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Unit 5
Meet the Explorer Video Script
Scene 5.2: *Meet Ryan Carney*

Ryan Carney: The origin of birds in flight is something that scientists have been debating for centuries. Ever since Archaeopteryx was discovered exactly 150 years ago, it's been regarded as the so-called 'missing link' between dinosaurs and birds, and has generally been considered to be the most primitive bird in the fossil record. We now know what the Archaeopteryx feather originally looked like. The feather's original color was actually black. We know that it was identical to modern bird feathers, down to the smallest detail, and we even have clues as to how the feather was actually preserved. Personally, I've been fascinated with Archaeopteryx ever since I was a little kid, so being able to reconstruct the original color of this fossil was just a dream come true. You know, that was just an incredible feeling. It's one of those euphoric moments you just never forget.

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