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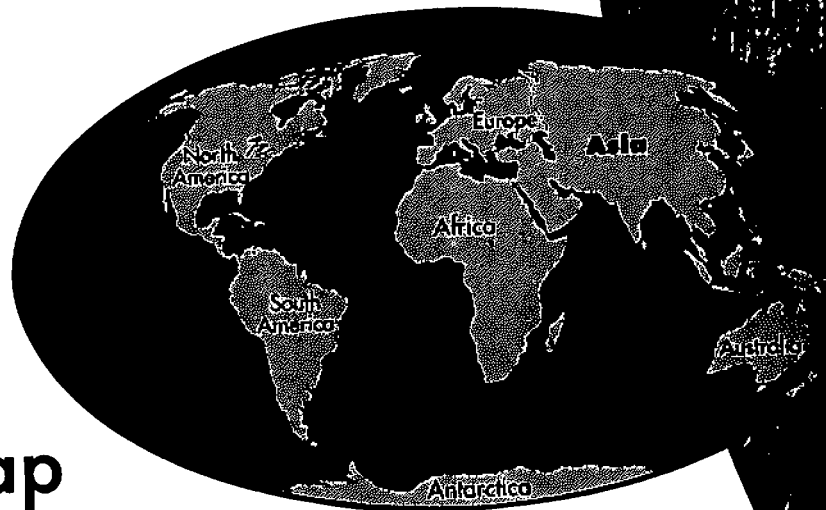
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Living in Asia

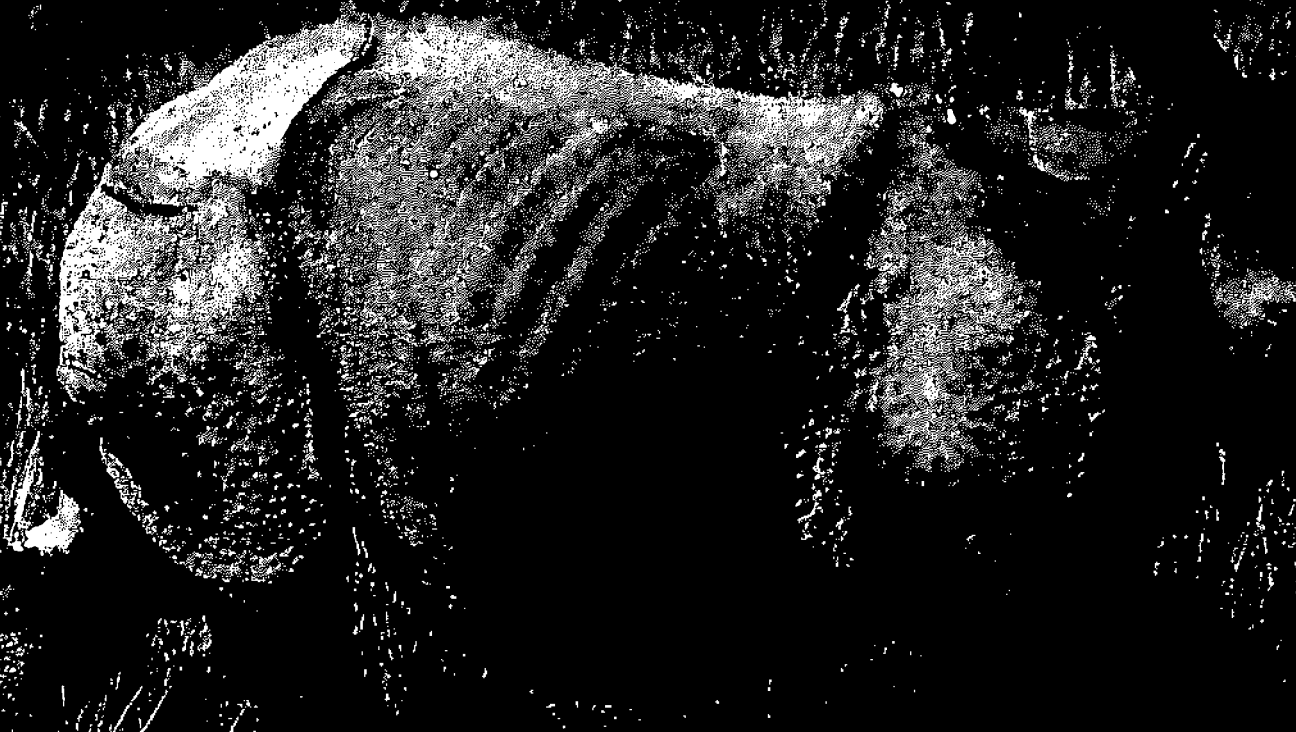
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They are the Indian,
Javan, and Sumatran.

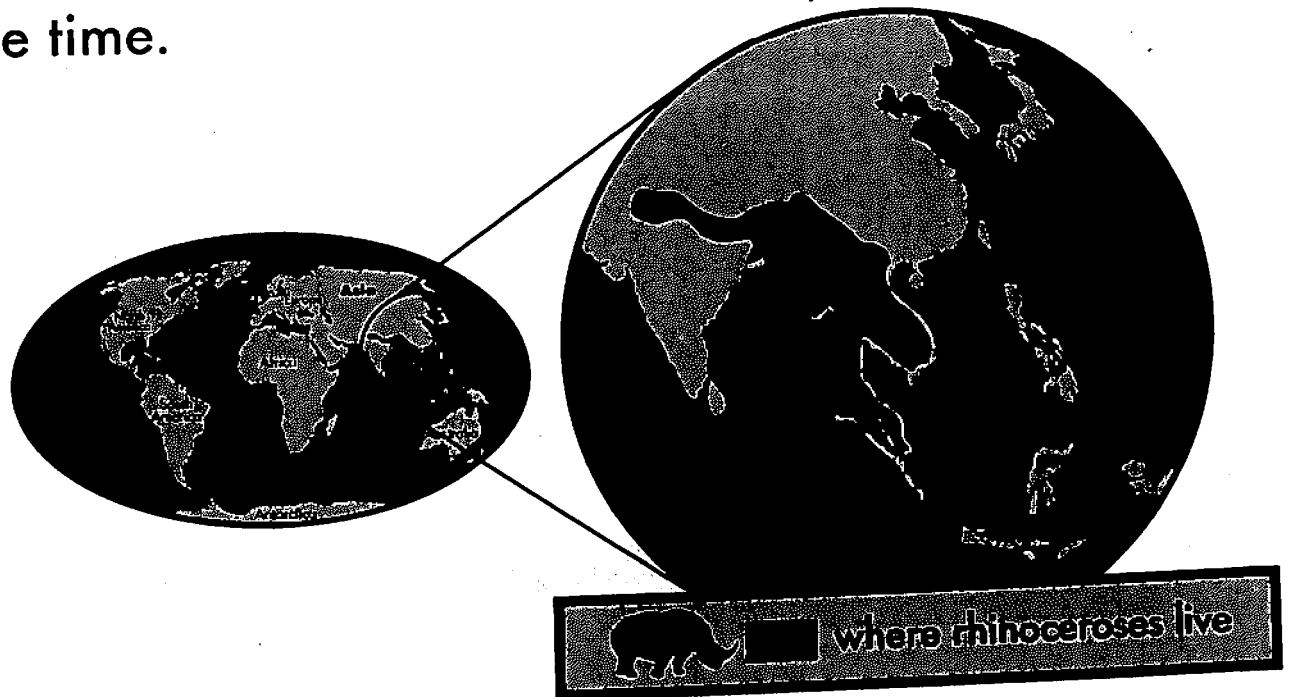
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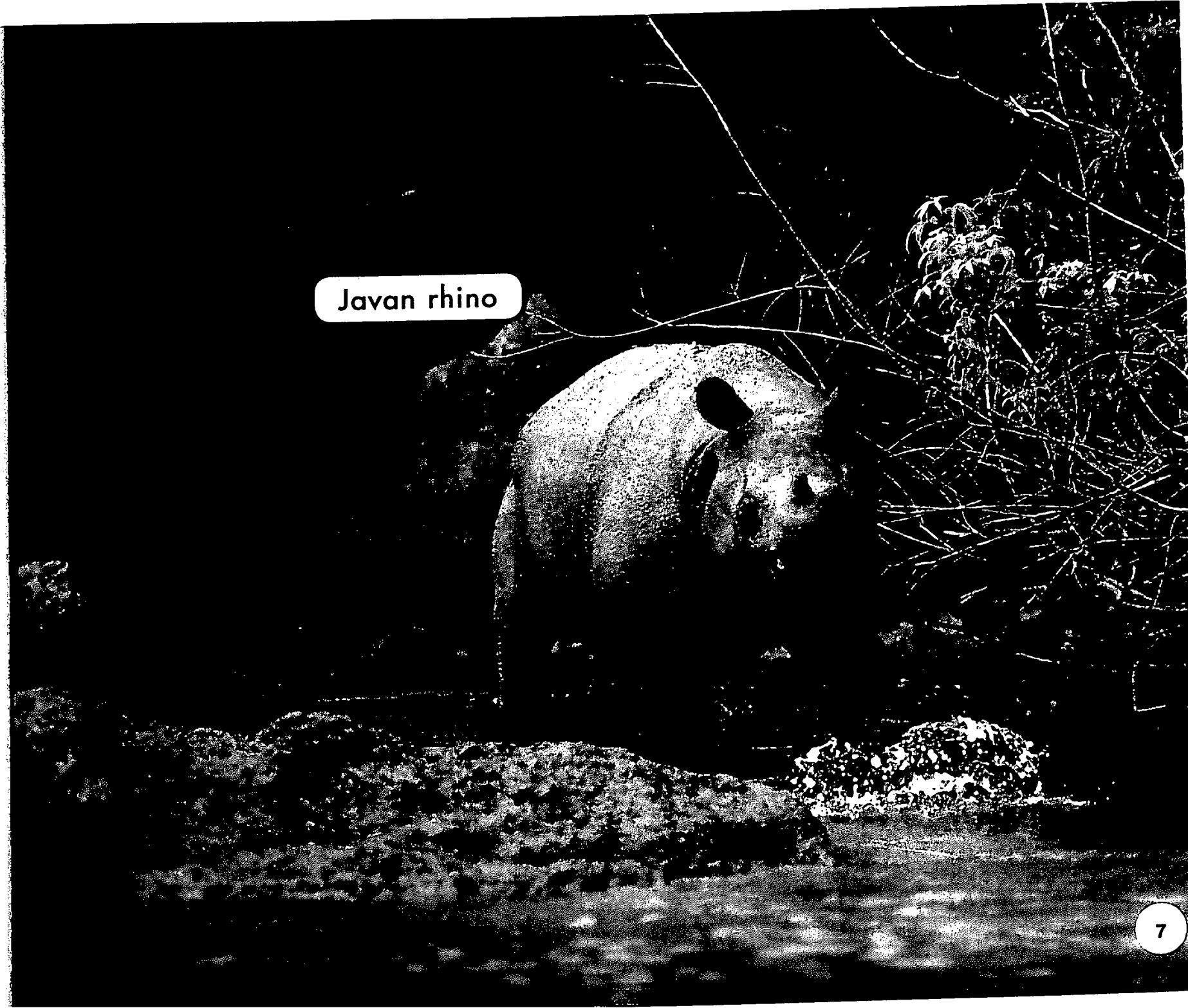
Indian rhino



Rhinos graze in southeastern
Asia's swamps and forests.
These animals live alone
most of the time.



Javan rhino



Up Close!

Rhinos are heavy.

Strong legs and large feet
carry their weight.

They may look slow.

But rhinos can run fast.



Indian rhino

Rhinos have thick, gray skin.
They roll in mud to cool off.
The mud protects their skin
from sunburn and bug bites.



Sumatran rhino

On their noses, rhinos have
horns made of keratin.

They look ready to fight.

But Asian rhinos fight with
their teeth, not their horns.



Sumatran rhino

Eating and Drinking

Rhinos eat leaves and grass.

They drink water
from ponds and streams.



Javan rhino

Rhinos have strong lips
to pull food into their mouths.
Their sharp teeth
grind leaves and grass.



Sumatran rhino

Staying Safe

A mother rhino
always protects her calf.
She keeps her baby safe
from predators.



Indian rhino with young

Rhinos are endangered.

Poachers kill rhinos

for their horns.

But other people are making
safe places for rhinos to live.

Indian rhino



Glossary

calf — a young rhinoceros

endangered — in danger of dying out

graze — to eat grass and other plants growing on the ground

grind — to crush something into a powder

keratin — a hard material that makes up a rhino's horn; keratin is also found in human fingernails and hair.

poacher — a person who hunts protected animals

predator — an animal that hunts other animals for food

protect — to keep safe

swamp — an area of wet, spongy ground with lots of plants

Read More

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