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**THE
CASE OF THE
CURSED DODO**

A WILD AND WOOLLY TEACHER'S GUIDE

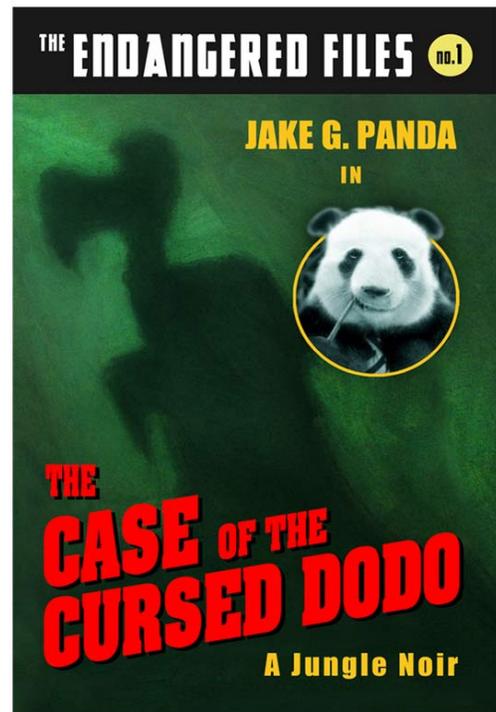
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GUMSHOE PANDA TELLS ALL Jake's Memoir Hits The Presses

If you're looking for trouble, you've found it. His name's Jake G. Panda and he's a wildlife investigator. This hard-boiled bear works at a flophouse for endangered critters called the Last Resort. He's the house detective. The resident fuzz. It's his job to keep these unusual guests safe and outta harm's way.

THE CASE OF THE CURSED DODO is the first installment of THE ENDANGERED FILES, a wild and woolly adventure mystery series designed to:

- Introduce young readers in a fun and informative way to the serious subject of endangered species.
- Encourage kids to explore this subject outside of the stories and learn how they can help and get involved.
- Instill an appreciation and respect for wild animals and their environments.



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JAKE'S THIRD DEGREE THINK YOU CAN TAKE THE HEAT?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In the book's prelude, what does the Professor find buried in the desert that sets the whole story in motion? What is it about this item that grabs his attention? And what behavior does this hare exhibit that shows he's anxious?

2. Jake is very fond of bamboo. How much bamboo does a typical panda eat in a given day? Why do they need to eat so much bamboo?

3. At the Midnight Oasis, Jake encounters a rare Bactrian camel. What unique feature distinguishes this camel species from other camels?

4. In the marketplace, Jake tries to tell Raoul the difference between rabbits and hares. What are some of these differences?

5. Jake accuses Karl and his Rat Pack of causing the demise of several bird species. How are rats a threat to endangered birds?

6. Doc is a greater bilby. In Australia there's a movement to replace this animal with what famous holiday character? What are some possible reasons for this change?

7. On the train, we get our first glimpse of the Jade Dodo. What are some of this bird's features that made it so vulnerable to extinction?

8. Daisy often refers to Jake as her teddy bear. Who was the teddy bear named after and why is this person important to the conservation movement?

9. Eddie uses hoof-friendly brand glue to repair the chair Mr. G sat in. What sad historical fact is the glue's name referring to?

10. In the hotel's arctic wing, Knuckles is feeling sluggish. What is it about crocodiles that may be contributing to this feeling?

11. Both a macaroni penguin and polar bear are staying as guests in the arctic wing. In the natural world, it is very unlikely that we'd see these two animals together. Why is that?

12. In the book, the Endangered Underground is a fictional organization that protects animals. What are some real life organizations that protect endangered wildlife?

TIME TO HIT THE BRICKS EXTENSION ACTIVITIES!

1. *SOMETHING LIKE A SIMILE*

Jake describes the Watering Hole as "hopping like a tree frog on a trampoline." This is an example of a simile. Find some other examples of similes in the book and explain how they are different from metaphors. Then if you're feeling adventurous, create a couple of your own.

2. *STAN'S PUNNY TIME!*

The comedian Stan is very fond of puns. What is a pun? Find examples from the book. Then sit down and come up with a couple of cheesy puns on your own.

3. *PUT ON A SHOW*

Produce your very own radio serial complete with silly sound effects. Use the supplied script for The Last Train to Turmoil Town.

4. *EDDIE'S SKETCH ARTIST GAME*

Designate a witness and a sketch artist. Have the witness secretly select an endangered species. The sketch artist must now draw the mystery animal by asking the witness questions about the animal's characteristics. What type of ears does it have? How big is its nose? The witness cannot name the animal only describe it. The rest of the class then takes turns using the drawing to guess the animal.

5. *WILDLIFE RAPSHEETS*

Use the attached template to create a wildlife rapsheet. Do some investigating. Find out what's troubling your chosen animal and what efforts are being made to protect them.

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Activity: Pick an animal from *The Case of the Cursed Dodo's* cast of critters below and create a rapsheet for the endangered fella using the attached template.

Professor Henry	Hispid Hare
Jake	Giant Panda
Bellhop and Joey	Western Grey Kangaroos
Gloria	Mexican Grizzly Bear
Rose	El Hierro Giant Lizard
Timmy	Round Island Day Gecko
Sam	Proboscis Monkey
Eddie	Woolly Mountain Tapir
Ernie	Asian Elephant
Tex	Galapagos Tortoise
Diego	Mexican Prairie Dog
Nina	Tehuatepec Jackrabbit
Hump	Bactrian Camel
Crutch	Arabian Ostrich
Snake Charmer	Hermit Ibis
Charmed Snake	Central Asian Cobra
Fakir	Chinchilla
Fakir's Bed of Nails	Long-Beaked Echidna
Organ Grinder	Yellow Tailed Woolly Monkey
Madame Baloni	Wild Yak
Raoul	Cave Salamander
Karl and his Rat Pack	Norwegian Rats
DOC	Greater Bilby
Lou	Tibetan Snowcock
Stan	Pygmy Hog
Bedouin Joe	Bimini Boa
Shrew	Sumatra Water Shrew
Snobby Train Passenger	Alpine Chamois
Conductor	Striped Okapi
Mr. G's Boys	Chimpanzees
Knuckles	Siamese Crocodile
Mr. G	Mountain Gorilla
Imposter	Wild African Dog/Hyena
Stretch	Orangutan
Daisy	California Condor
The Colonel	Dodo
Panicked Guest	Black Rhinoceros

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ENDANGERED SPECIES RAPSHEET



NAME :

ALIAS :

HABITAT :

POPULATION :

CHARACTERISTICS :

PRIMARY THREATS :

ACTION PLAN :