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ERRATA

1. Page 12: 3rd line from foot of page: 'sullable'
should read 'syllable'.
2. Page 21: 7th line from foot of page: 'we will go
the beach' should read 'we will go to
the beach'.
3. Pages 71, 164: 'Sonsorol' should read 'Sonsorol'.
4. Page 112: 15 lines from top of page: 'banas' should
read 'bananas'.
5. Page 116: 11 lines from top of page: 'kernal' should
read 'kernel'.
6. Page 124: 6 lines from foot of page: 'draggonfly'
should read 'dragonfly'.
7. Page 126: 12 lines from top of page: 'newar' should
read 'land near the sea'.

NOTE: On pages 111, 117, 137, 143, 146, 153, 157, 158, 161, 179
and 219: 'tatoo' and 'tatooing' should read 'tattoo' and
'tattooing' respectively.

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