



Africa - Altitude and Attitudes

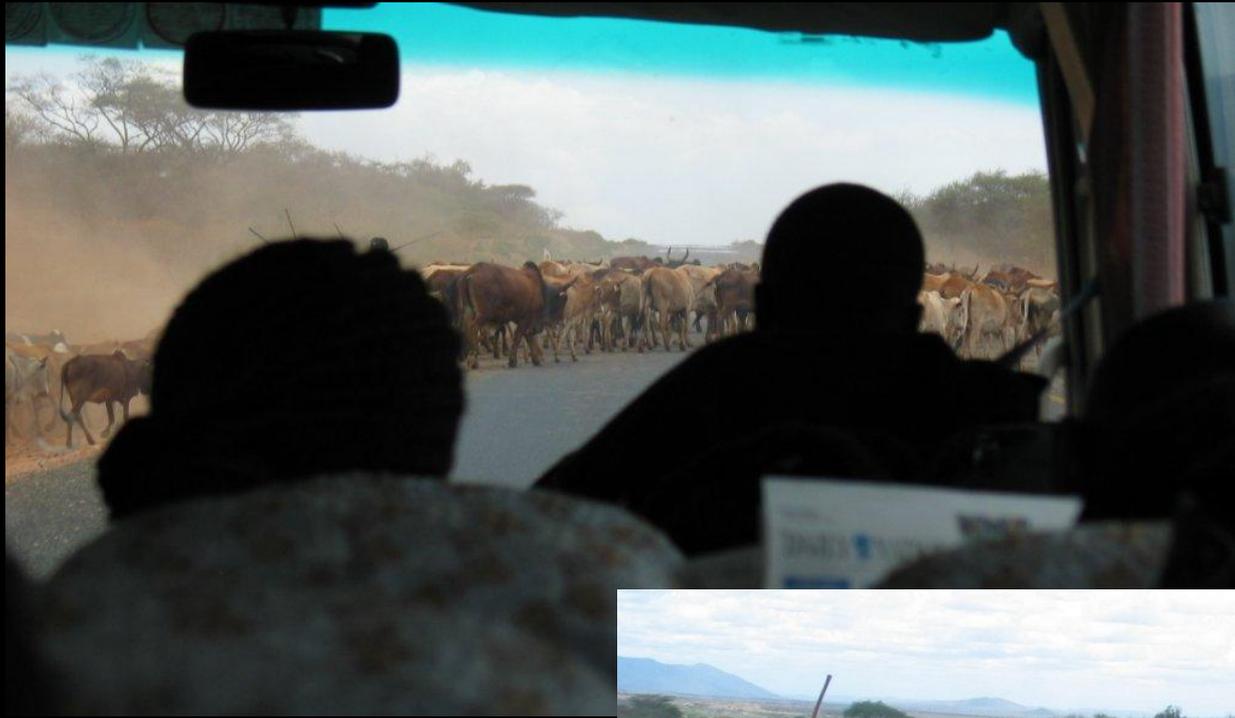
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A man wearing a yellow cap, a light blue button-down shirt, and grey trousers is sitting on a red and orange duffel bag. He is surrounded by other luggage, including a black rolling suitcase and several backpacks. In the background, an airport terminal with a stone pillar and a white railing is visible. Other people are standing around, including a man in a blue striped shirt and a woman in a white top. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting daytime.

Karibu!!

(welcome in
Swahili)

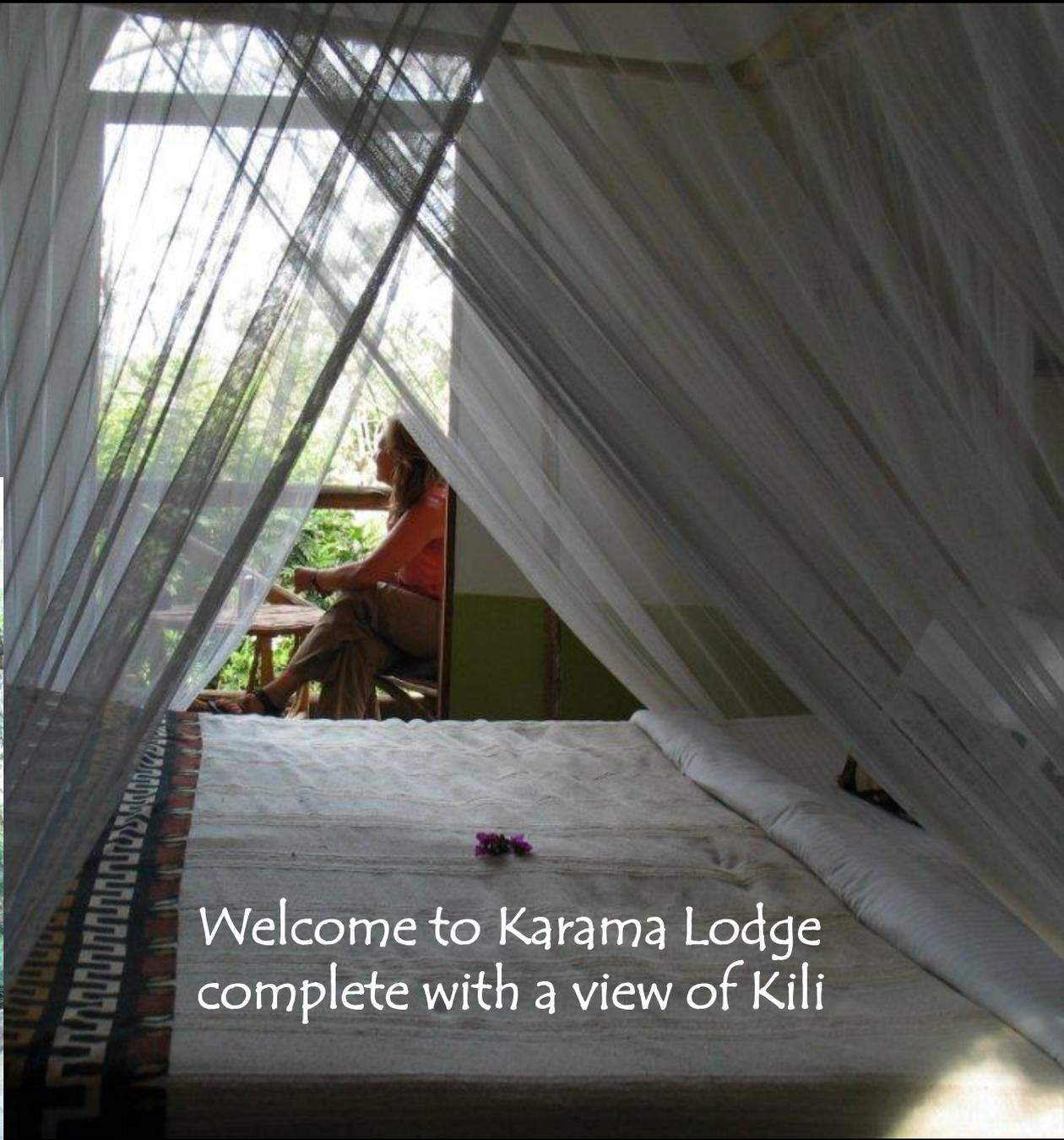
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from Nairobi
to Arusha...

...cows, goats, Maasai,
burros, more Maasai,
more cows...





Welcome to Karama Lodge
complete with a view of Kili

Kili...here we come

8OCT





Kili Krew



LEMOSHO ROUTE



up we go through
the jungle looking
for monkeys



camp one, Mti Mkubwa, 9186'
complete with a monkey

A group of hikers is seen in a dense forest where trees are heavily covered in hanging moss. The hikers are wearing backpacks and hats, and some are using trekking poles. The forest floor is dark and appears to be a dirt path. A large, fallen log is visible in the foreground. The overall atmosphere is misty and green.

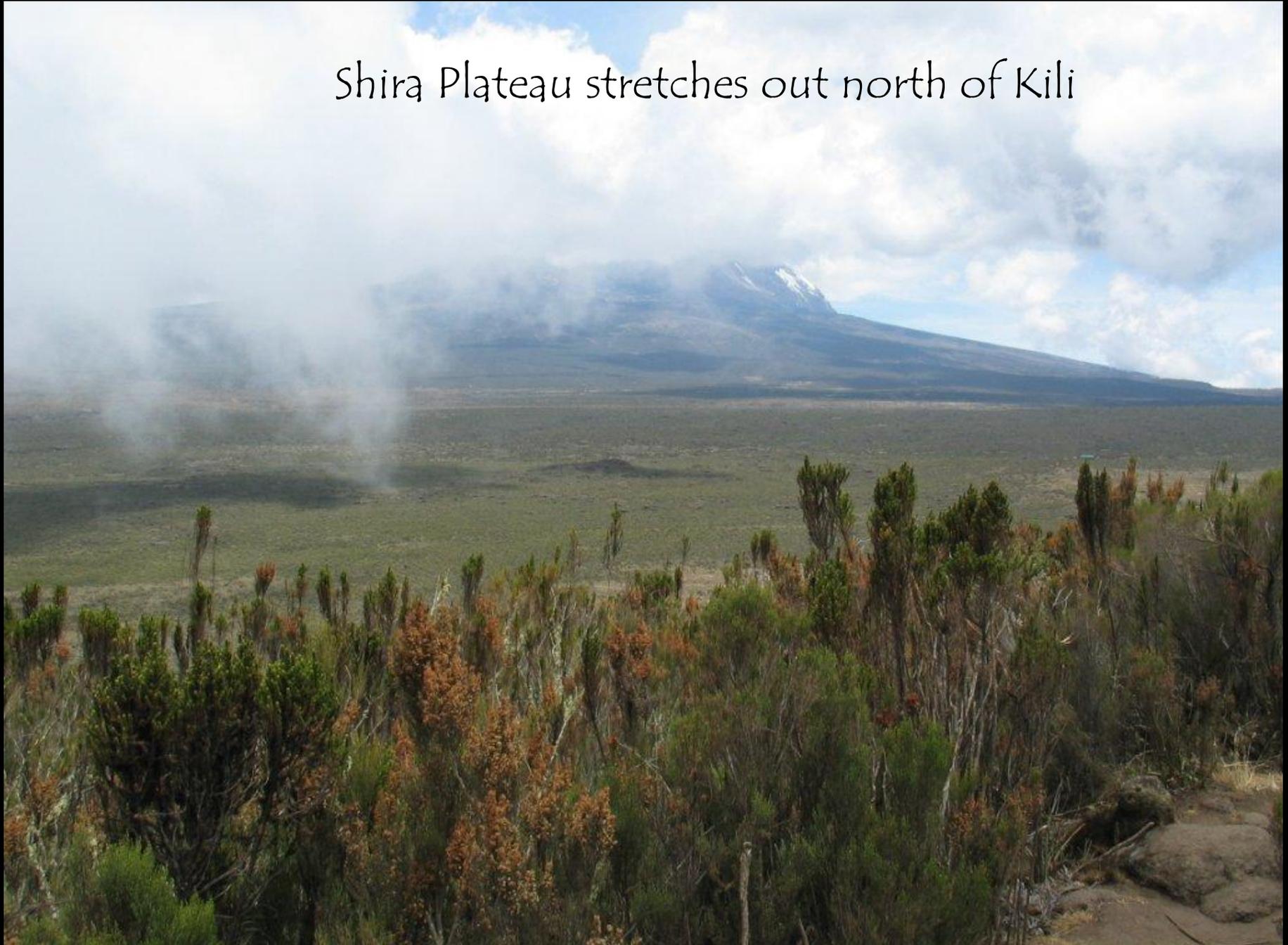
Last stretch of jungle

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A photograph showing several porters carrying large, bulky packs of gear up a steep, rocky mountain trail. The terrain is covered in dense, low-lying vegetation, including many green and brown shrubs. The upper part of the mountain is shrouded in thick, white mist or fog, obscuring the peak and the sky. The porters are seen from behind, moving away from the camera. One porter in the foreground has a large green pack, while others further up have various colored packs, including red and blue. The overall atmosphere is misty and rugged.

porters with an unexplainable bunch of camp gear
zipping through the moorland meadows

Shira Plateau stretches out north of Kili



afternoon clouds give way to a not-so-glaciated peak
(in the 1880's this was completely covered)



leaving Shira 1 behind,
camp 2, 11607'



10 OCT

Godson & Abel
are always there to protect us from the
wildlife, such as ...





... ferocious Salamanders
and purdy flowers



giant Senecios
evolved on the
moorlands of
Kilimanjaro about 1
million years ago



Shira II weather station
@ Camp 3, 12662'





anyone seen Chuckie??

PLEASE MAKE USE OF THE TOILETS

sidetrip to Moir hut (13,500')
'climb high, sleep low'



Follow us....

...to Barranco

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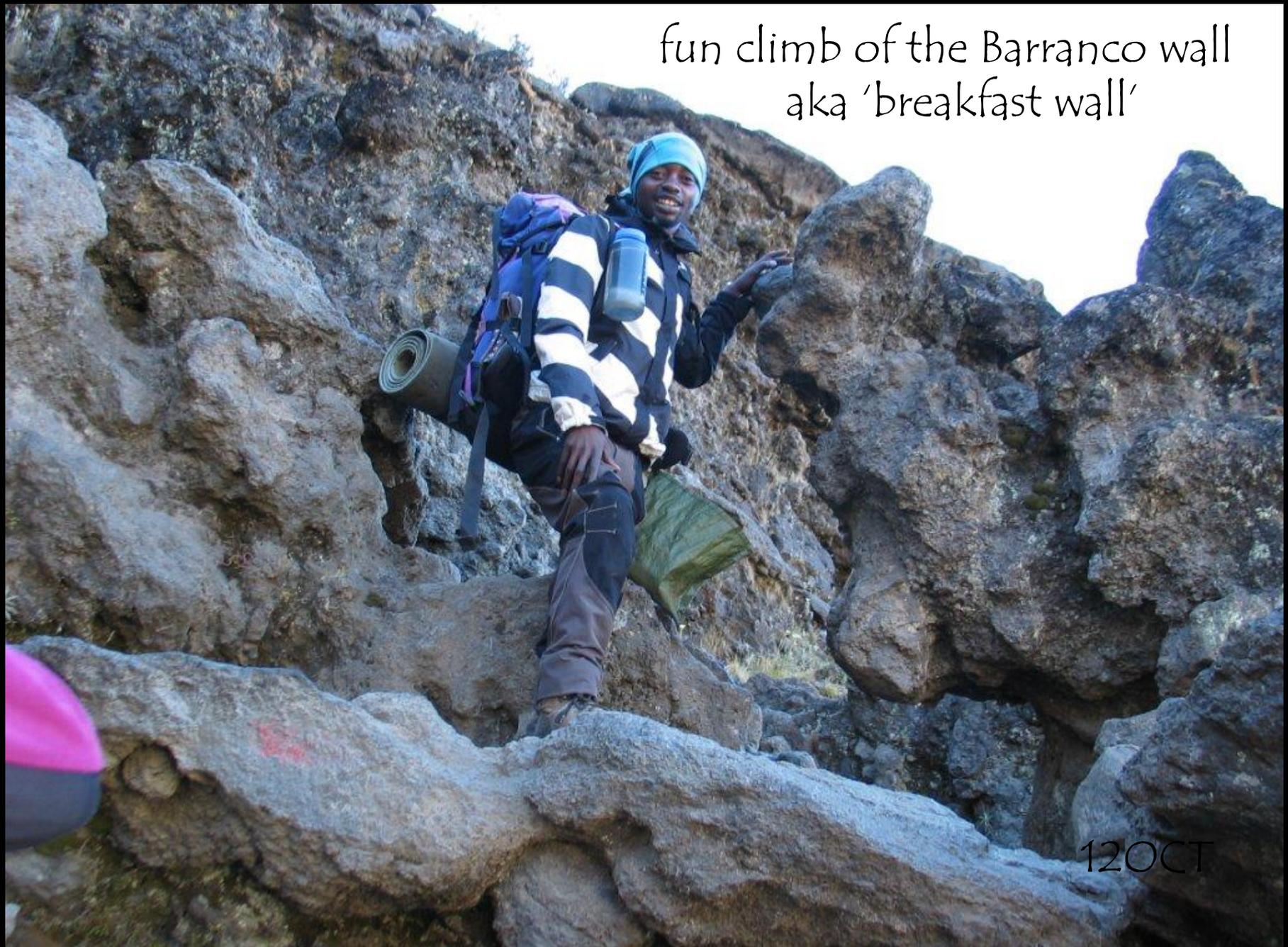
up and over Lava Tower
15154'



really cool giant Senecio forest
enroute to Barranco,
camp 4, 15135'



fun climb of the Barranco wall
aka 'breakfast wall'



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gooing off at the top of the wall
(formed 100k yrs ago from a huge landslide off the summit)



porter crossing the alpine desert to Karanga



the bionic Bavarian happy to be at Barafu, camp 5, 15264'



Mwenzu, 1 of 3 volcanic cones of Kili



camping next to Pete Whittaker again!!
(last time was Aconcagua)



commanding glacier view enroute to Stella Point



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done that. next stop - Crater camp

Chuckie

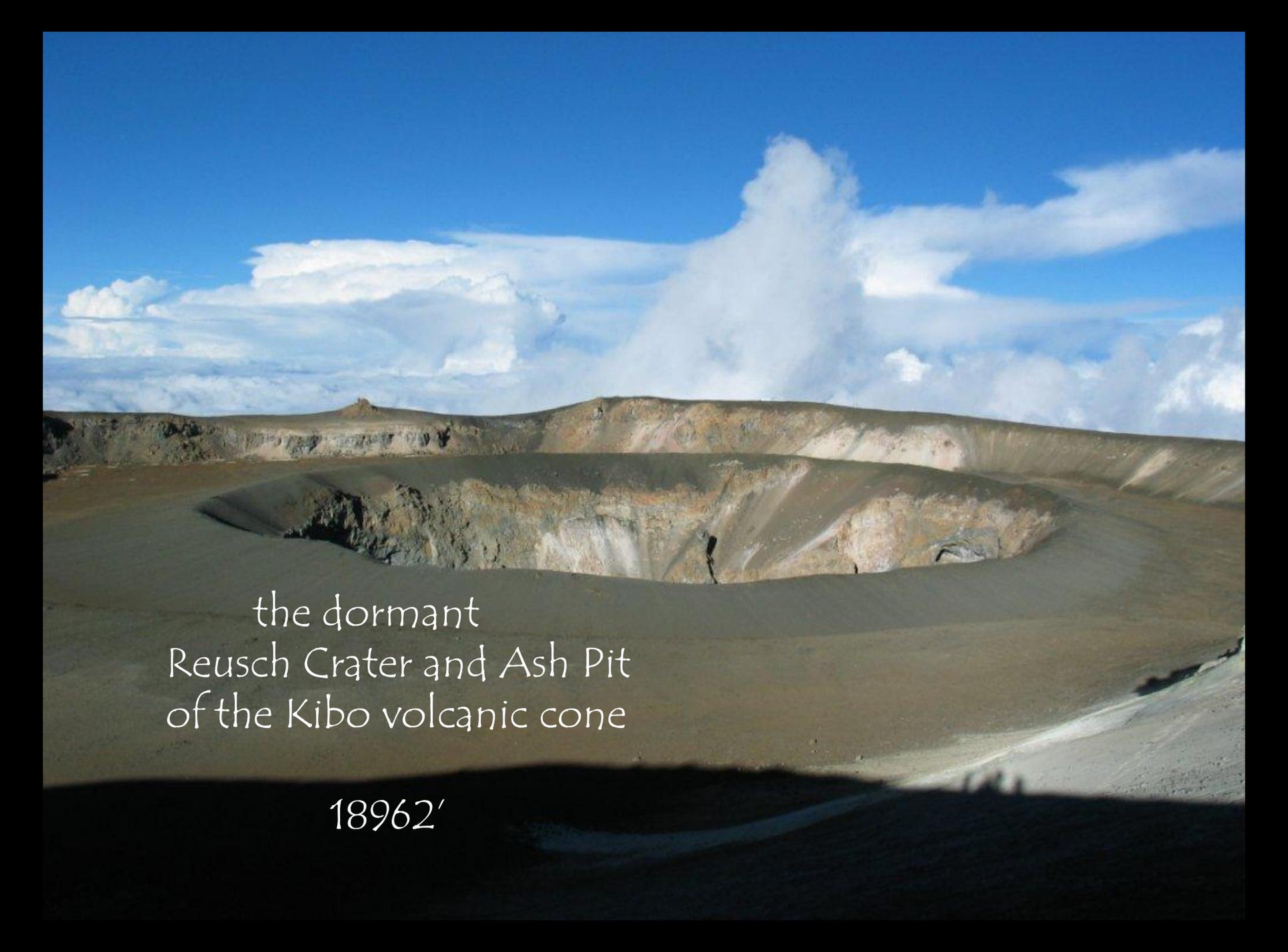




80% of the glacier has disappeared since 1912 ☹



expected to be gone within ten years



the dormant
Reusch Crater and Ash Pit
of the Kibo volcanic cone

18962'



melting remains of the Furtwangler glacier



ice and moon
–
relentless beauty



'lucky to see the glacier' tent view



camp 6, Crater camp and summit trail

18800'



glacier view as we bid for the summit

14 OCT



who's been licking
the frosting off Kili?

"I promise I do not have glacier cubes in here"



final stretch...
pole pole



Powa kichinzi, kama ndizi
(cool like bananas)



7:20 am
14OCT

along the crater rim, down to Stella Point



Southern Icefield



down, down and down...9000' to go



zip, zip, zip...we want food!!



jambo, jambo bwana,
habari gani, mzuri sana, wageni,
mwakaribisha,
kilimanjaro hakuna matata



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high camp, camp 7, 10200'

been there, done that



1500

porters passing us...
they don't care about monkeys



back in the jungle
looking for monkeys



southern hemisphere?



If ya don't wanna climb it, just drink it!

Grant's gazelle



Kori Bustard



Next stop...
the
Serengeti...





first found footprints

...via Oldapai Gorge,
the most important
paleoanthropological
place in the world!

research of the
Leakeys convinced us
that humans evolved
from Africa.

butt, butt, butt...



... here comes trouble





chow time

I'm stuffed!





is this the camp scarecrow
to keep the lions away?

Seronera camp

local hangout for Marabou storks



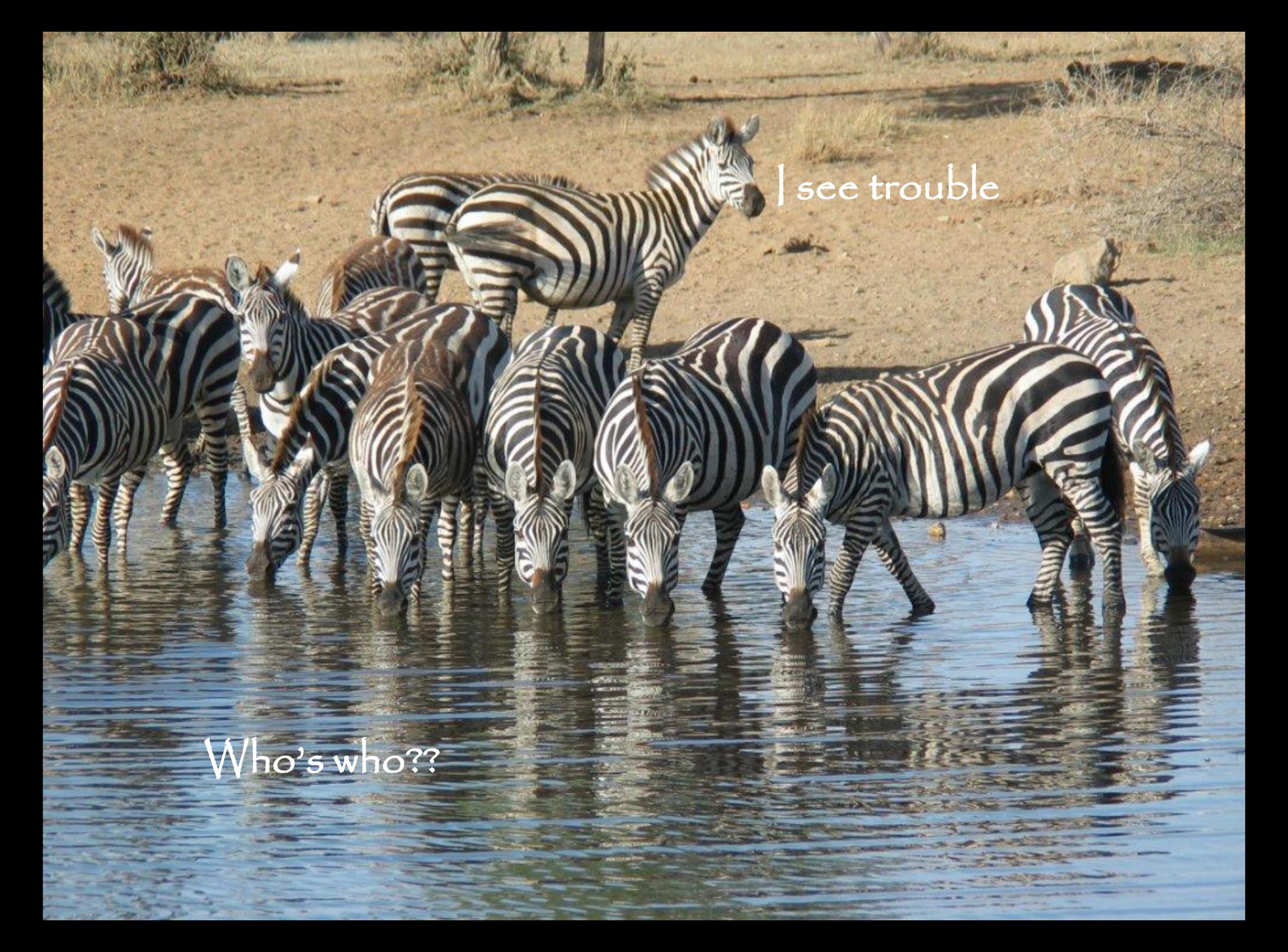
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hippo heaven



Ahhhhh :o)

A herd of zebras is gathered around a watering hole in a savanna. Most of the zebras have their heads in the water, drinking. One zebra in the upper middle ground is standing on the bank, looking back over its shoulder towards the camera. The background shows dry, yellowish-brown grass and a few trees under a clear sky.

I see trouble

Who's who??

when | grow into these feet, you better watch out!





Thomson's gazelles

the only (lost & lonely) donkey in the Serengeti





Giddyap!

don't mess with me



lazy bunch!



enroute to Rhino Lodge above the Ngorogoro Crater...

Maasai houses built by the woman of all indigenous material: timber poles interwoven with a lattice of smaller branches plastered with mud, sticks, grass, cow dung, human urine and ash



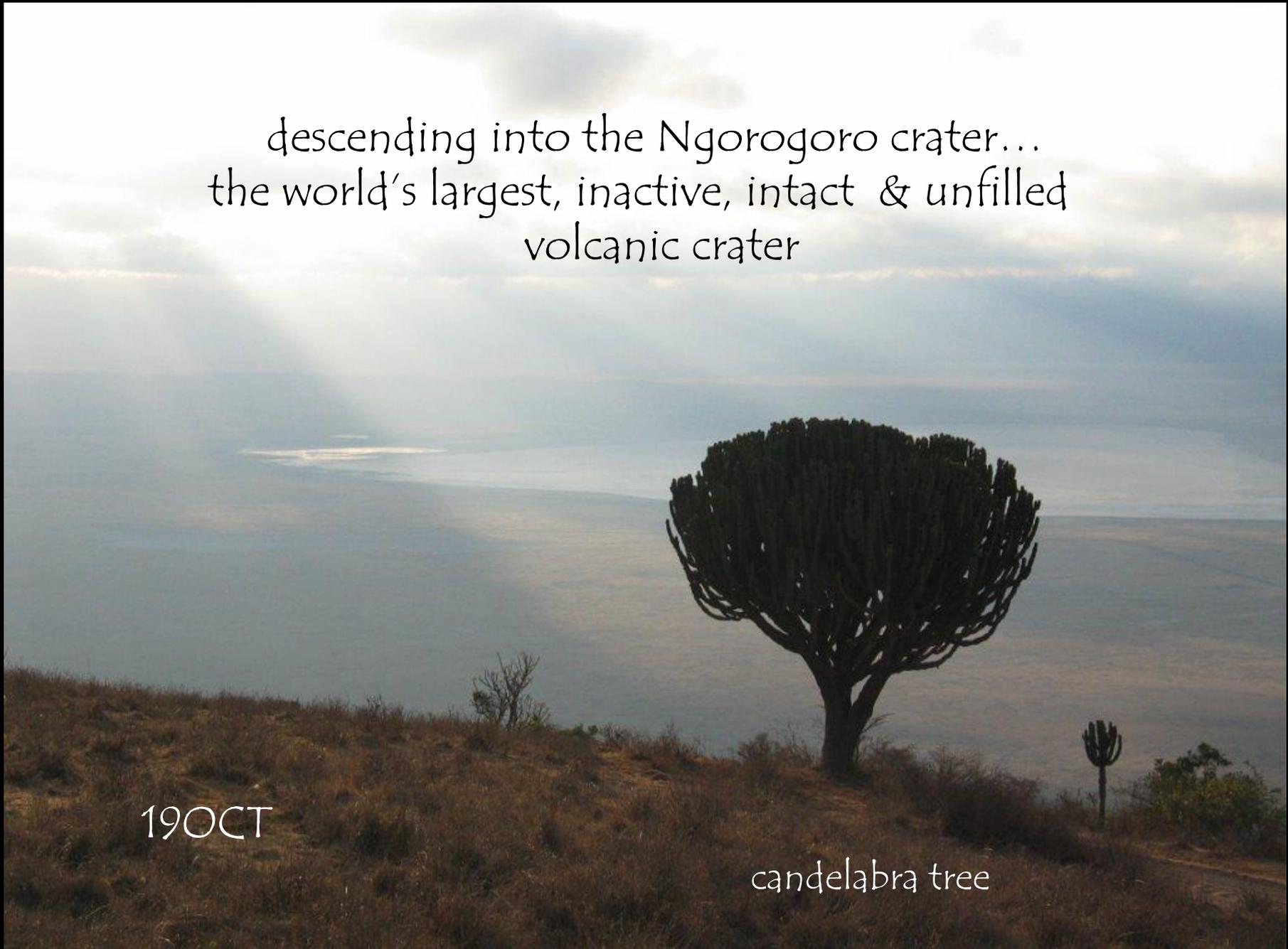


friendly neighbors at Rhino Lodge
...we hope

descending into the Ngorogoro crater...
the world's largest, inactive, intact & unfilled
volcanic crater

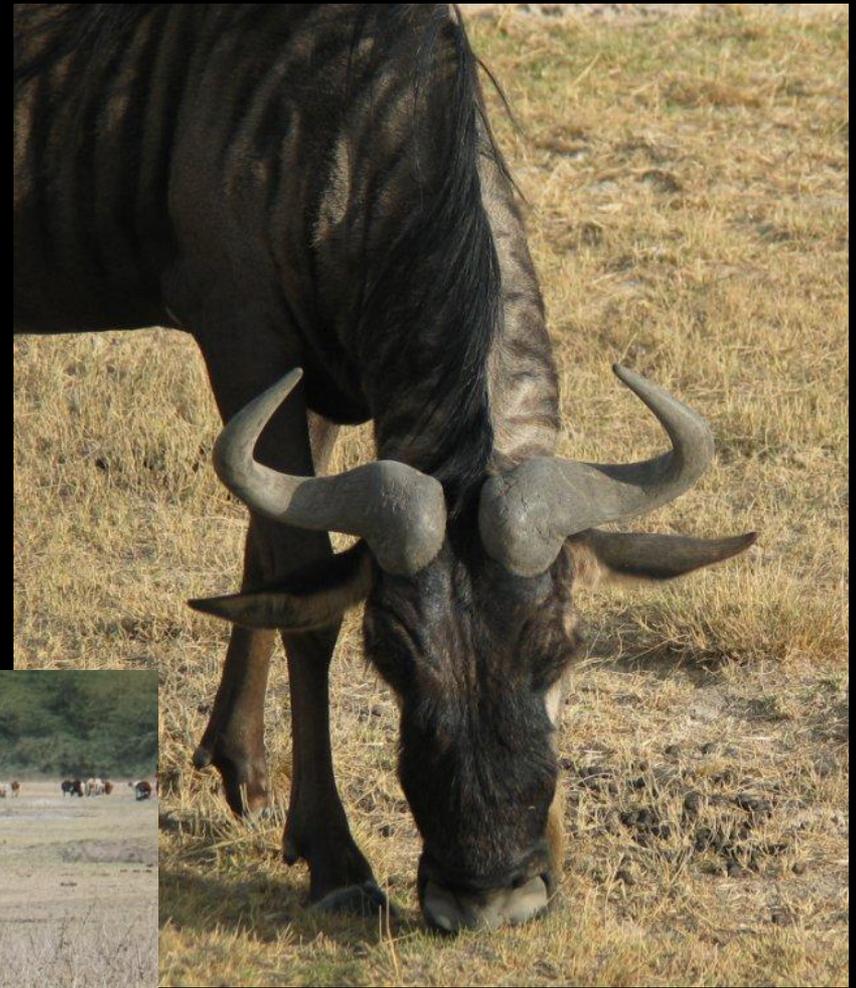
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candelabra tree



wildebeest and zebra have
a symbiotic relationship...
thus they migrate together

we see better



I smell better



king of the crater



Ya...the babes dig me

Crested crane –
Uganda's state bird



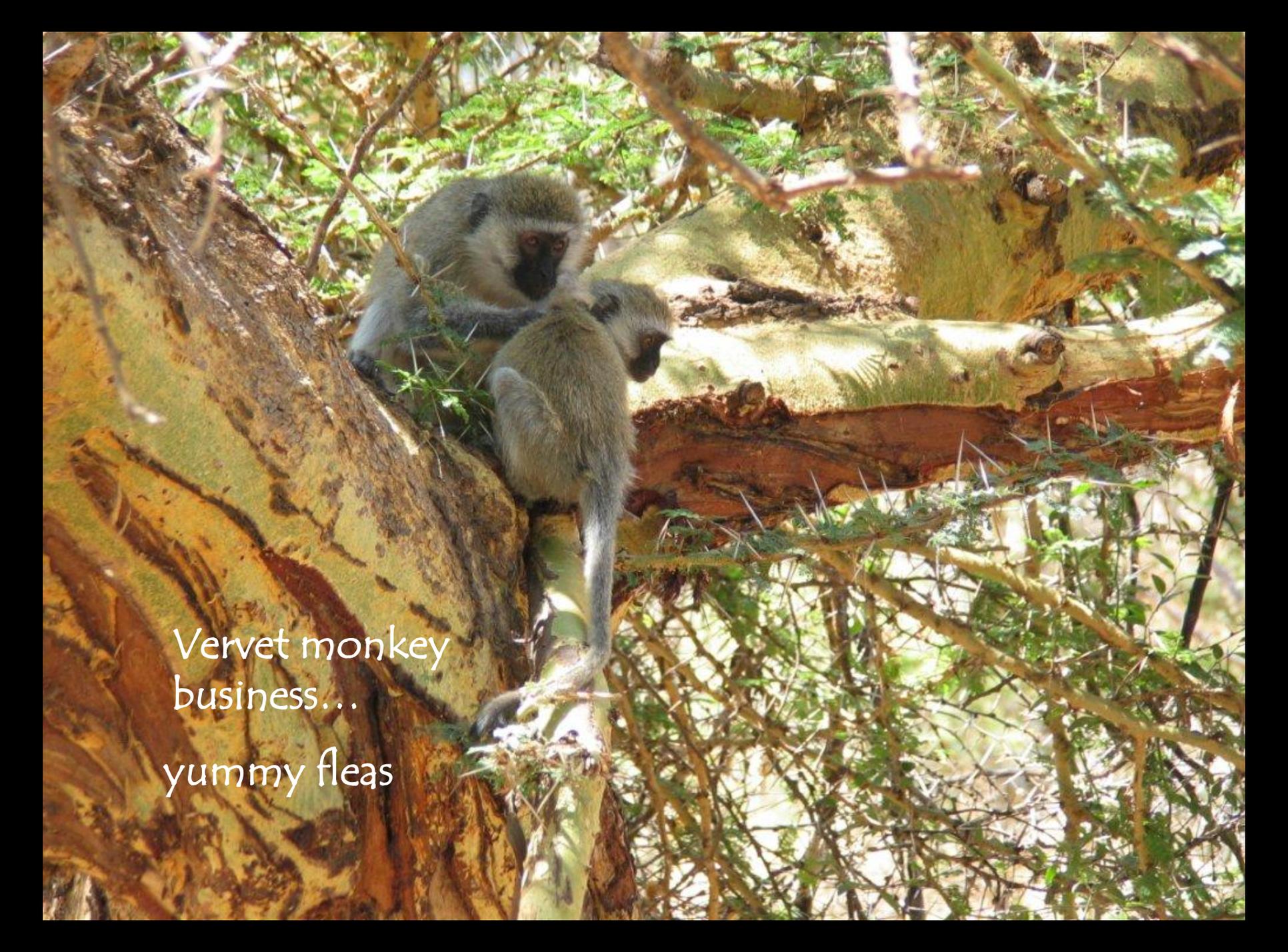
male ostrich



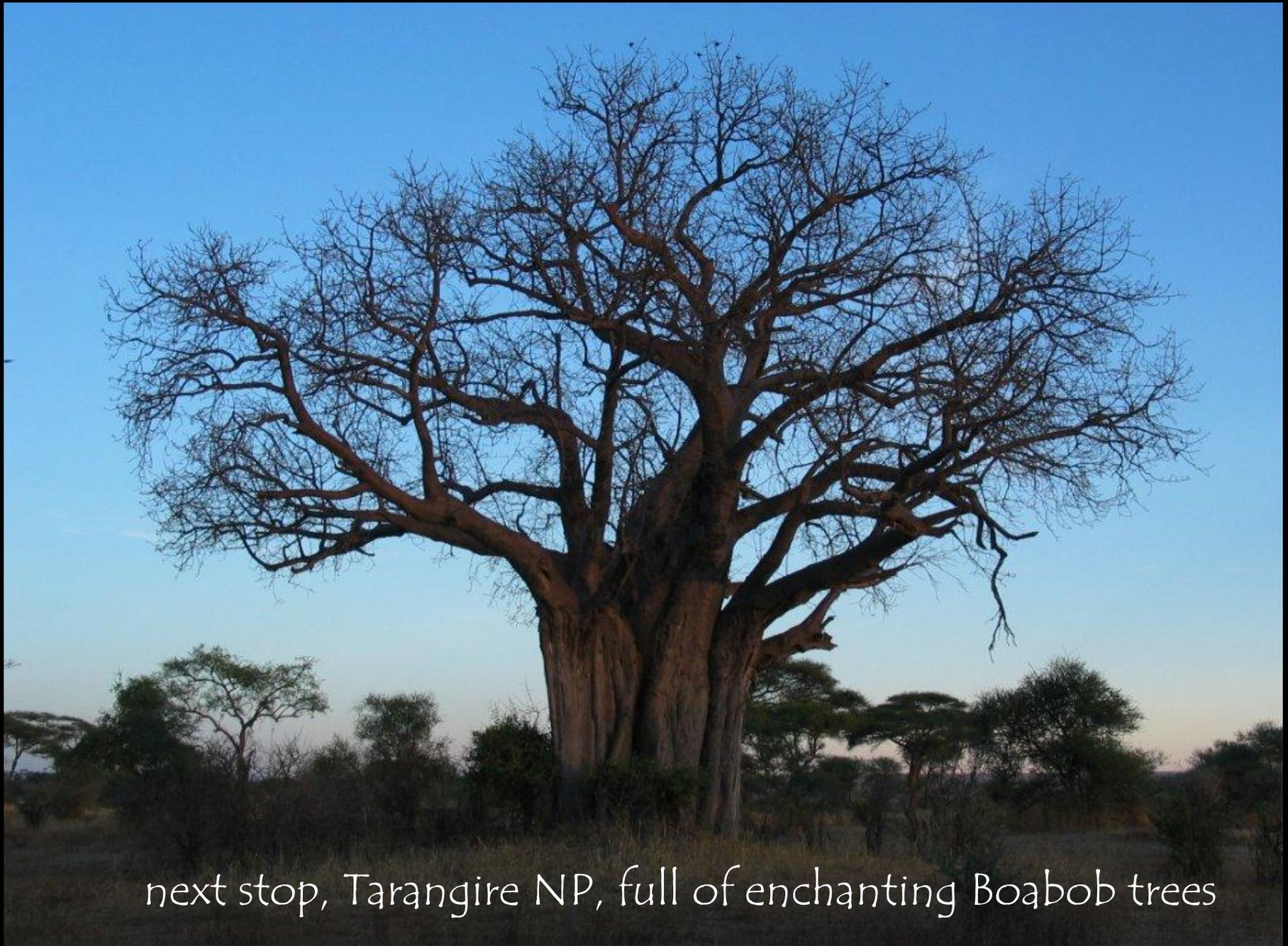
wallow by day,
graze by night

A wide-angle photograph of a large flock of pink flamingos wading in a shallow, seasonal salt lake. The flamingos are scattered across the water, which reflects their pinkish bodies. The foreground is a flat, dry, yellowish-brown plain. In the background, there is a dense line of green trees and a large, hilly landscape with sparse vegetation under a clear blue sky.

flamingos on seasonal salt Lake Magadi



Vervet monkey
business...
yummy fleas



next stop, Tarangire NP, full of enchanting Boabob trees



full moon over Tarangire



national symbol of Tanzania



elephants sometimes "hug" by wrapping their trunks together in displays of greeting and affection



Yummm....
feasting white-backed vultures

Saddle-billed stork
& hamerkop





On a mission...watering hole coming up

feels soo good!





a different world



thank jesus for chickens??



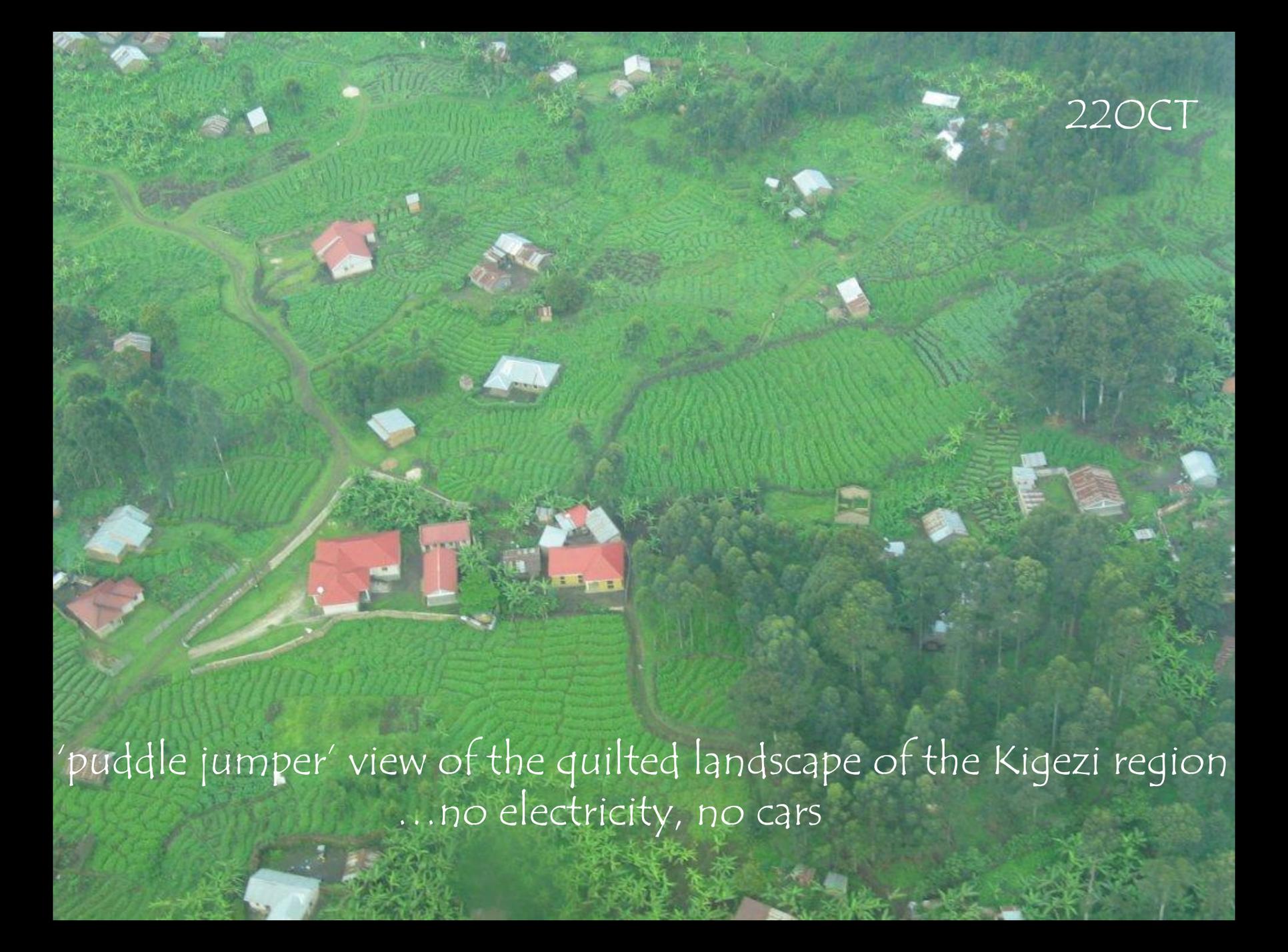
only in Arusha

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flying to Uganda....we see crater camp!



hanging out at the equator +/-
on the shore of Lake Victoria

An aerial photograph of a lush green landscape in the Kigezi region. The terrain is covered in terraced tea fields, which create a quilted pattern across the hillsides. Several small, simple houses with various roof colors (red, white, grey) are scattered throughout the landscape, interspersed among the tea fields. The overall scene is vibrant and rural.

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'puddle jumper' view of the quilted landscape of the Kigezi region
...no electricity, no cars



baby aboard and hoeing the fields, AND
the man is at the bar



each woman has about 7 babies ... and farmland is running low



picturesque Lake Mutanda

A photograph of a rural agricultural landscape. The scene is dominated by terraced fields. In the foreground, there is a lush green field with small purple flowers. A large, conical stack of dried sticks or straw sits in the middle ground. To the right, several banana trees are growing. In the background, three people are visible working in a field. One person is wearing a yellow dress, another a blue patterned dress, and a third a white dress. The overall scene depicts a busy agricultural environment.

90% of women work in agriculture

heaven In the rain forest!!

Welcome
to
Nkuringo
Gorilla Camp





super duper gorilla trekkers prepping for the big day

the forest is disappearing with intense farming,
as there is more than 300 people per square kilometer





I know I can,
I know I can



mom

23OCT

we found the gorillas!

2 yr., 9 mos. cutie





ready to pucker up
buttercup??



attitude adjustment needed??



no gorilla babies have ever survived in captivity,
thus they are endangered and need our support

how can you say 'no' to this cutie??





certified gorilla trekkers...
that's us!! :o)

Bwindi Impenetrable Forest's
vegetation has
been weaving itself
into tangles over 25,000
years and is only
accessible by foot

it is home to 340 mountain gorillas –
half of the world's population

back to Entebbe with the Virunga volcanoes in view

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vervet monkey



exotic
tropical
splendor

...
Entebbe
Botanical
Gardens





Lake Victoria







this is sooo
yummy

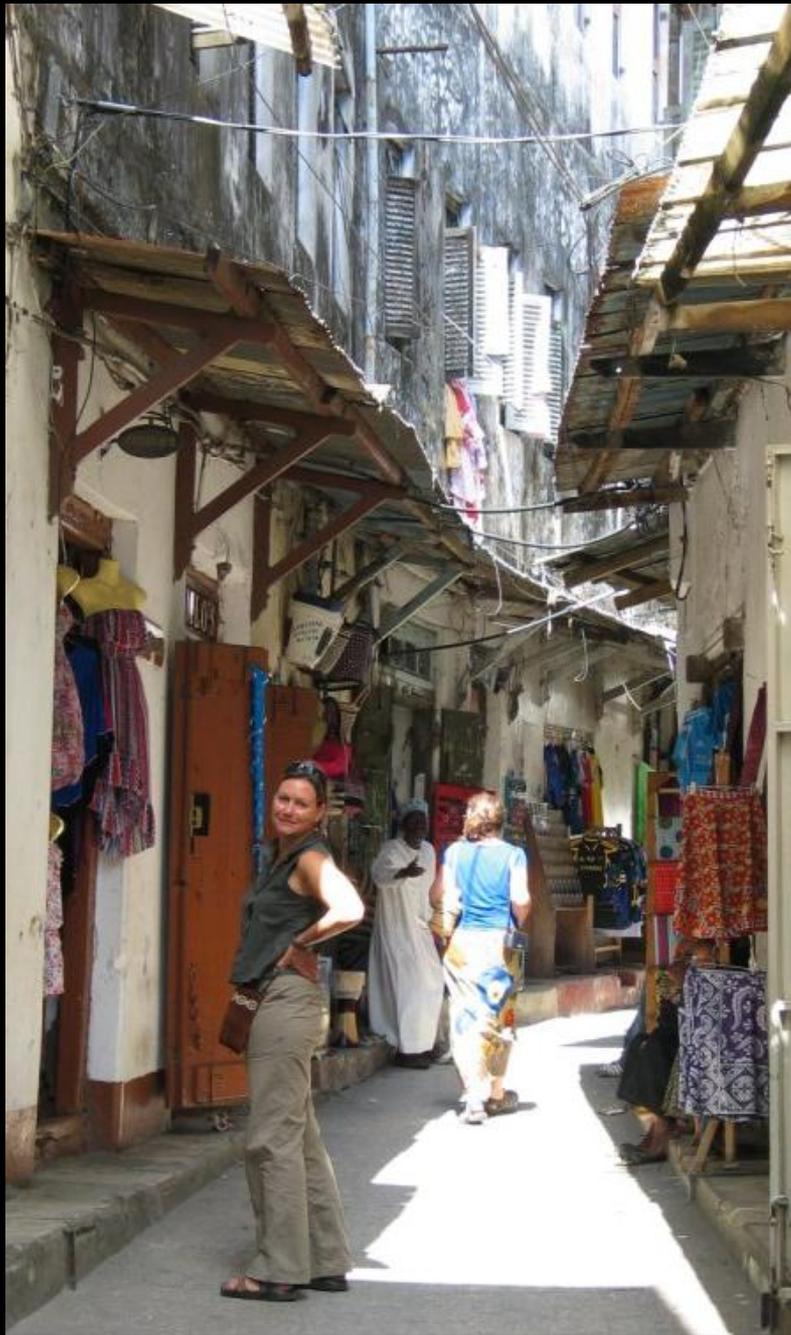
Zanzibar : tropical white-sand beaches,
lush plantations, an incredible history
and a fascinating culture



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local boat repair

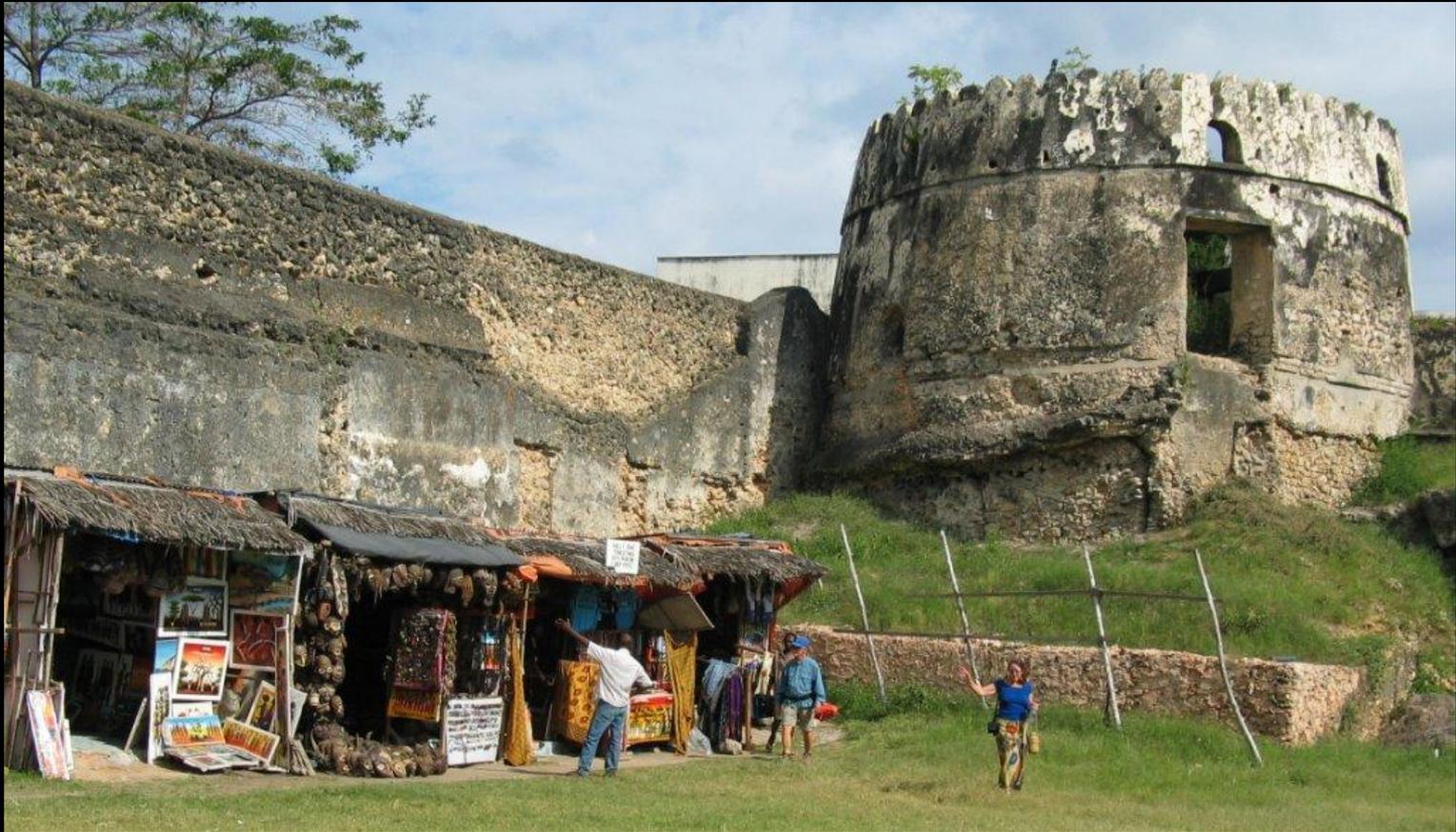




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the old fort





Stonetown sunset –
west side of Zanibar

Karibu
to Pongwe



post sunset wine on the east side of the island



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finale beyond all wishes

endless
entertainment



a tranquil real world...

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...outside of our front door



catching on to
life of Zanzibar

28OCT
our '59th sunrise





and a perfect '59th' day



reality is waiting...

