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During training, I learned that extreme fatigue could be fatal. Once, after a week of nighttime navigation atop the Negev's steep Mount Arif, my teammate and I were so tired that we experienced hallucinations as we sleepwalked our way forward.

“Look, look!” I cried out to my teammate deliriously. “Can you see these small donkeys with monkeys on their back? Let's catch them and ride out the rest of the route.”

“Yeah, I can see them,” he answered. “But I'm too weak to chase them.”

There were no donkeys and no monkeys. There was nothing around us but steep cliffs from which we would have fallen to a certain death if we gave chase to our fantasies. What was astonishing was that we had identical hallucinations. I discounted that as part of my delirium, but years later I read in a biography of David Stirling how he and two of his SAS soldiers also experienced unexplained identical hallucinations under extreme fatigue. The mystery remains.

- **Benjamin Netanyahu** in *BIBI, My Story*, p.55