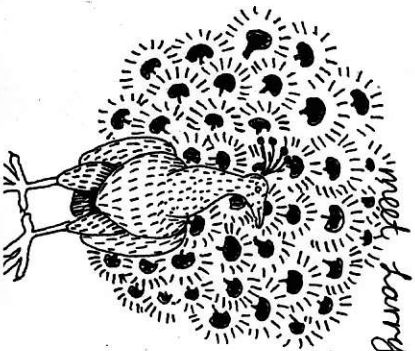


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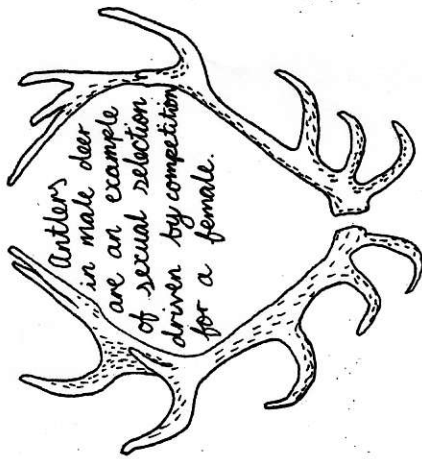
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Sexual selection refers to those traits in individuals which help contribute to their reproductive success.

By attaining a mate, Larry has become one step closer to passing his genes on to the next generation.

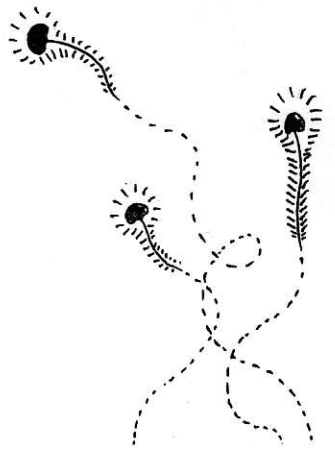


Larry is a peacock — and a bit of a ladies man. He has the most attractive feathers among the males in his group. Naturally, the choosy female pick him as a mate.



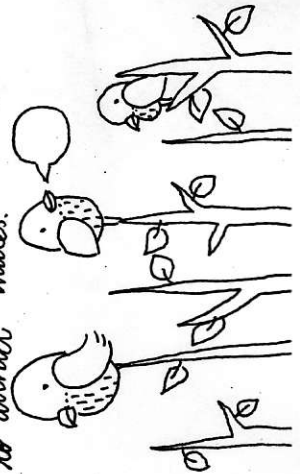
Antlers in male deer are an example of sexual selection driven by competition for a female.

Unfortunately for Larry, sexual selection has its drawbacks. The weight of his feathers makes it difficult to escape predators



* RUNAWAY SELECTION

Many male birds rely on their brightly coloured feathers to attract mates.



Humans, of course, are not exempt from sexual selection. Females are dubbed the choosy ones while males are the showy, competitive ones.



* EVOLUTIONARY PSYCHOLOGY

But how much do we read into our own behaviour based on cultural stereotypes?