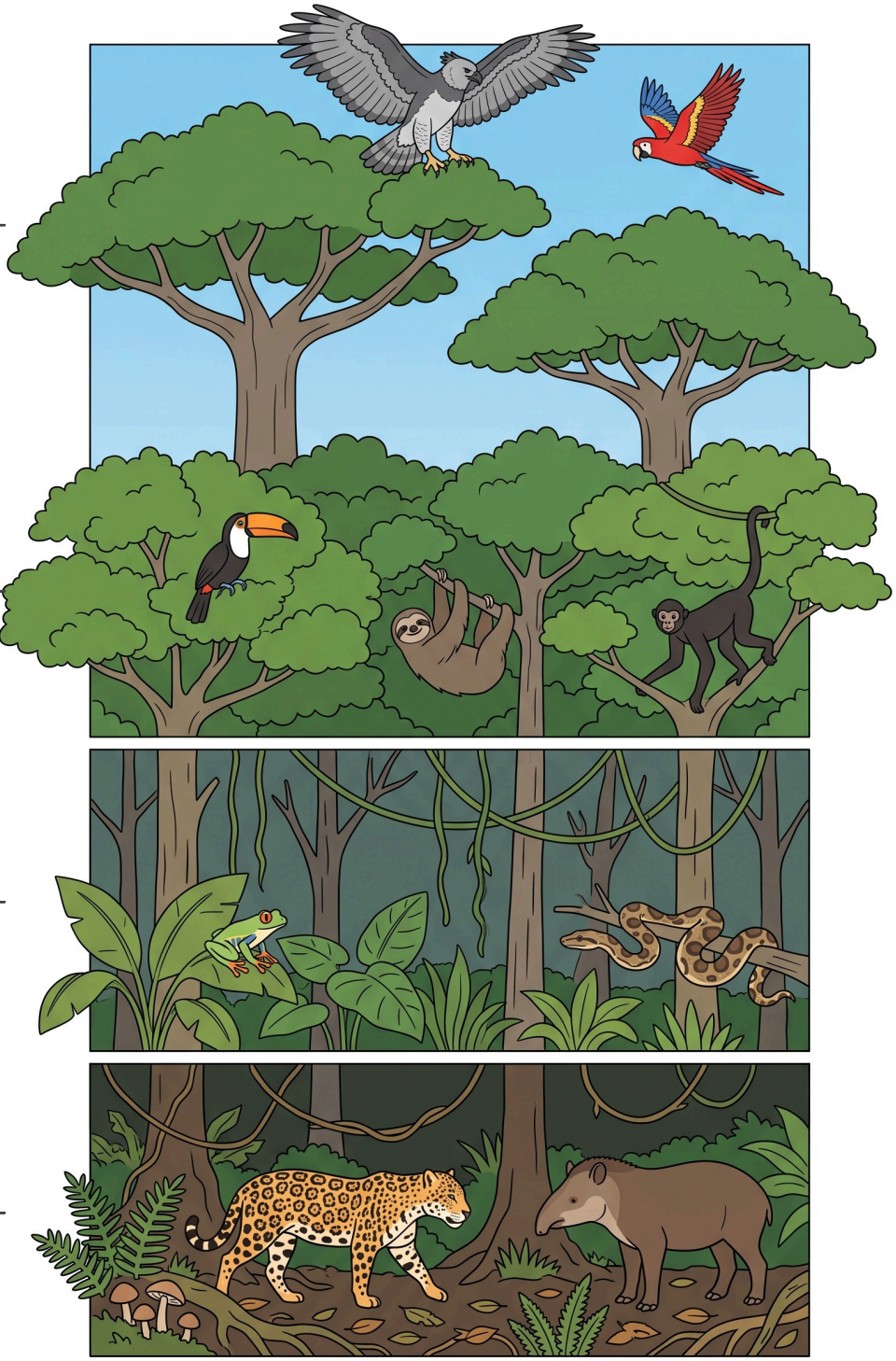
LAYERS OF THE RAINFOREST

LIFE SCIENCE *What each part does*

A rainforest is built like a tall building with four floors. Different plants and animals live on each one.



Emergent layer

The top layer. A few giant trees poke up into the sky. It is sunny and windy.

Canopy

The treetops make a thick, leafy roof. Most rainforest animals live here.

Understory

Shady and still. Plants grow big leaves to catch the light.

Forest floor

The bottom layer. It is dark and damp. Jaguars and tapirs walk here.