



The Lighter Side of Werner Herzog

“It's an unfinished country. It's still prehistorical. The only thing that is lacking is the dinosaurs here. It's like a curse weighing on an entire landscape and whoever goes too deep into this has his share of that curse, so we are cursed with what we are doing here. It's a land that God, if he exists, has created in anger. It's the only land where creation is unfinished yet. Taking a close look at it what's around us, there is some sort of a harmony; it is the harmony of overwhelming and collective murder and we in comparison to the articulate vileness in baseness and obscenity of all this jungle, we in comparison to that enormous articulation we only sound and look like badly pronounced and half-finished sentences out of a stupid suburban novel, a cheap novel, and we have to become humble in front of this overwhelming misery and overwhelming fornication overwhelming growth and overwhelming lack of order. Even the stars up here in the in the sky look like a mess. There is no harmony in the universe. We have to get acquainted to this idea that there is no real harmony as we have conceived it, but when I say this I say this all full of admiration for the jungle. It is not that I hate it. I love it I love it very much, but I love it against my better judgment.”