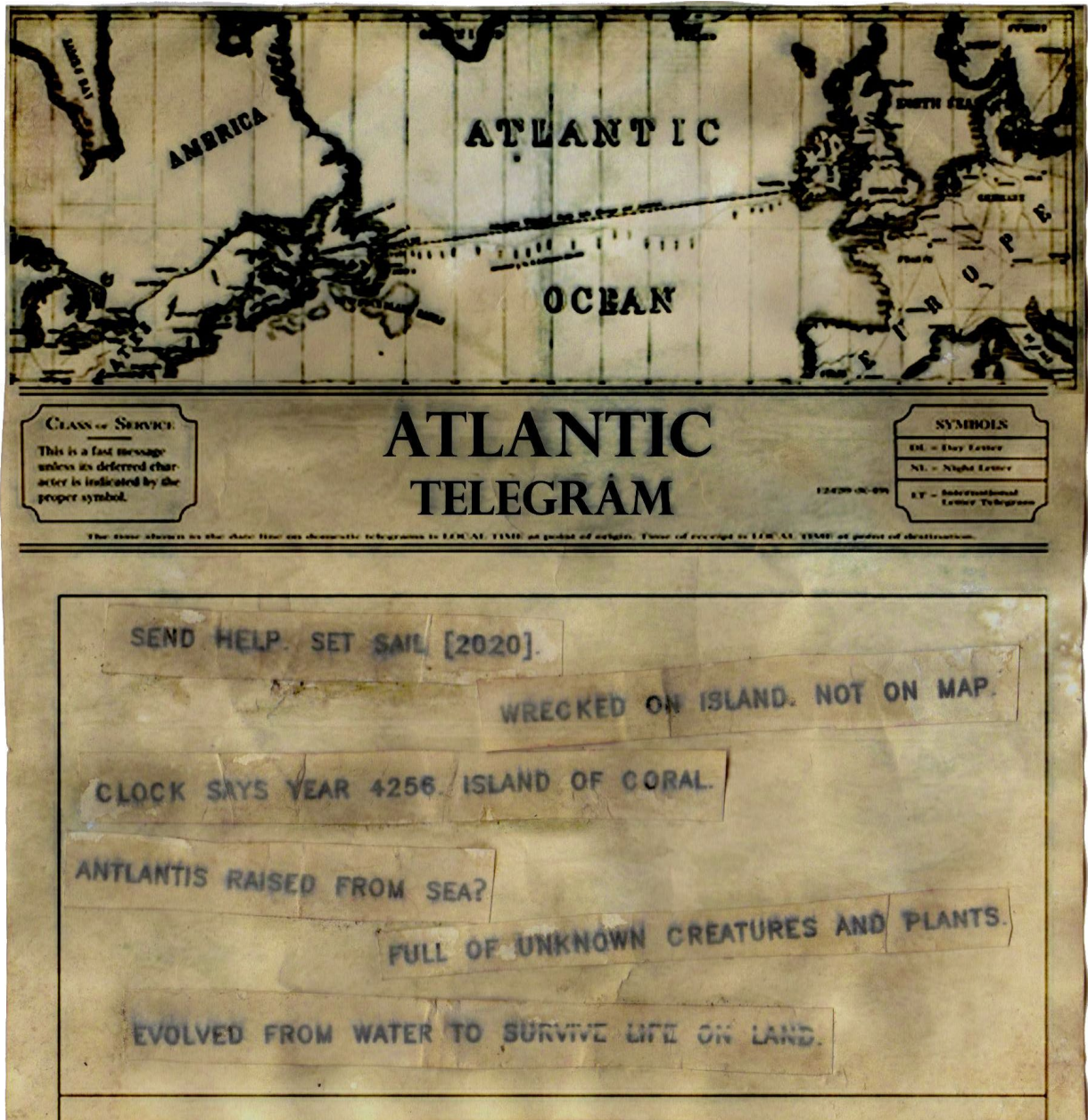


### Mission 3 The Explorer

Thank you for checking the coordinates and sending us your postcard last week, we enjoyed reading about your adventures. What great travellers you all are!

However, the adventure is not over yet. Last week we received two deliveries three days apart. Last Monday we received this telegram from the Explorer: the postman said they do not often get telegrams these days, as everybody is using text and WhatsApp.



This says the island is not on the map... so that explains why you couldn't find it on your travels!

It sounds like an exciting island, doesn't it? A coral island. Did you know corals are not plants? They are animals, because they do not make their own food, as plants do. They are known as sessile animals that "take root" on the ocean floor. I wonder how they survived on land? Just as I was imagining what kind of strange creatures they must be, a package turned up on the doorstep, and inside I found a stack of pages warped in twine. They looked very old and a bit worn and seem to have been torn out of a book, it didn't look like much.

What do you think?

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Then we cut the strings and found these.... it was as if we got a glimpse into the island's secrets...



## Your Mission

Please find below extracts from the Explorer's journal. Some of these journal sheets seem incomplete – some have drawings, writing and others have nothing. Maybe they got damaged on the way here or got wet by the sea, or the Explorer just wants you to complete them? What do you think? Would you help us?

Do you know Charles Darwin kept a journal on his expeditions and he drew and wrote down everything he noticed about the creatures he encountered?

**Please help by becoming an at-home explorer and complete the journal sheets from the following pages!**

Think about all the amazing, fantastic creatures that live in the sea. All animals and plants have developed to survive in different environments.

- What do you think happened to the creatures on this island when raised above the sea?
- How would the creatures evolve from living underwater to living on land over many, many, many years or centuries?
- Do they have any unique markings or special skin?
- What special skills help them to survive? Where do they live?
- Use your imagination!

**We can't wait to see what fantastic creatures you design.**

You can print these pages, copy them or get creative and make your own journal pages. Do not forget to check the telegram for any clues about the island.

I climbed over the deep mountain ridge and  
walked onto the hot sand and I wondered  
what lies ahead.

Name:

Diet:

Height:

Length:

Behaviour:

Habitat:

It stared at me from the distance as if I was the first human it ever saw.

skin glistens in the light of the dusk.



I never believed, I would ever discover such a creature.  
"As you explore, you will find things you never dreamed of."

Name:

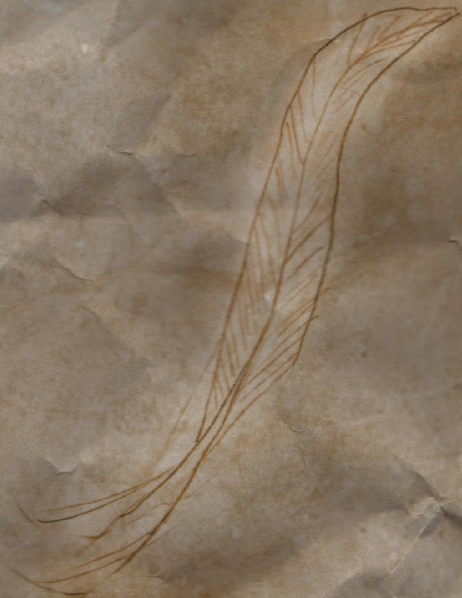
Diet: small insects +

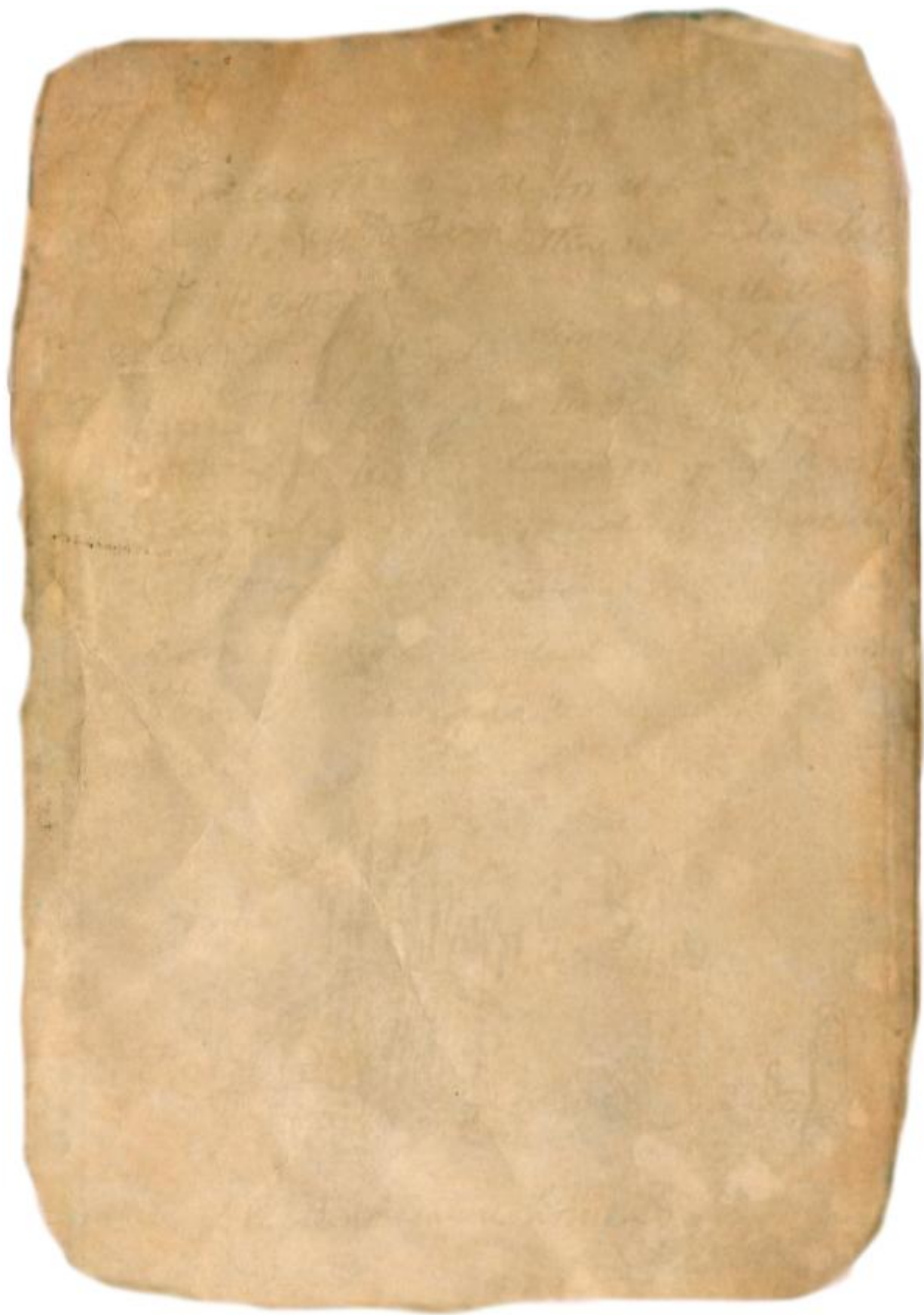
Height: Length:

Behaviour: pointed claws for digging +

Habitat:

Found near  
the cliffs  
on the NW coast







Name:

Type:

Soil:

Location:

Name: Longacrura

Diet: although it prefers small fish it's diet mainly consists of land corals.

Height: 100cm      Length: 50cm

Behaviour: it travels at 25kph. Lays eggs in sand like turtles.

Colour: changes with the environment.

Location: beach on the far-side of the island.

The Longacrura has very long legs and shaggy like feathers



Name: Flosruber

Type: flowering Plant

Soil: sandy

Full sunlight

All around me I can see them, I  
often looked at them and think...  
how wondrous they are!

Name:

Type:

Soil:

Location:



