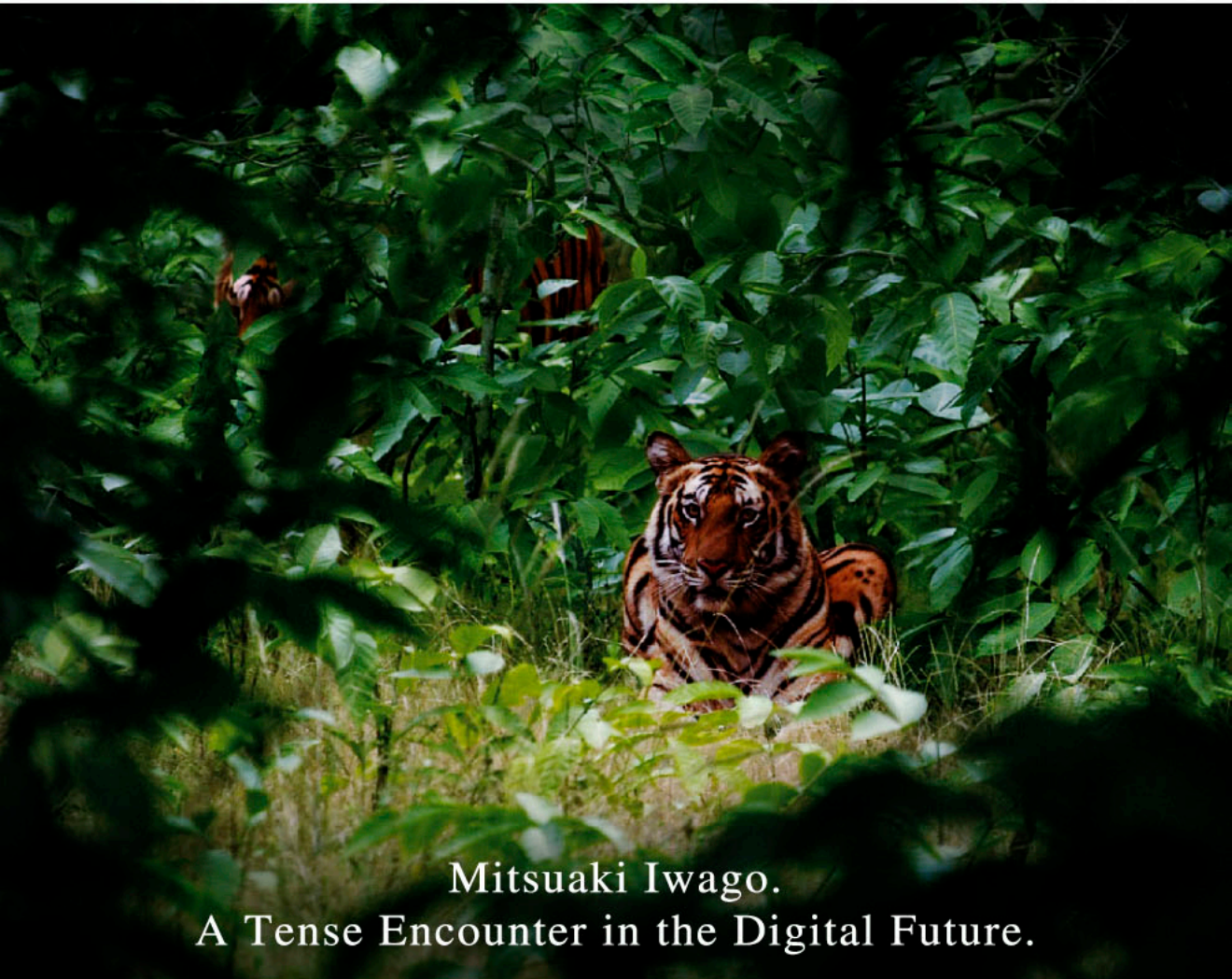


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Deep in the heart of the jungle in Bandhavgarh in India, the tension is palpable as photographer Mitsuaki Iwago encounters a pair of Bengal tigers luxuriating in the shade. Despite the camouflage afforded by its stripes, another tiger can be seen lurking in the background, barely visible amidst the foliage. Tigers usually spend the day resting in the forest, heading out to hunt in the cool of the evening. The impact of ongoing deforestation has threatened the tiger, pushing this precious species to the verge of extinction. Now thanks to Olympus digital technology, extraordinary seldom-seen moments like this can be preserved for all to experience.

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