

Puma, COUGAR Mountain Lion

Carnivores of the Mayan Rain Forests



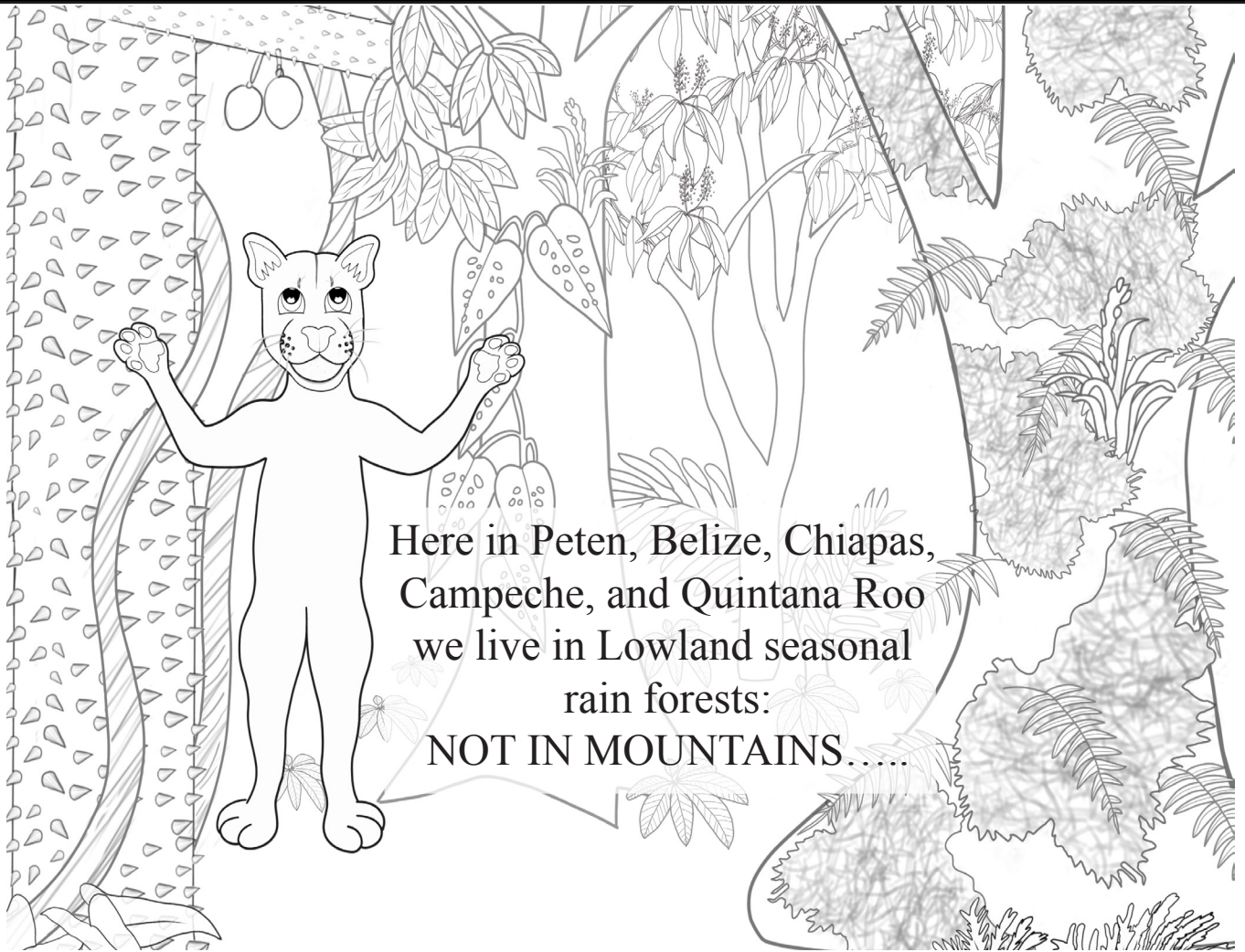
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We pumas are often misunderstood.

We are NOT
“North American snow Lions”



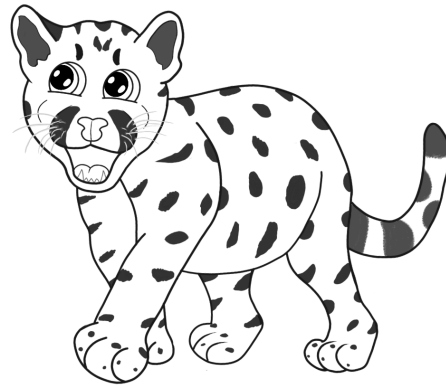
We can be called pumas, or
(in the USA) people may call us cougar,
or mountain lion.



Here in Peten, Belize, Chiapas,
Campeche, and Quintana Roo
we live in Lowland seasonal
rain forests:
NOT IN MOUNTAINS.....



Although we (normally)
have no spots when adults,
our cubs have spots.

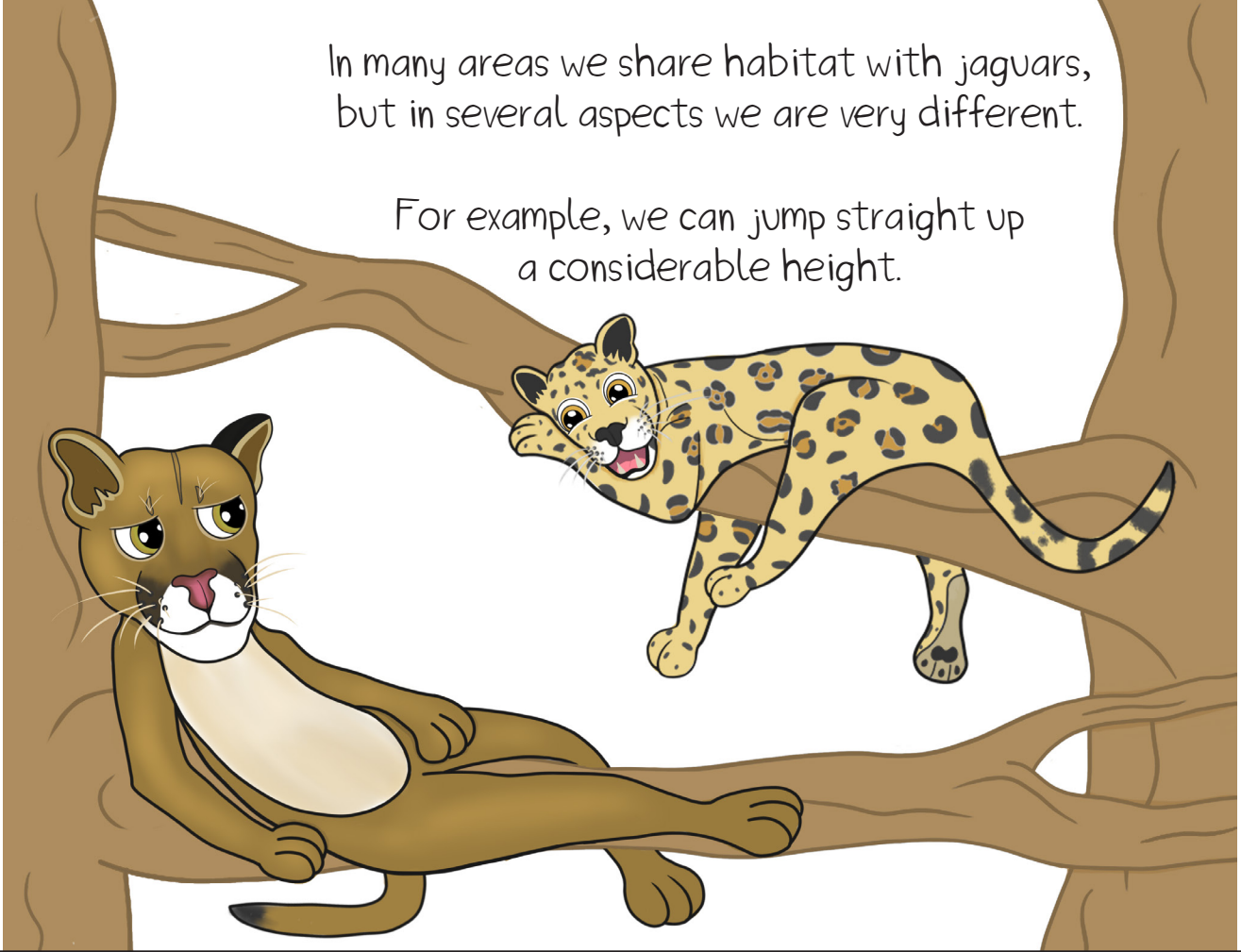


Our cubs are our pride and joy,
and we, as parents, teach them
to hunt so they can grow to be
big brave pumas.



In many areas we share habitat with jaguars,
but in several aspects we are very different.

For example, we can jump straight up
a considerable height.



We can jump (horizontally)
across a distance much greater
than can a jaguar.



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