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SOLVING THE HOBBIT MYSTERY

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A LOST SPECIES
OF HUMAN?

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A female Hobbit, whose discovery on Flores Island, Indonesia, is rewriting the story of human evolution.





On a humid, muggy day in Flores 18,000 years ago, two Hobbits have come upon a lazy, slumbering Komodo dragon. From a nearby tree, a younger, more agile lizard is sneaking up on the little hunters. Scientists believe it was hunt or be hunted for these tiny, long-vanished hominids and the Komodo dragons, which still live on Flores.

A prehistoric landscape with a man holding a spear and a large bird in the foreground. The man is standing in a field of tall grass, holding a spear. The background shows a large tree and a cloudy sky. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

SINCE THE DISCOVERY OF THEIR REMAINS SEVEN YEARS AGO, THE SO-CALLED HOBBITS OF FLORES HAVE BEEN UPENDING THE STORY OF HUMAN EVOLUTION. COULD THEY HAVE BEEN AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT SPECIES OF HUMAN?

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