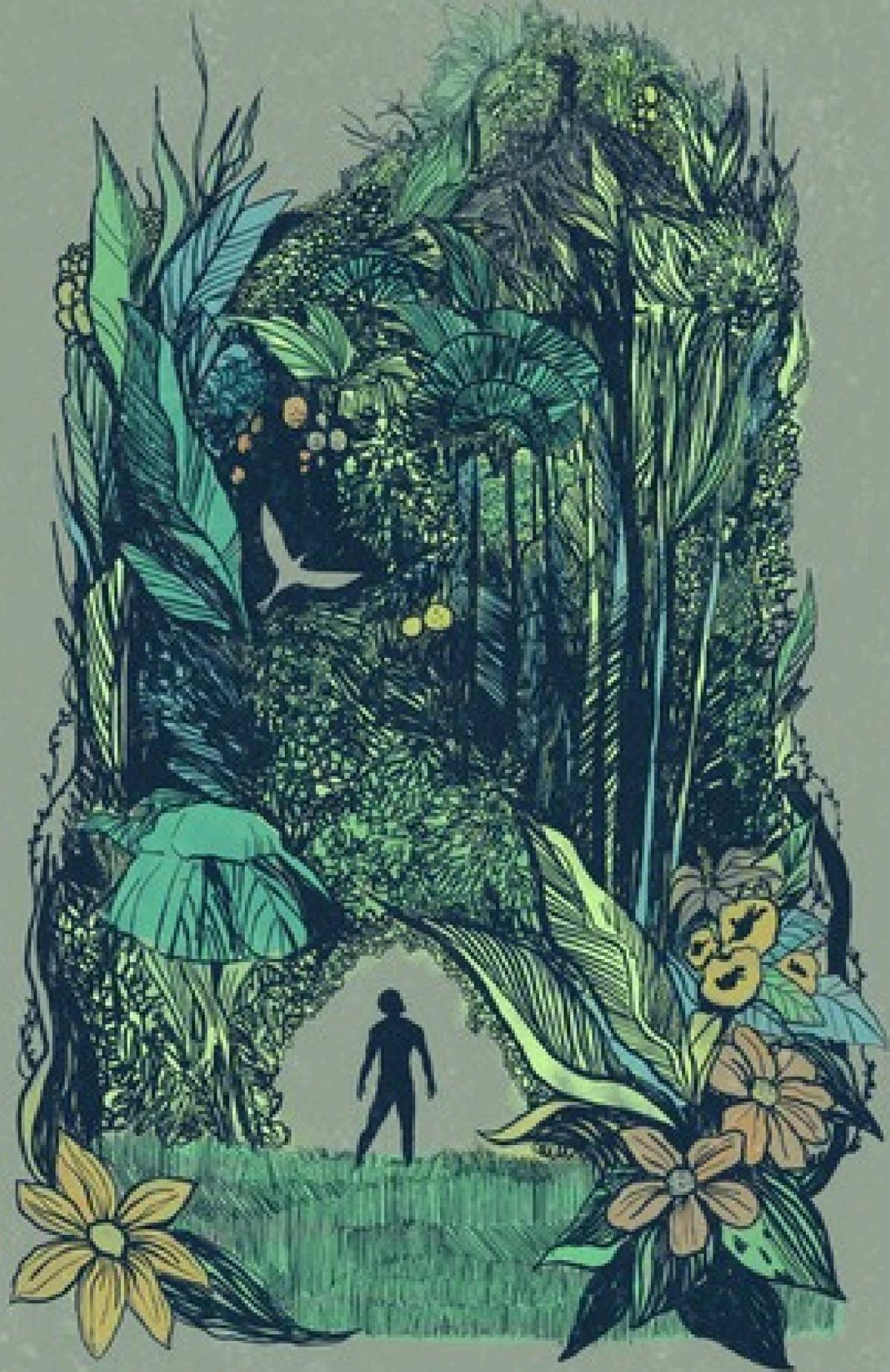




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1:2-25

“as I did not then in the least doubt the strict and literal truth of every word in the Bible, I soon persuaded myself that our Creed must be fully accepted. It never struck me how illogical it was to say that I believed in what I could not understand and what is in fact unintelligible. I might have said with entire truth that I had no wish to dispute any dogma; but I never was such a fool as to feel and say 'credo quia incredibile' [I believe because it is absurd.]"

CHARLES DARWIN

“DURING THESE two years I was led to think much about religion. Whilst on board the Beagle I was quite orthodox, and I remember being heartily laughed at by several of the officers (though themselves orthodox) for quoting the Bible as an unanswerable authority on some point of morality. I suppose it was the novelty of the argument that amused them. But I had gradually come, by this time, to see that the Old Testament from its manifestly false history of the world, with the Tower of Babel, the rainbow as a sign, etc., etc., and from its attributing to God the feelings of a revengeful tyrant, was no more to be trusted than the sacred books of the Hindoos, or the beliefs of any barbarian . . .”

CHARLES DARWIN

“Thus disbelief crept over me at a very slow rate, but was at last complete. The rate was so slow that I felt no distress, and have never since doubted even for a single second that my conclusion was correct. I can indeed hardly see how anyone ought to wish Christianity to be true; for if so the plain language of the text seems to show that the men who do not believe, and this would include my Father, Brother and almost all my best friends, will be everlastingly punished. And this is a damnable doctrine.”

CHARLES DARWIN

GENESIS 1:1-2:3

- Gen. 1:1 - Who made everything?
- Gen. 1:2-25 - How did he make it?
- Gen. 1:26-31 - For whom did he make it?
- Gen. 2:1-3 - Why did he make it?

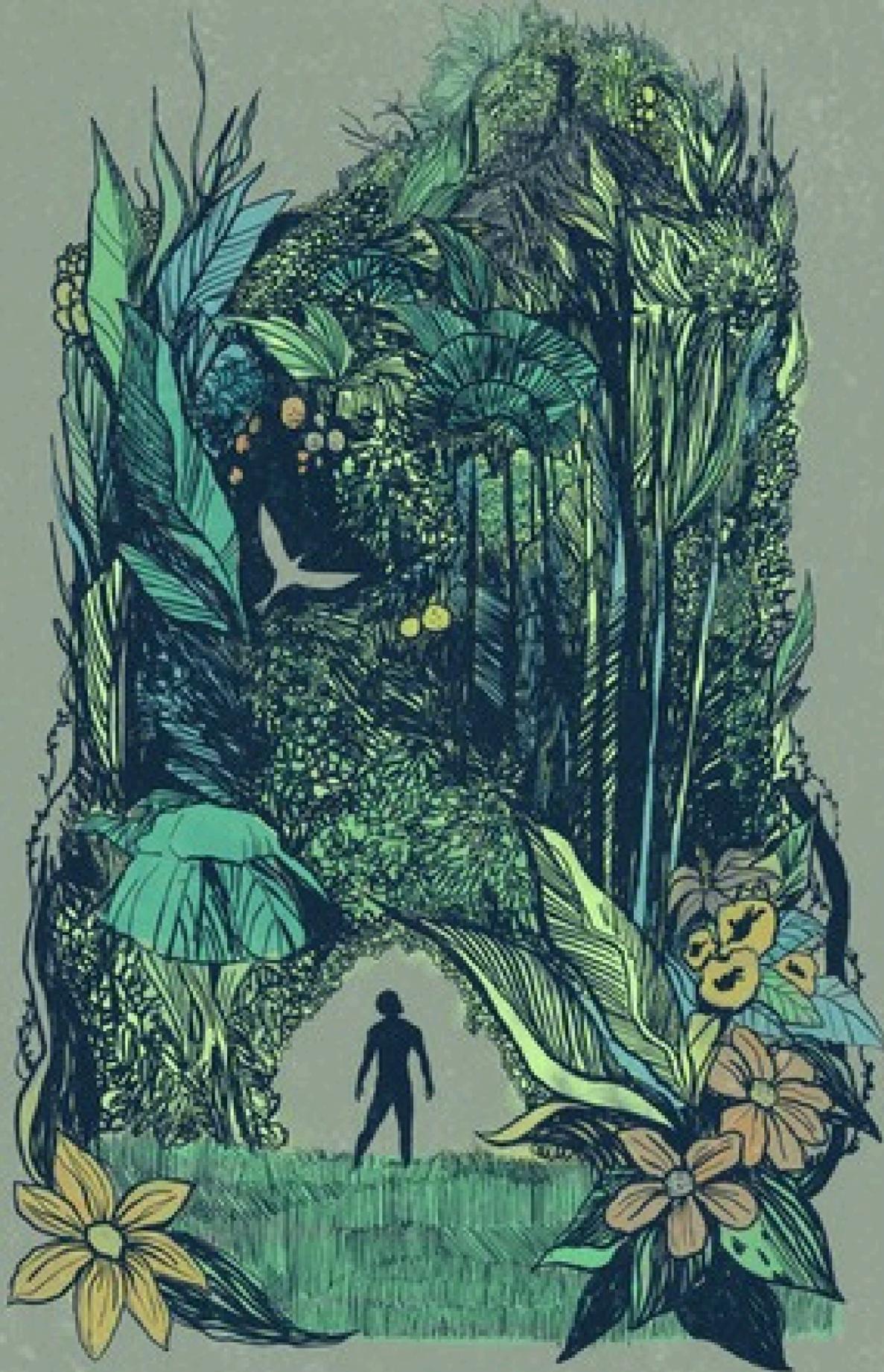


PROBLEMS WITH THE GAP THEORY

- **Waw-disjunctive: describing, not adding**
- **God creates mature things**
- **“The first day”**
- **No death during creation**

SIX DAYS OF CREATION

Day 1 - Day & Night



ORDER IN THE CREATION ACCOUNT

- “And God said, ‘ Let...’”
- Description of creation
- “And God saw that ___ was good” (variations)
- “And there was evening and there was morning, the # day.”

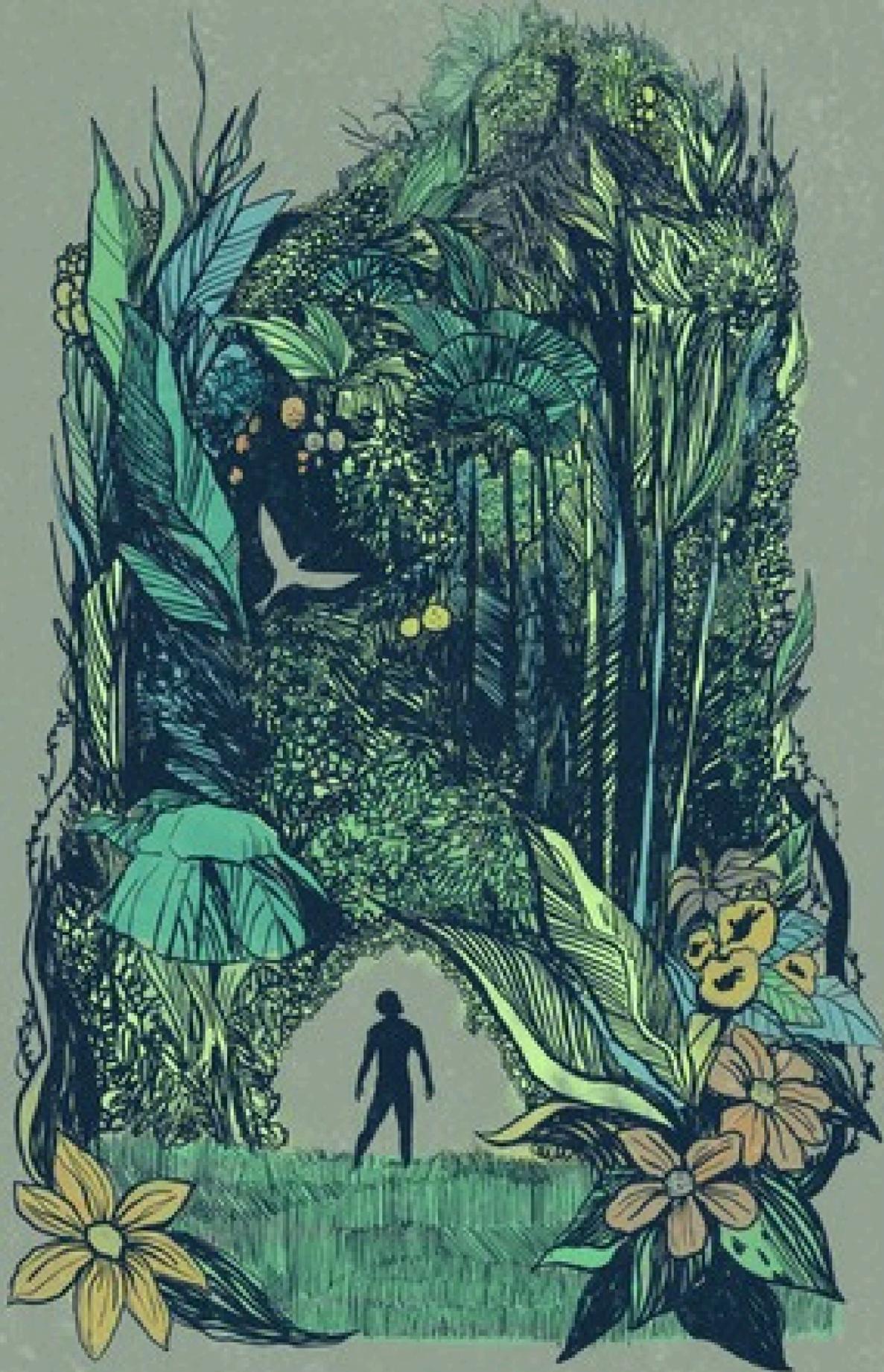
PROBLEMS WITH THE DAY-AGE THEORY

- The evening/morning cycle
- “yom” with ordinal numbers
- Exodus 20:11 - Sabbath day

SIX DAYS OF CREATION

Day 1 - Day & Night

Day 2 - Sky & Sea



“For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God”

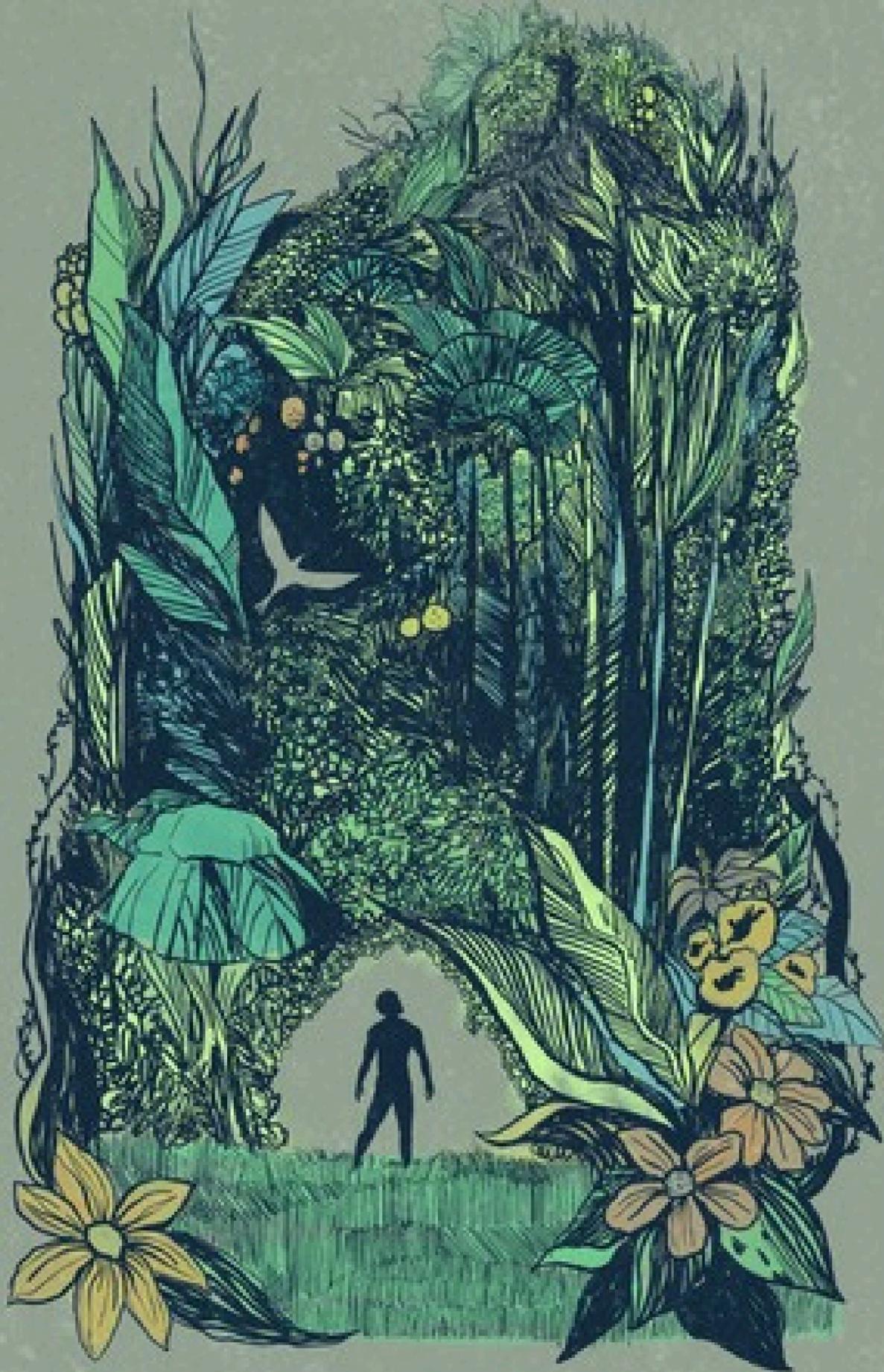
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SIX DAYS OF CREATION

Day 1 - Day & Night

Day 2 - Sky & Sea

Day 3 - Land & Plants



“He set the earth on its foundations, so that it should never be moved. You covered it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains. At your rebuke they fled; at the sound of your thunder they took to flight. The mountains rose, the valleys sank down to the place that you appointed for them. You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth.”

PSALM 104:5-9

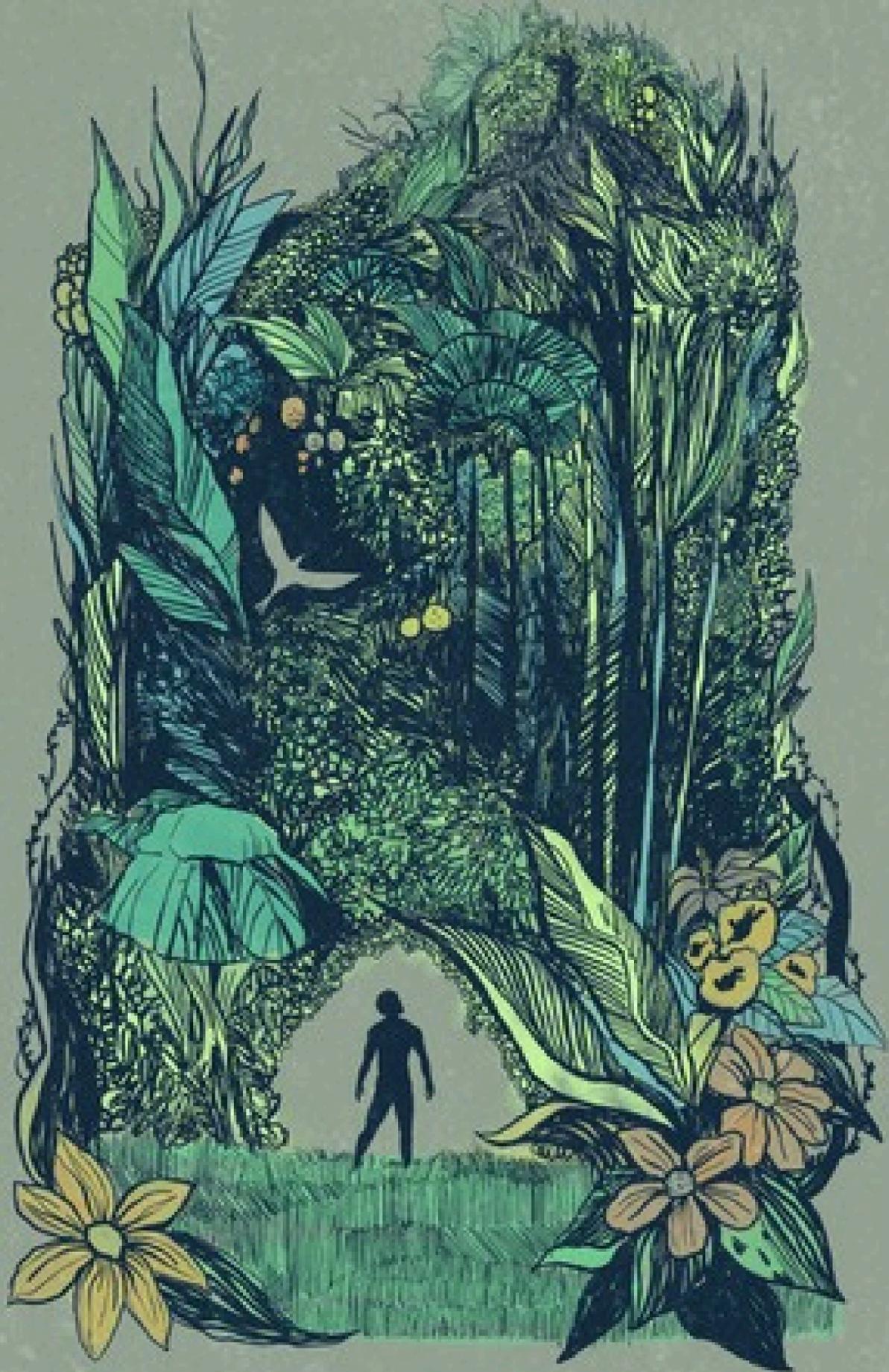
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Day 1 - Day & Night

Day 2 - Sky & Sea

Day 3 - Land & Plants

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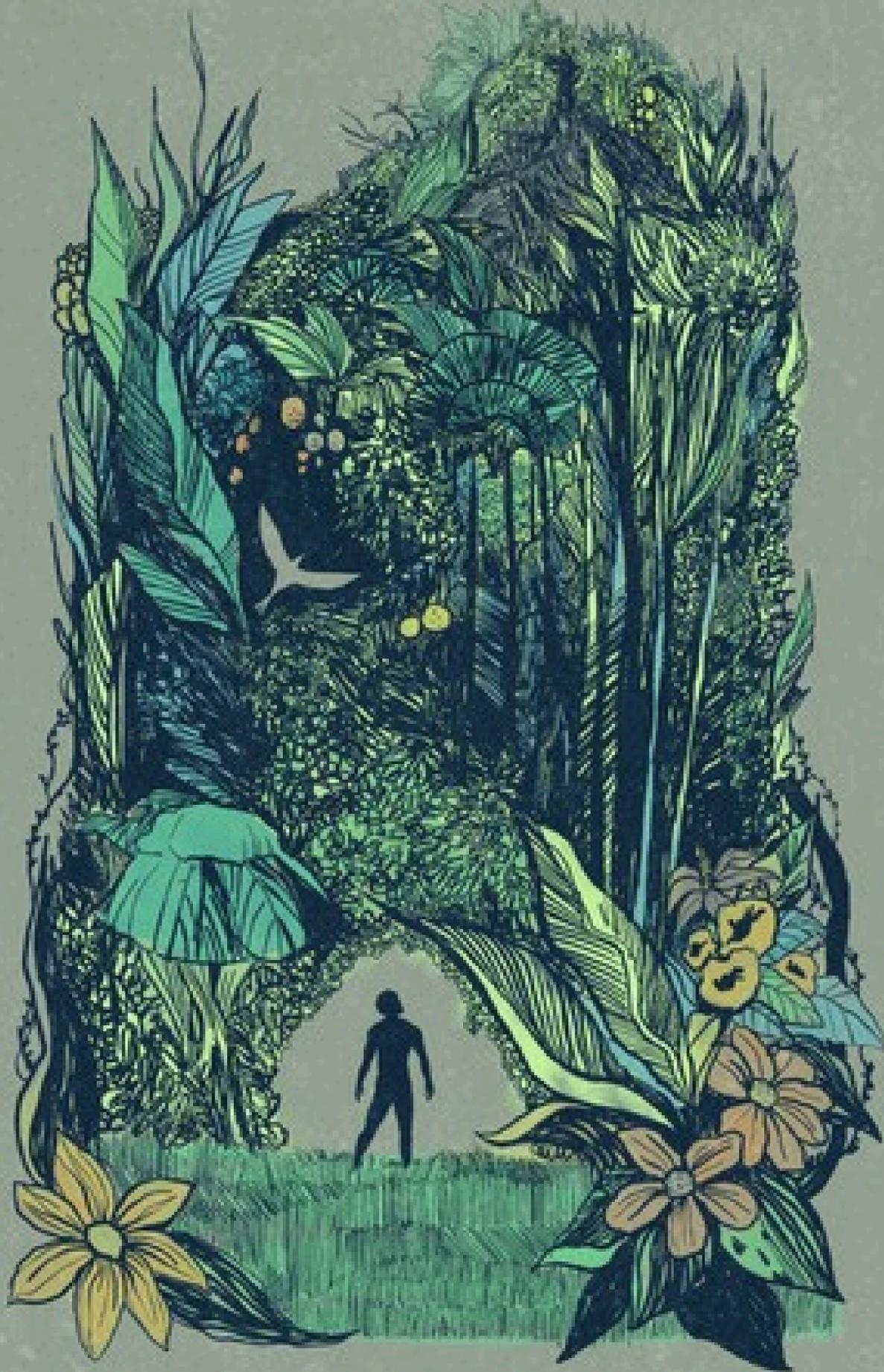
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Day 5 - Birds & Fish



SIX DAYS OF CREATION

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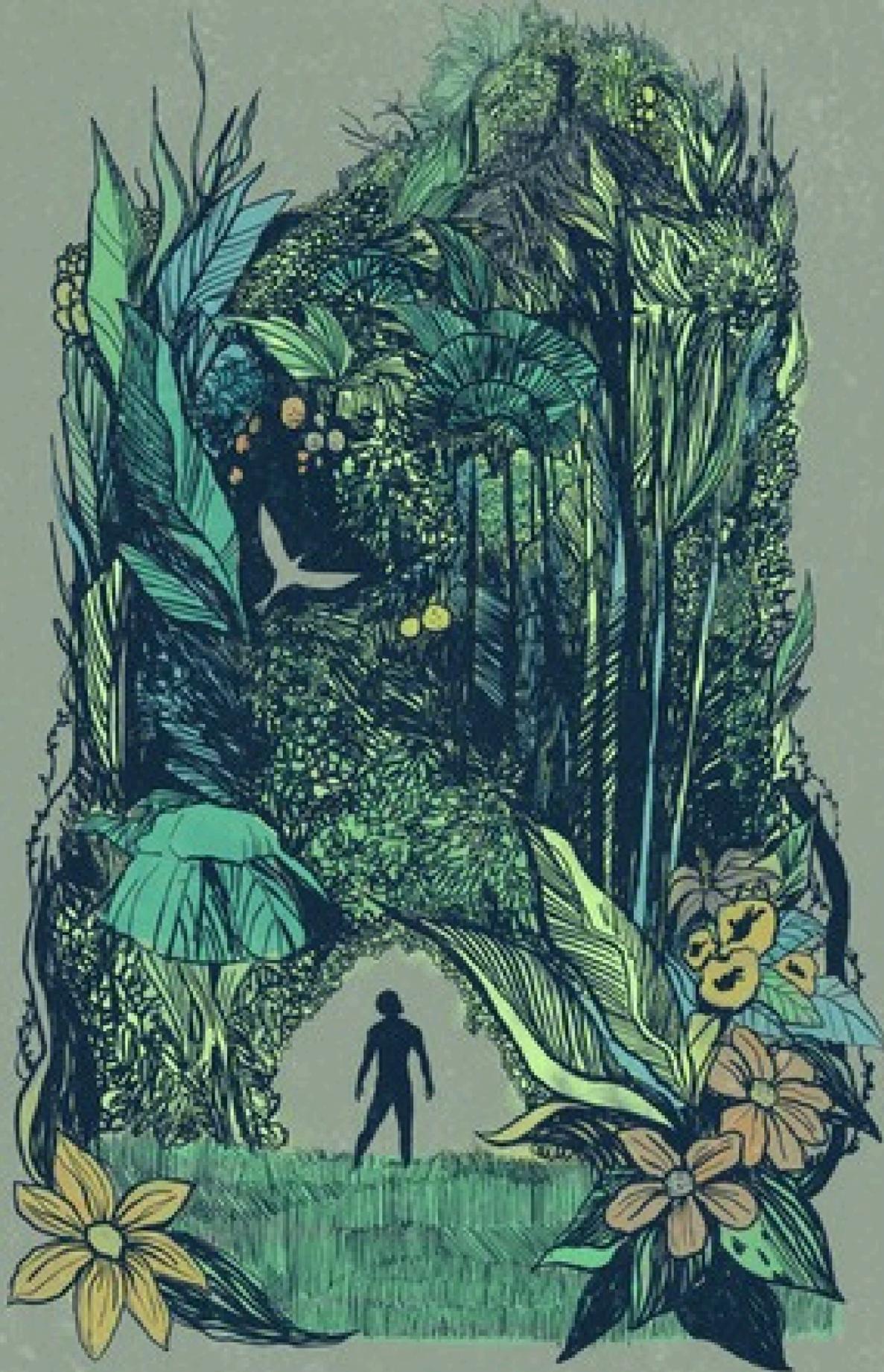
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Day 3 - Land & Plants

Day 4 - Sun & Moon

Day 5 - Birds & Fish

Day 6 - Beasts & Man



PROBLEMS WITH EVOLUTIONARY THEORY

- Six-day timeframe
- No death during creation
- God's direct creative acts
- Order of animal creation
- Intentional design

“I venture to ask you whether, with a firm belief in your theory, a God can exist; or whether one has only the choice between a belief in your theory, and a belief in God, or whether those who believe in your theory can and must believe in a God?”

NICOLAI MENGDEN

“Mr. Darwin begs me to say that he receives so many letters that he cannot answer them all. He considers that the theory of evolution is quite compatible with the belief in a God; but that you must remember that different persons have different definitions of what they mean by God.”

EMMA DARWIN

“I know and feel how immodest and intrusive my requests are, but I do not know where I can get the truth other than from you? Please tell me, can one believe in a Christ as described in the Bible, or do you think one must agree with E. Hückel? And what definition of God do you think is correct for a supporter of your theory? But if you want to completely shower me with your kindness, please also tell me what one should think about life after death? And can one hope for a reunion? This concern has come to me again, as the death of my best friend has caused me to think more seriously.”

NICOLAI MENGDEN

“Dear Sir! I am much engaged, an old man and out of health, and I cannot spare time to answer your question fully—provided it can be answered. Science has nothing to do with Christ; except in so far as the habit of scientific research makes a man cautious in admitting evidence. For myself I do not believe that there ever has been any Revelation. As for a future life, every man must judge for himself between conflicting vague probabilities. Wishing you happiness, I remain, dear Sir, Yours faithfully, Charles Darwin”

CHARLES DARWIN



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