

Survival Stories (Solution)

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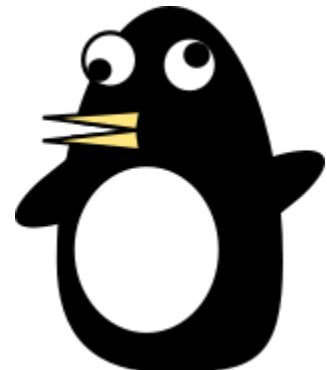
Survival Stories is a puzzle with two distinct extraction methods for the two words in the answer. The map next to the fire clues a 4-letter word and a 6-letter word.

Notice that the flavor text refers to the penguins having “barely escaped without being eaten.” Part 1 involves identifying four predators that eat penguins: Leopard Seal, Giant Petrel, Killer Whale, and South Polar Skua.

Filling these names into the sticks of marshmallows and extracting the toasted marshmallows gives **DEEP** (the 4-letter word).

Now notice that the flavor text says to compare their narratives “to the letter.” Part 2 involves comparing all the stories one letter at a time, not counting spaces. All stories are exactly 105 characters long. Extract only characters that match at the same position across all four stories. The characters that match are **W** at position 15, **A** at position 20, **T** at position 44, **E** at position 55, **R** at position 74, and **S** at position 94. This gives **WATERS** (the 6-letter word).

The final solution is **DEEP WATERS**.



Construction Notes

The original penguins had crazy eyes and arms, but they were taken out in revisions because too many people were misled thinking they were doing semaphore...