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In the Heart of the Wild

In the calm and quiet bosom of the unfrequented dicterocarp forest
full of creeks, cliffs, beaches, glades
marshes, grasslands and water ways
thrive plants, animals, humans, insects and amphibians
in varied habitats.

Innumerable inhabitants in their symbiotic, food-eater, non-interfering
and harmonic relationship representing Nature's ways and modulations
live with systematic irregularities
in the heart of the Borneo rainforest.

Proboscis monkeys, wonderment in their eyes,
cohabit with silvery lutung, furs glistening in the sun;
leaf eaters of different species.

A group of ferns growing in circle trap rain water
in a bowl where frogs lay their eggs
fertilizing the plants with their droppings.

Tribals of Sarawak living in their settlements
follow the orangutans who daily change their habitats.
Male fiddler crabs flaunting their large colourful claws
attract their females but fall prey to crab-loving macaques.
Fireflies of different species flash at different dark phases of the eve

but some of the females flash at odd times to attract males
of the other species which are lured to their death traps
like insects drawn by the smells of the pitcher plants
enter through their mouths and slip into their slimy sloppy bowls
to be dissolved in enzymes.

Side by side live the vegetarian pitcher plants
content with fallen leaves and dewdrop nectars.
Wonderful animals roam there like bearded pigs
fly the lemurs and lizards like birds.

Silently blossom in the heart of the strange wilderness
tallest phallus like odorous *amorphophallus*
and largest yoni like colourful carrion smelling *rafflesia*;
the tallest and the largest wild flowers on earth
complementary to each other
thrive in Borneo wild.

While plants, animals, humans and insects of different species
live in the heart of the wild
wild lives camouflaged in the heart of the elite.

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