

to stature, but also by voice, which resounds like a drum, and may be heard at a very great distance. Marcgrave informs us, " that every morning and evening the ouarines assemble in the woods ; that one among them seats himself on an elevated place, makes a sign with his hand to the rest to seat themselves round him ; that as soon as he sees them all seated, he begins an oration with so quick and loud a voice as to be heard at a great distance, and it might be imagined they were all making a noise together, but during the whole time the rest keep a profound silence ; that when he has ended, he makes a signal to the others to reply, and immediately they all set up a cry together, till such time as by another sign with his hand, he orders them to be silent, and which they instantly obey ; that then the first renews his discourse, or song, which, when finished, and the others have paid the utmost attention to it, the whole assembly break up." These circumstances, of which Marcgrave says, he has many times been an eye-witness, may possibly be exaggerated, and seasoned a little with the marvellous. The whole, probably, is only founded on the frightful noise these animals make ; they have in their throats a kind of bony drum, in the cavity of which the sound  
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