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I used to think that going to the  
jungle made my life an adventure.

However, after years of unusual  
work in exotic places, I realize  
that it is not how far off I go or  
how deep into the forest I walk  
that gives my life meaning. I see  
that living life fully is what makes  
life — anyone's life, no matter  
where they do or do not go  
— an adventure.

— **Maria Fadiman**  
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