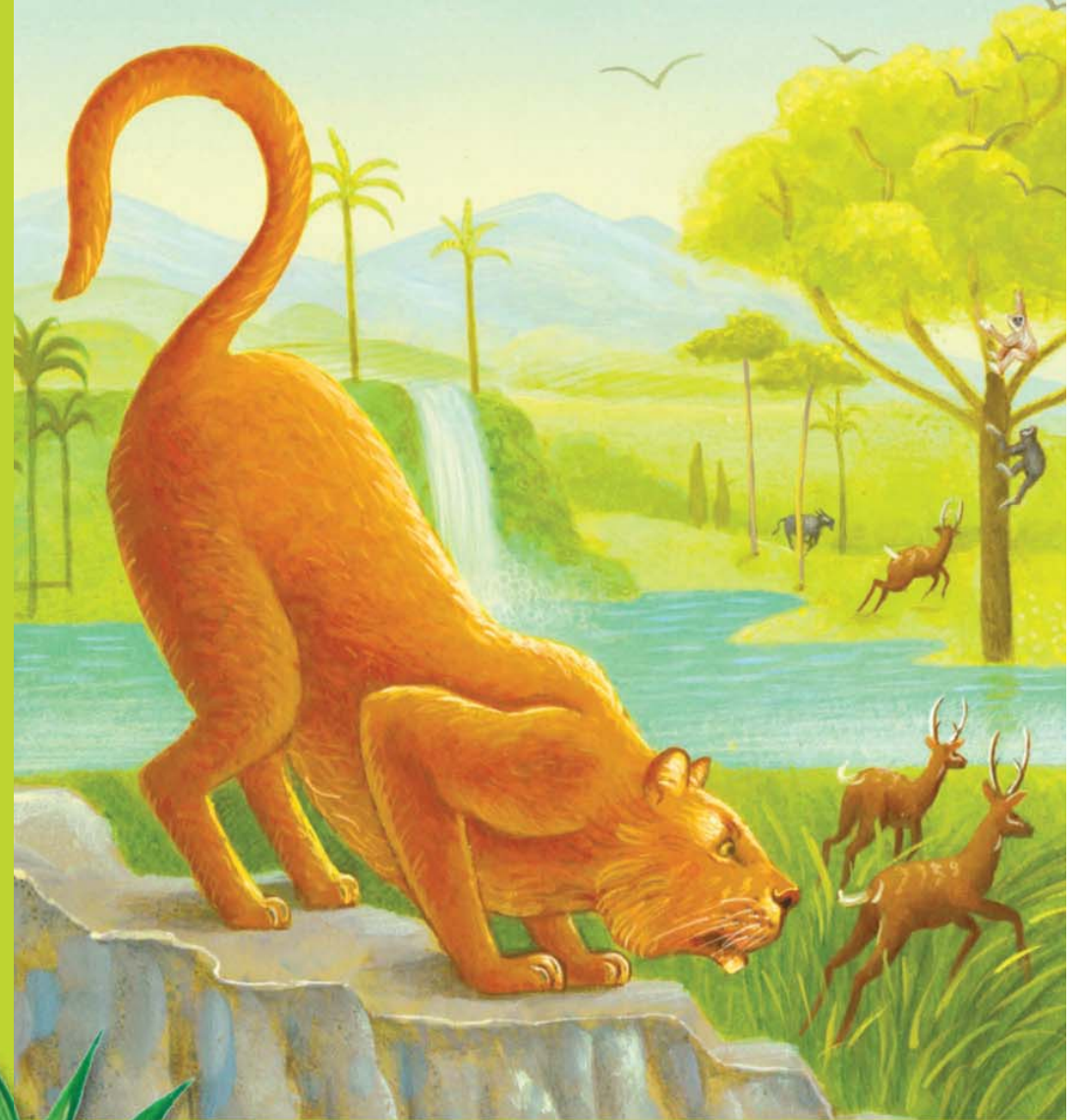


A long time ago, Tiger didn't have any stripes. His fur was all one colour. It was as orange as a summer sunset. Tiger was very proud of his fur.

'I am the most handsome animal in the forest,' he said proudly.



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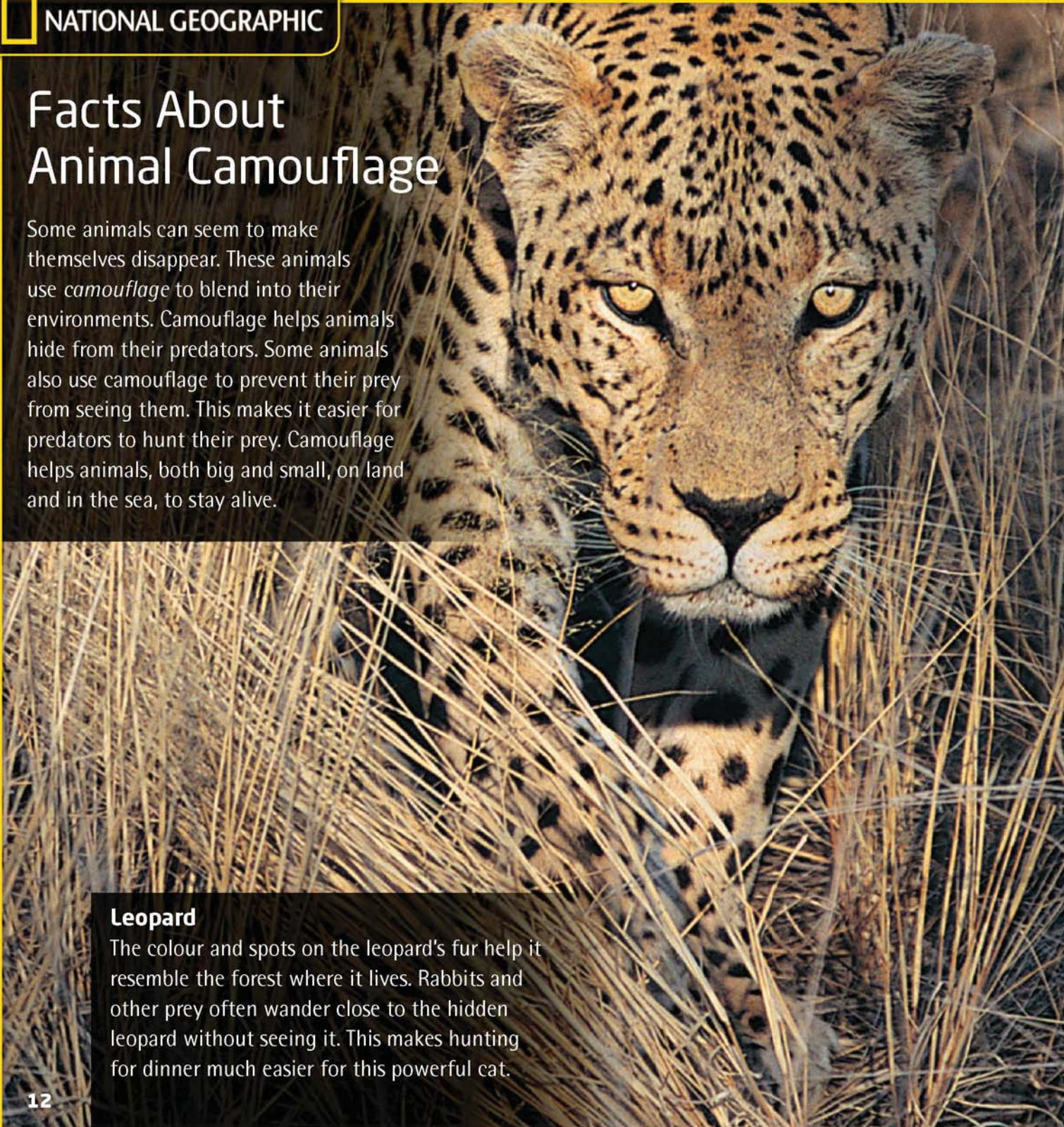
The other animals liked Tiger's fur. His fur helped them to see Tiger from a long way away. When they saw Tiger's orange fur, they always ran away. This made it difficult for Tiger to hunt and catch his prey.

This was very frustrating for Tiger!

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Facts About Animal Camouflage

Some animals can seem to make themselves disappear. These animals use *camouflage* to blend into their environments. Camouflage helps animals hide from their predators. Some animals also use camouflage to prevent their prey from seeing them. This makes it easier for predators to hunt their prey. Camouflage helps animals, both big and small, on land and in the sea, to stay alive.



Leopard

The colour and spots on the leopard's fur help it resemble the forest where it lives. Rabbits and other prey often wander close to the hidden leopard without seeing it. This makes hunting for dinner much easier for this powerful cat.

Walking Stick

The shape and colour of the walking stick insect help protect it. To enemies looking for a tasty meal, this stick-like creature looks just like part of the twig it rests on. The insect's green or brown colour helps it blend into the tree and hide from predators.



Speckled Sanddab

The speckled sanddab lives on the bottom of the sea. The left side of this fish is beige or brown and has small black spots. To hide from both its predators and prey, the fish lies on its side on the sandy floor and blends into its surroundings. The sanddab can even change colour and its pattern of spots to match its environment.

