

People of the Rainforest

10 We stumbled on them much by chance – spotting a young
21 girl, no older than four, through the clearing in the trees.
32 She merely wore a skirt made from reeds and leaves, and
43 a simple cloth headband to keep the hair from her eyes.
52 We watched as she toddled towards the river – unsteady
64 on her feet, but far steadier than we were. It was clear
70 that she knew this rainforest well.

82 In the river stood a man with a bow and arrow made
91 from forest vines. He stood, knee-high in the flowing
100 torrents, aiming towards the water as silently as a
110 cheetah stalking its prey. With no hesitation, he let the
120 arrow fly and, from beneath the water, he retrieved a
130 humongous tilapia. He passed it to the little girl, who
135 scurried away amongst the trees.



Quick Questions



1. What two things was the girl wearing?



2. *'He stood, knee-high in the flowing torrents...'*
What do you think torrents means in this sentence?



3. What do you think a 'tilapia' is? Give a reason for your answer.



4. How do you think the girl's clothing compares to that of the explorers?
