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By Bruce Thomas Boehrer

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across the Hindu Kush and into India. During his two years

there, he traveled from dry frigid mountains to humid tropical

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deserts on the planet. He fought a series of desperate battles

against strange foes mounted on war-elephants, suffering

wounds that nearly killed him. And when he eventually turned

homeward, he brought with him specimens of a rare, magical species, a bird that could speak with a human voice.

Introduced to Europe by Alexander, parrots were quickly

embraced by Western culture as exotic and astonishing, full of

marvelous powers, and close to the gods. Over the centuries

they would become objects of veneration or figures of folly,

creatures prized for their wit-or their place on the dinner table.

Ultimately, they would become emblematic of the West's

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Thomas Boehrer provides the first account of parrots and

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