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EXAMINE YOUR ZOOSPHERE.

They study hexicology, lying betwixt sloomy myxomycetes oozingly exploring expansive eucalypt ecosystems. Drowsy axolotls (*Ambystoma mexicanum*) luxuriate wetly nearby. They exhaustively survey hilly backcountry, moseying carefully betwixt hungry lynxes eyeing grazing addaxes, ibexes, oryxes, zebrules. They classify hyraxes; they outfox flying foxes. They characterize pythons, platypodes, zygodactyls. They coax shy chimpanzees skyward. They spy aye-ayes.

They kayak bizarre Stygian waterways, carrying fykes, fixing fizgigs, identifying tiny zooplankton taxiing betwixt vortexes: protozoans, hydrozoans, scyphozoans. They overanalyze hyperspecialized endosymbionts (zooxanthellæ, zoochlorellæ). They waylay unwary ammodytes, bergylts, gwyniads, lampreys. They nearly capsizes rickety monoxylons. They hydroplane breezeless bayous, blustery bays. They anatomize sixgill stingrays, zonetail butterfly rays. They X-ray zebrafish.

They explore thorny, leathery, labyrinthine greenery, carrying adzes, fixing axes. They identify exotic Zimbabwean boxthorns (*Lycium schizocalyx*). They extract every taxon's toxins, enzymes, xylems, waxes. They botanize cycads, foxgloves, phloxes, flaxes. They exterminate zyzyvas, pyralids, phylloxeræ. They categorize mycorrhizæ. They analyze exogens' oxygen efflux. They study anthotaxy, indexing ixias, oxeyes, frutexes, galaxes. They freeze psychrophytes; they fertilize saxifrages.

They excavate dusty Venezuelan countryside, exposing complex epitaxial layers: luxullianite, onyx, topaz, quartz, cryptocrystalline blastomylonite. They exhume extraordinary, byzantine Mesozoic boneyards, tearfully eulogizing bygone taxa: ankylosaurs, archæopteryges, ichthyosaurs, pachypleurosaurians. Glyptodonts, labyrinthodonts. They laughingly explain away cryptids (phoenix, sphinxes, yetis). They hypothesize explosive, unexpected systemic extinctions; they exit (*Exeunt*).