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Faith

Hello, everyone. It's Faith. And before we start this episode of Patient Zero, I have a favor to ask. My cast, crew, and I need you to buy us a coffee. (Even though we know Theo would prefer it to be tea.) Please visit ko-fi.com/ObserverPix to donate \$3 or more to get season two of a Apollyon funded.

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Narrator:

Observer Pictures presents Patient Zero. This is Episode Five: Day 9, On the Way.

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Lucas

I'm delighted every day it rains. [rain pours, feet squish]

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Lucas

April is the rainy season for this area. But there was a time when the days of rain were dangerously few and far between. The amount of precipitation has increased significantly over the course of the restoration. The moisture levels of the soil in this area are higher than they've been in the past five years as well.

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Lucas

I love feeling the soft squish of the earth beneath my boots. The humidity is heavy and comforting. The pitter patter of droplets hitting in the leaves is like music.

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Angeline

Qué bello. ¿Eres siempre tan poético? (How beautiful. Are you always so poetic?)

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Lucas

No, no. Normalmente no. (No, no, not usually. No.)

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Reyna

Liar. *El bosque es su inspiración. (The forest is his inspiration.)*

[teasing laughter from Angeline and Reyna]

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Lucas

We—Dr. Mitchell, Rodolfo, Angeline, and I—are approaching sector three where Marvin caught the amphibian visual.

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Reyna

Possible amphibian.

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Rodolfo

A mi me pareció que era una rana.

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Lucas

¡Gracias! ¡Rodolfo entiende! (*Rodolfo understand!*) What else could it be? Right.

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Rodolfo

Claro.

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Reyna

Marvin nor Betty could identify it positively, but of course, your gut has to be correct.

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Angeline

Gut instincts are not to be ignored.

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Reyna

Is everyone against me today?

[Lucas laughs.]

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Angeline

Of course not, Dr. Mitchell.

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Rodolfo

I don't trust bots. *Necesitás una mente humana para comprender verdaderamente la naturaleza. Además, he vivido aquí toda mi vida. (You need a human mind to truly understand nature. Plus, I've lived here my whole life.)*

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Lucas

Exactamente. (Exactly!) Bots cannot analyze nuances.

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Reyna

Well, without the bots, you wouldn't even know to come out here.

[Angeline laughs.]

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Lucas

[clears throat] The increased rainfall and humidity levels are once again making this area an ideal environment for amphibians. While BD is a leading factor in their disappearance, the change in Monteverde's climate cannot be ignored. I would like for Betty to do as thorough an analysis as possible without disturbing the creature or its habitat too much.

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Reyna

You're going to let Betty do it? But bots cannot analyze nuances.

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Lucas

You know what? Maybe I should just stop recording until we get there.

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Angeline

Oh! And deny us your poetry? How da— [The recording cuts off.]

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Narrator:

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