



Meerkat Mail

Emily Gravet

Sunny lives in the Kalahari Desert.
It is VERY dry and VERY hot.
Sometimes Sunny thinks it is...



..TOO hot.



Sunny comes from a large family.
They work together, play together, eat together,
learn together...



and sleep together.



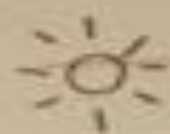
In fact they do everything together.
They are VERY close.

Sometimes Sunny thinks they are TOO close.



Sometimes Sunny wishes he could live somewhere else.
So he packs his suitcase, and writes his family a note.





Dear Everyone



I'm off to find somewhere

~~gorgeous~~
PERFECT to live. ☀

(Don't worry Mom, I'll be staying with our Mongoose relatives, so will be quite safe)



Love from

☀ Sunny

toothbrush
Bucket
toothpaste
Stamps

P.S. I promise to write



On Monday, Sunny visits his Uncle Bob.


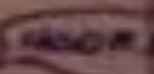
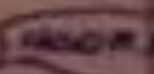



Uncle Bob's family makes him feel very welcome.
But he just doesn't fit in.

DWARF MONGOOSE

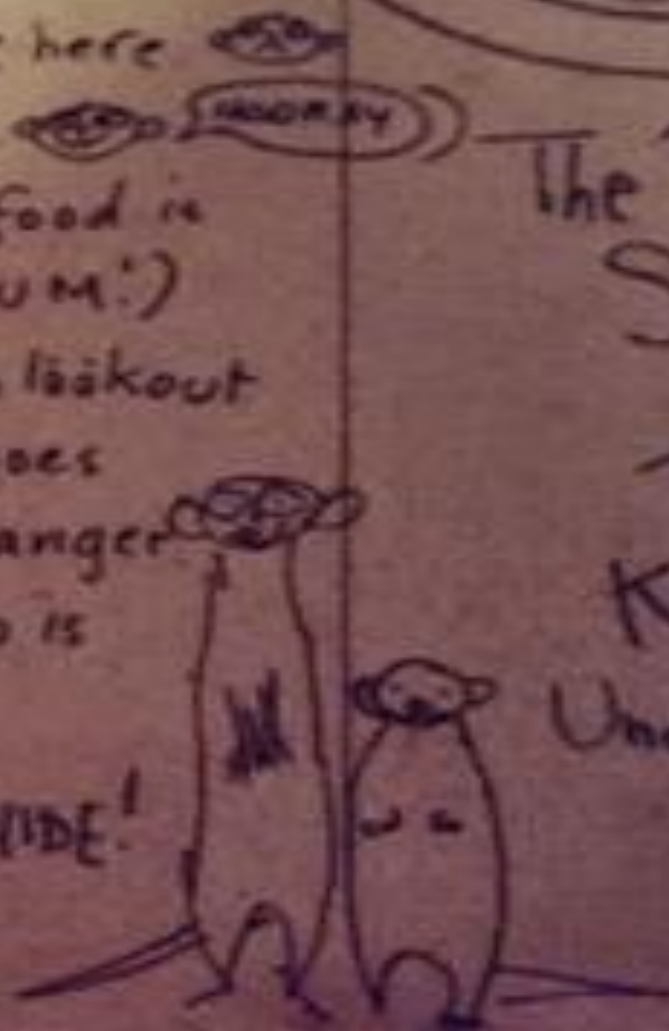
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To Mum and Dad

It's a lot like being at home here
(Except that I am the BIGGEST,   )
The weather is  and the food is
fantastic (lots of scorpions 'YUM!')
Best thing is no one has to keep lookout
because there's this bird, which goes
SQUAWK! when there is danger.
I told Uncle Bob our family motto is
STAY SAFE, STAY TOGETHER.

He told me there is RUN AND HIDE!

From Sunny



The BIG Meerkat Mob

Sandy Burrow

The Dunes

Kalahari Desert

Under the BIG BLUE SKY

So on Tuesday Sunny goes to stay with his cousins Scratch and Mitch, and the rest of their family.



POST

CARD

This space may be used for
CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Mum and Dad

We have been
living in

a old territ^o mound... but

we are moving...

There is plenty to eat!

Yours ~~ticklishly~~ ticklishly



THE MEERKAT MOB

COSY BURROW

THE DUNES

KALAHARI DESERT

UNDER THE BIG

BLUE SKY

Sunny is getting itchy feet.
He decides it's time to move on!



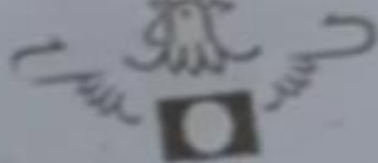
On Wednesday he arrives at his cousin Edward's.



Sunny is not all that sure that eggs agree with him.

POST

CORRESPONDENCE



GARDIN



A MEERKAT'S
FAVOURITE
FOOD IS
SCORPIONS



Dear Mum, Dad, Granddad and Grandma

I'm staying on a farm!
Ed's favourite food is chicken.
I haven't tried it yet,
but I've had plenty of eggs!
(Tell Mickey they're not as good
as scorpions)

love from

Sunny xx

THE MEERKAT MOB

SANDY BURROW

THE DUNES

SCORPION-FILLED DESERT

UNDER THE BIG

BLUE SKY

Indian Grey Monkeys live alone in forests and bushes. They often stay close to human habitation and have been known to attack humans, usually

On Thursday he heads off to stay with his cousins Mildred and Frank.



Sunny hates getting wet, so he decides to leave.

LIBERIAN MONGOOSE

Liberiictis kuhni

Dear Mum, Dad and Everyone

It is raining.

QUITE HARD.

Hope the weather
is better at home

Loads of love
from

~~Sunny~~ Rainy

X X X



The Meerkat Mob

Sandy Warm Burrow

The Dunes

The Lovely DRY Desert

Under the

BIG YELLOW SUN



packed an umbrella

P.S. Great Aunt Maureen was right. I should have

Liberian Mongooses inhabit rainforests
They feed mainly on earthworms and beetle larvae

By Friday evening Sunny has reached Madagascar.



Sunny is afraid of the dark. He can't think of anything worse...

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear All,

Arrived at Auntie Bea's
and Uncle Rob's.

It is very late,
and very dark.

I think it may be past my bedtime.
(Aunt B & Uncle Rob don't seem to have noticed)

I am leaving
(As soon as it gets light)

Yawns faithfully
WISH YOU WERE HERE
Sunny x x Z



POST EARLY
IN
THE DAY



MY Meerkat Mob

Cosy ~~Durrow~~ bed

THE DUVET
KALAHARI DESERT

Under the
Bedclothes

MALAGASY MONGOOSE ARE NOCTURNAL AND LIVE IN PAIRS. THEY FEED ON SMALL VERTEBRATES, SUCH AS MICE

Until on Saturday he arrives at Great Aunt Flo's.



Sunny is beginning to worry that nowhere is right for him.

Marsh Mongooses are solitary and nocturnal.
They are good swimmers and prefer to live
near water. Their diet consists of crabs, snails and frogs.

Dearest Family
Great Aunt Flo lives on her own
in a MARSH!!! It is DARK AND wet!
The food is disgusting (slimy)
and I am lonely, cold and tired.

I really REALLY REALLY
Wish you were here

(or that I was not!)

All my love
Kisses (and snuggles)

Soggy Sunny
X X X X X X
X X X X X X

MARSH
MONGOOSE
MARSH
ATILAX PALUDINOSUS



MEERKAT FAMILY

LOVELY WARM

DRY

HOME



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But then on Sunday, Sunny arrives somewhere very dry and very hot, where everyone is close.



And it is...

...perfect.



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MEERKATS LIVE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, IN COMMUNITIES OF UP TO 40. THEIR TERRITORIES COVER AN AREA OF UP TO EIGHT SQUARE KILOMETRES, AND CONSIST OF A NUMBER OF BURROWS WHICH THEY DIG TOGETHER. DURING THE DAY THEY FORAGE IN GROUPS FOR SPIDERS, SCORPIONS, SMALL LIZARDS AND INSECT LARVAE. AT NIGHT THEY SLEEP HUDDLED IN A PILE TO KEEP WARM. MEERKATS TAKE TURNS TO WATCH FOR DANGER AND TO BABYSIT THEIR YOUNG.

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