



Tato, the Giant of the Gran Chaco

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The sun goes down over the dry forest of the Gran Chaco. The earth is warm, and the trees cast long, quiet shadows. Deep under the ground, a massive creature begins to wake up.



Tato the giant armadillo steps out of his big, dark burrow. He is as large as a big dog and carries a hard, heavy shell on his back. His strong claws click against the dry soil as he sniffs the night air.



Tato is hungry and looks for his favorite food. He walks to a tall termite mound and uses his powerful front claws to tear it open. Inside, thousands of insects move, and Tato eats them quickly.



This amazing animal has a special secret in his mouth. Tato has up to one hundred small teeth, which is more than most other mammals on Earth. He uses his long, sticky tongue to catch every last insect.



The night is beautiful, but Tato faces big dangers in the forest. Loud bulldozers arrive to cut down the old trees, making his safe home smaller every single day. Hunters also look for him, forcing him to hide in fear.



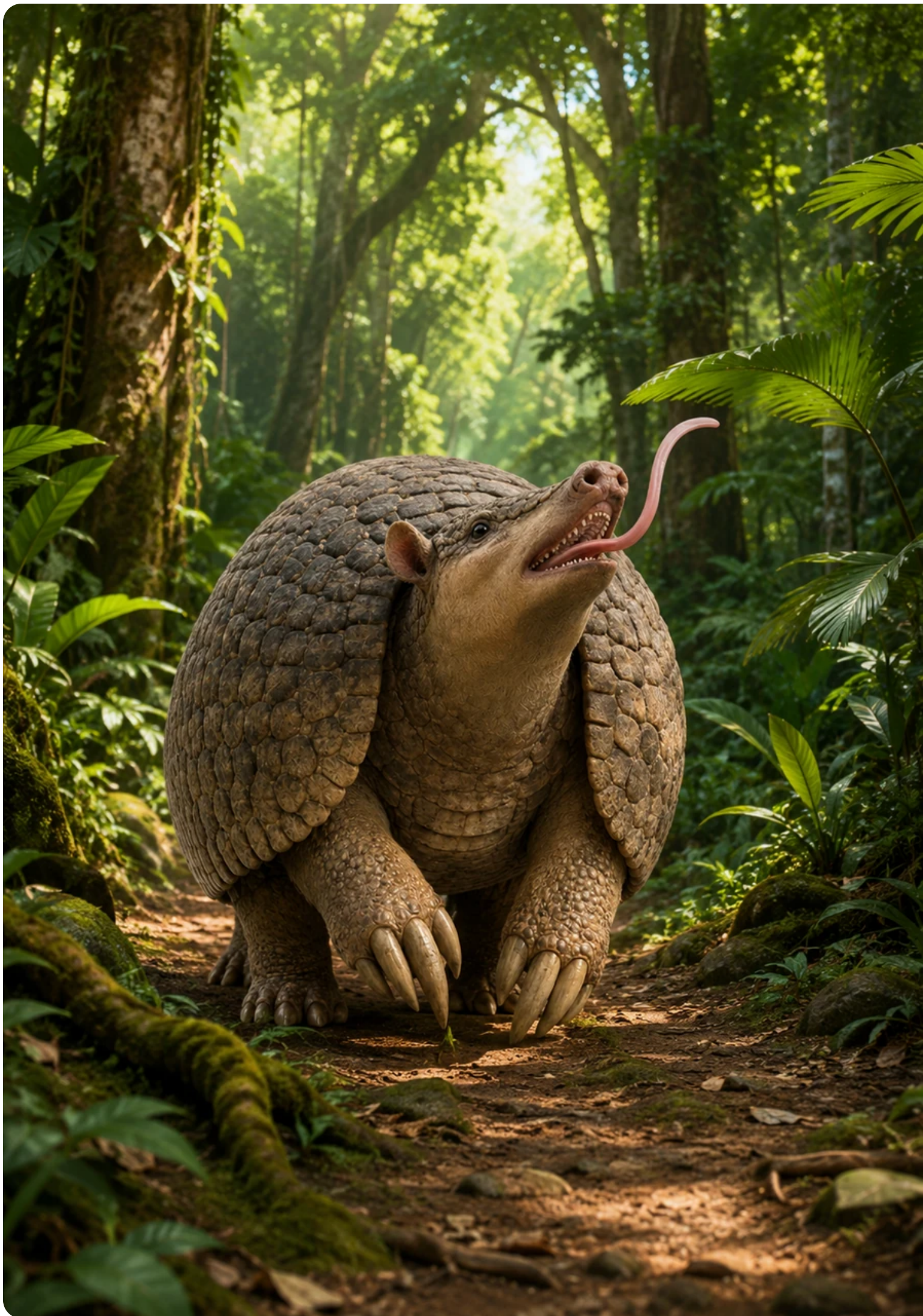
Far away in a small school, four friends named Francisco, Dante, Franco, and Felix read a book about Tato. They learn that the giant armadillo is vulnerable and in great danger of disappearing forever. The boys decide they must help.



The boys write letters to big nature organizations like Rewilding Argentina and Greenpeace. Experts from the Important Charcoal and Armadillo Conservation Project hear their call and travel to the Gran Chaco to study Tato.



Francisco, Dante, Franco, and Felix learn that simple actions can make a huge difference. They make beautiful posters for their neighborhood to teach people about Tato. They ask everyone to stop cutting down the local trees.



With the help of the big organizations, a new protected park is made for the giant armadillos. Tato walks through the thick forest safely, without the scary noise of machines or hunters.



Tato digs a brand new burrow under a giant tree and rests happily. The forest is safe now because young humans learned to love and protect their wild neighbors.