

Netflix's Our Planet says what other nature series have **omitted**

Onscreen eagles lock talons in aerial combat, and **humpback** whales **engulf herring** by the shoal. Birds of paradise, hunting dogs, leafcutter ants—they're all there. This is Our Planet—Netflix's new, big-budget nature documentary—and, without the sound on, viewers could easily think that they're watching Planet Earth III.

omit 忽视; 遗漏

humpback 座头鲸

engulf 吞食; 吞没

herring 鲱鱼

The resemblance to the **oeuvre** of the BBC's **renowned** Natural History Unit is **striking**. But this time, the messages delivered by that familiar voice are different. Here, much of the awe is tinged with guilt, the wonder with concern, the entertainment with discomfort.

oeuvre 全部作品

renowned 著名的

striking 明显的; 突出的

imperil 使陷入危险

Repeatedly, unambiguously, and urgently, Our Planet reminds its viewers that the wonders they are witnessing are **imperiled** by human action. After seeing a pair of **mating** fossas—a giant, lemur-hunting, **Madagascan** mongoose—we're told that the very forests we just saw have since been destroyed.

mate 交配

Madagascan 马达加斯加的

It does what no other natural-history documentary has done. It forces viewers to acknowledge their own **complicity** in the destruction of nature, in the moment. It feels sad, but also right.

complicity 共谋; 窜通

That's not to say that Our Planet is a **dour**, finger-**wagging downer**—far from it. It is hard not to cheer as an initially incompetent Philippines eagle takes her first flight, or laugh as a tree shrew uses a **pitcher plant** as a toilet, or marvel at two Arabian leopards meeting and mating—

1 percent of the species' surviving individuals, perhaps creating a few more. Most of the series is still joyful, but it is never allowed to be naively so.

dour 严厉的; 阴沉的

wagging 摇动的

downer 镇定剂; 令人沮丧的人

pitcher plant 猪笼草