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If a Lion and a Leopard Face Off ...

CRITTER CARD

Species name:

Asiatic Lion

Scientific name: *Panthera leo persica*

Size: male lions grow up to 250 cm long; females grow up to 192 cm

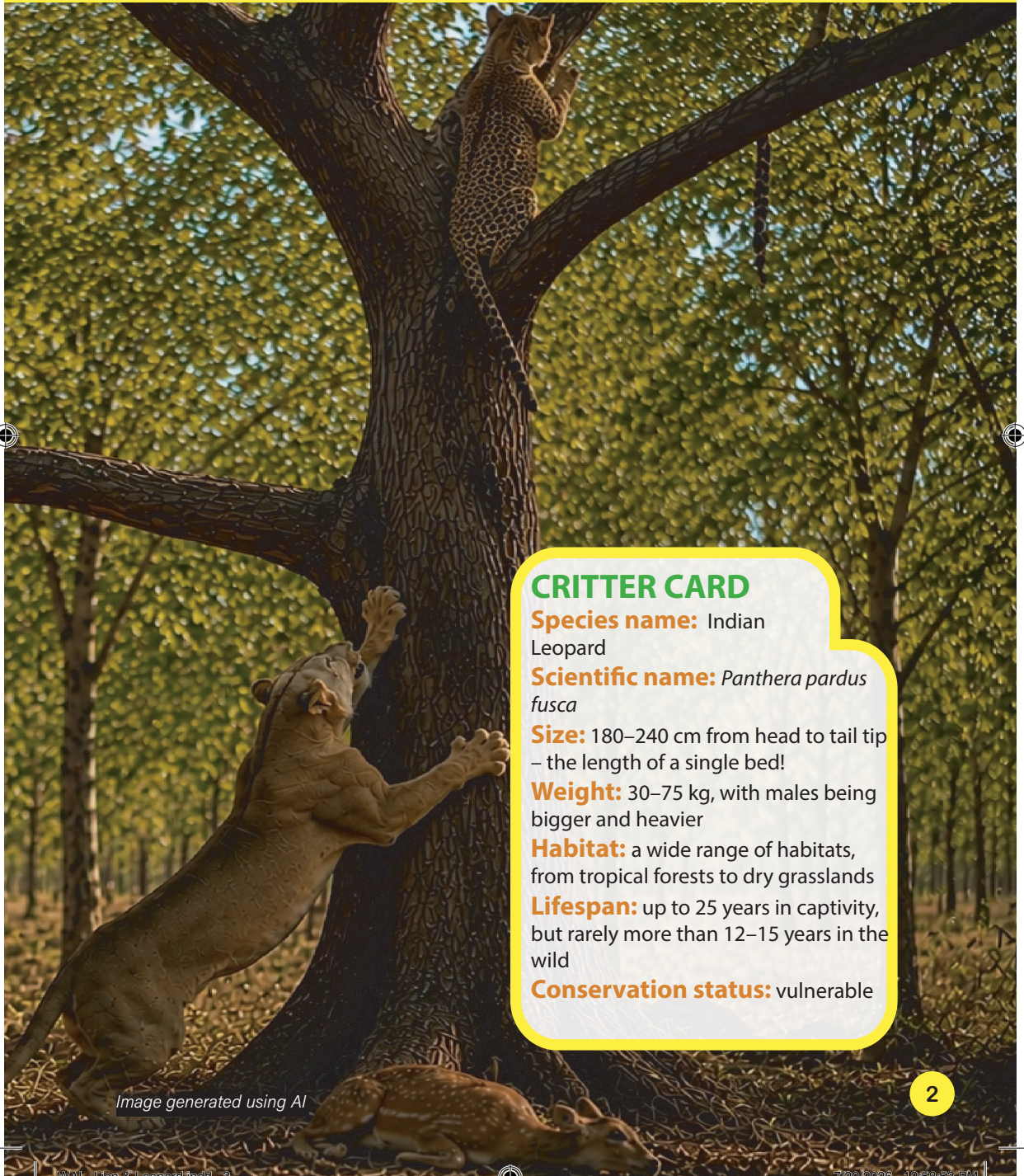
Weight: males: 160–190 kg; females: 110–120 kg

Habitat: dry deciduous and scrub forest and savannah grasslands

Lifespan: females can live for about 15–18 years; most males live for up to 12 years

Conservation status: endangered

... Who Would Win?



CRITTER CARD

Species name: Indian Leopard

Scientific name: *Panthera pardus fusca*

Size: 180–240 cm from head to tail tip – the length of a single bed!

Weight: 30–75 kg, with males being bigger and heavier

Habitat: a wide range of habitats, from tropical forests to dry grasslands

Lifespan: up to 25 years in captivity, but rarely more than 12–15 years in the wild

Conservation status: vulnerable

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Meet the Asiatic Lion

Given the distinctive mane of males and their ear-splitting roar, it's impossible to mistake the lion for any other big cat. The lion is the only truly social cat, and groups of related females form the core of each pride. Lions are ambush hunters, taking down everything from wild pigs to domestic buffaloes.

In this book, you'll meet the Asiatic lion, that is now found only in India.





Meet the Indian Leopard

Rarely seen, the leopard is truly the invisible cat. Active largely in the twilight hours of dusk and dawn, the leopard's spotted fur helps it blend into the shadows. Though smaller than lions, leopards are fierce predators that hunt medium-sized deer, monkeys, large birds and even rodents.

In this book, you'll meet the Indian leopard, a subspecies of the leopard that is found in India, Nepal, Bhutan, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Myanmar and parts of southern China.

