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LOST YOUR TONGUE?

The scientist-adventurer team of David Harrison and Greg Anderson are racing time and history to save one of the planet's most ephemeral assets – human language. The duo, who between them speak several dozen languages, burrow deep into the Siberian hinterland, the Bolivian Andes, and a remote Indian village to catalogue and preserve some of the world's roughly 7,000 vanishing native tongues. Poignant, occasionally funny, and even weird – with one graphic blood ritual – *The Linguists* airs on PBS Feb. 26 at 10 p.m.