

## CHAMELEON

The tiling has an unusual, though not unpleasing design,

Blotched red interwoven with faint patterns of yellow and grey.

Stare at it intensely for a few moments, and if your eye is very good

You will see the Chameleon (far right), moving slowly across it;

Every so often it pauses and looks up straight towards us as if it can detect our breathing, even through the glass partition.

Most times when I look in on my way to the aquarium I can't discern it immediately,

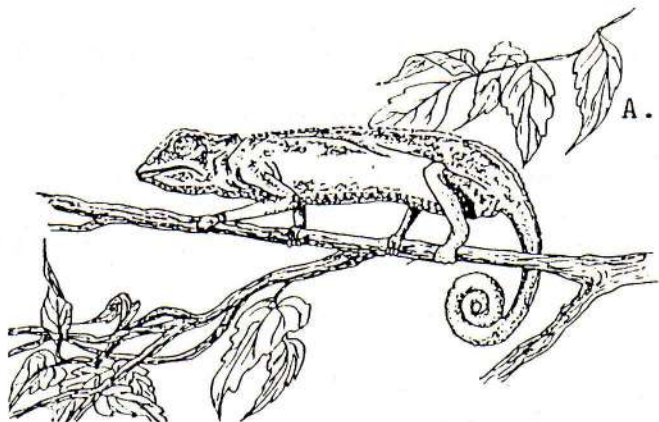
But now and again when I'm looking for it, it freezes for an instant,

Its colours drain away, and there it stands,

Erect, undisguised and in total disharmony with its background

Before fading once more into near total sameness,

And continuing almost unnoticeably on its way.



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