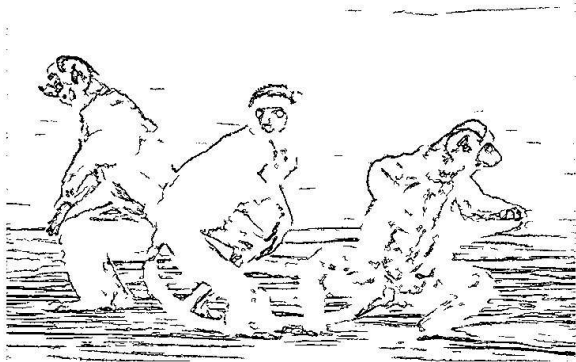




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MADAGASCAR
AFRICA:
WHERE IS IT &
WHY IT IS
SPECIAL



Where is Madagascar and what makes it special?

Lying off the coast of Africa, Madagascar is an island in the western Indian Ocean. Madagascar lies about 425 km (266 miles) off the east coast of Southern Africa. Specifically, Madagascar is located east of the country, Mozambique.

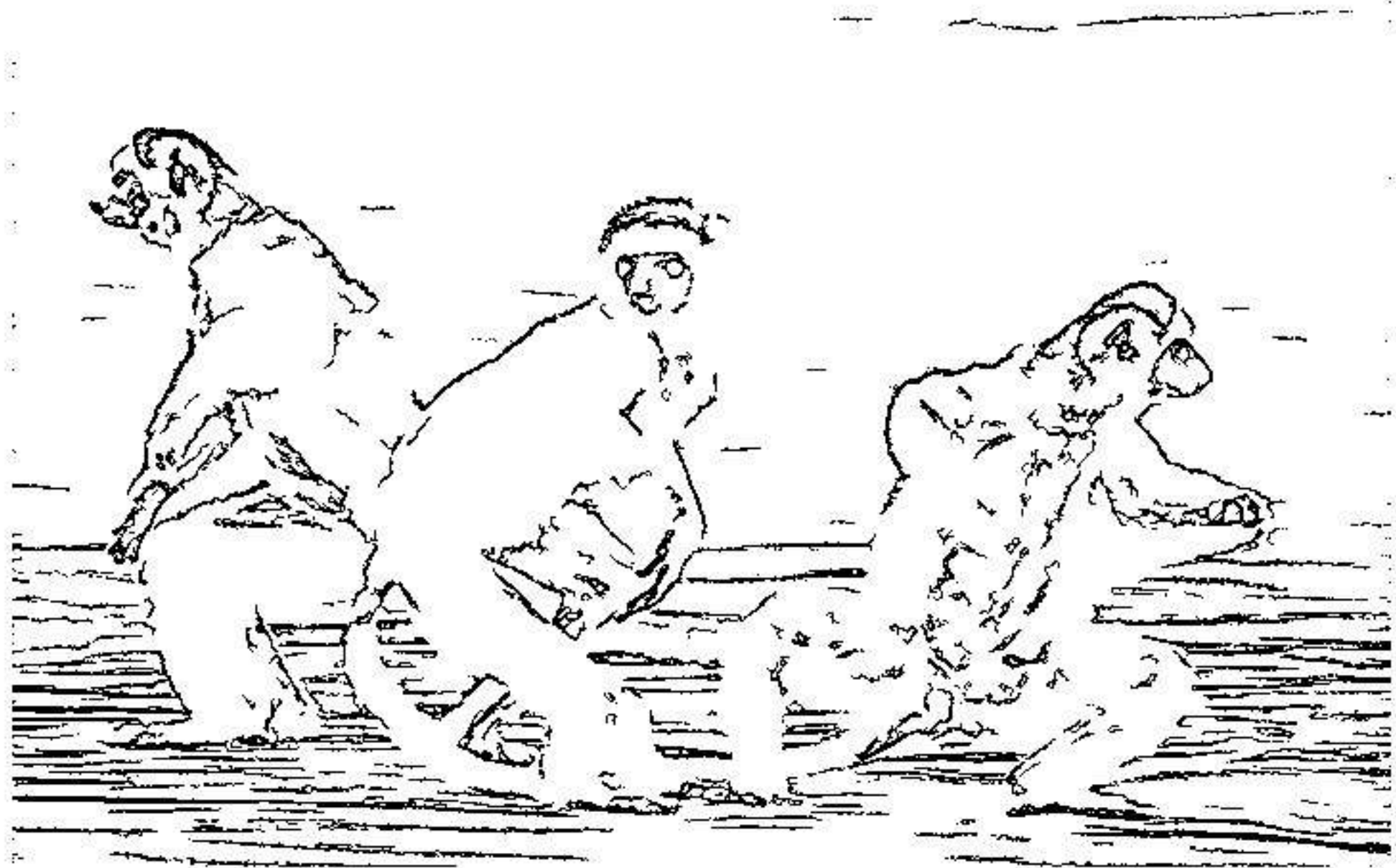
It is Madagascar's strange geological history that is responsible for the fact that the island is home to wildlife, of which 80% can't be found elsewhere. 160 million years ago, Madagascar lost contact with Africa. It was part of the Gondwana supercontinent but after losing contact with Africa, then next it also did the same with Antarctica, Australia and then India.

Amazingly much of the island's native species went along for the ride, and stuck with it on the journey, like the elephant bird, for example. Animals and seeds were swept out to sea from rivers in Mozambique and Tanzania, which makes it possible that the ancestors of the lemurs that you can see in Madagascar today, arrived there this way. amazing wildlife; 80% of the mammals found there, cannot be found elsewhere.

The stars of the show on land in Madagascar are the chameleons, lemurs and dancing sifakas, while underwater, humpback and shark whales can be seen cruising around. This colouring page is of dancing sifakas.

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