

HI.



IT’S ME.

(DO I KNOW YOU?)



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KAY YEAH NO.

I SHOULD PROBABLY
INTRODUCE MYSELF.

I AM, DESPITE WHAT YOU MAY BE
THINKING, NEITHER AN
ARMADILLO NOR A MOVING
WAFFLE. I AM A GROUND
PANGOLIN. PANGOLINS ARE A
SPECIAL KIND OF MAMMAL
FOUND THROUGHOUT AFRICA
AND ASIA.
WE CAN WEIGH BETWEEN JUST
OVER A KILOGRAM AND A HALF
TO 33 KILOGRAMS!

MY NAME COMES FROM THE
MALAY WORD FOR ‘ROLLER’,
BECAUSE I LOVE TO ROLL UP
INTO A TINY LITTLE SCALY
BALL WHEN I’M SCARED.
PREDATAORS WON’T
SWALLOW ME THAT WAY!

IT’S LIKE HAVING A PERMANENT SECURITY
BLANKET WRAPPED AROUND YOUR BODY.



CURRENTLY, I’M ON A SEMI-STRICT DIET OF
ANTS, TERMITES, AND LARVAE, WHICH I SUCK
UP WITH MY EXTRA-LONG TONGUE! I’VE ALSO
TAKEN A LIKING TO GRASSLANDS AND
FORESTS AS MY NATURAL HABITAT, WHERE I
BUILD HOMELY LITTLE BURROWS IN THE
GROUND.



THAT BURROW IS ESPECIALLY HELPFUL DURING
THE DAYTIME, WHERE I HIDE FROM THE HEAT
BEFORE COMING OUT AT NIGHT.

(YEAH NO I’M NOT A MORNING PERSON.)



BUT CASE IN POINT...



I’M PRETTY COOL, RIGHT?

WHAT IF I TOLD YOU THAT NOT EVERYONE AGREES?

THAT PANGOLIN LIVES ARE IN DANGER EVERYWHERE?

IT TURNS OUT THAT PANGOLINS ARE THE **MOST COMMONLY TRAFFICKED MAMMAL IN THE WORLD**. THAT MEANS HUMANS KILL AND TRADE PANGOLINS ILLEGALLY AS A FORM OF WILDLIFE CRIME.



CRIMINALS KILL US BECAUSE THEY WANT TO STRIP US OF OUR BODY PARTS – ESPECIALLY OUR KERATIN SCALES – AND SELL THEM.



THERE ARE MANY COMMERCIAL USES FOR PANGOLINS, INCLUDING....

TRADITIONAL MEDICINE

PANGOLIN SCALES ARE OFTEN GROUND INTO A POWDER AND PUT INTO PILLS. PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT USING FOLK REMEDIES MADE FROM PANGOLIN SCALES AND CLAWS WILL CURE ASTHMA, RHEUMATISM, ARTHRITIS, AND OTHER AILMENTS. WHICH...ISN'T MEDICALLY ACCURATE.



FOOD

IN CERTAIN COUNTRIES, PANGOLIN MEAT IS CONSIDERED AN EXPENSIVE DELICACY. IT CAN BE MADE INTO SOUP OR BRAISED. NOTE: THERE ARE MANY OTHER MEATS ON THIS EARTH THAT CAN BE MADE INTO SOUP OR BRAISED.



BAGS

PANGOLIN SCALES CAN ALSO BE MADE INTO LEATHER, WHICH CAN BE PUT ON BOOTS, BELTS, AND/OR HANDBAGS. GUYS, IF YOU WANT FASHION YOU CAN BORROW MY SUNGLASSES. REALLY.



THE IUCN RED LIST LISTS THREE PANGOLIN SPECIES AS CRITICALLY ENDANGERED – THE SUNDA, THE CHINESE, AND THE PHILLIPINE PANGOLINS. BUT ALL EIGHT PANGOLIN SPECIES ARE PROTECTED BY LAW.



SUNDA



CHINESE



PHILLIPINE

STILL, PANGOLIN TRAFFICKING RATES HAVE BEEN UNDENIABLE AND IMMENSE.

PANGOLINS ARE THE ONLY MAMMALS IN THE WORLD THAT HAVE OVERLAPPING KERATIN SCALES ALL OVER OUR BODIES, EXCEPT FOR ON OUR STOMACHS. A SINGLE PANGOLIN CAN HAVE OVER 1,000 OF SUCH SCALES, ALL OF WHICH HAVE RAZOR-SHARP EDGES.



ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN DIPLOMACY, A SINGLE KILOGRAM OF PANGOLIN SCALES CAN FETCH UP TO **\$3,500** ON THE BLACK MARKET!



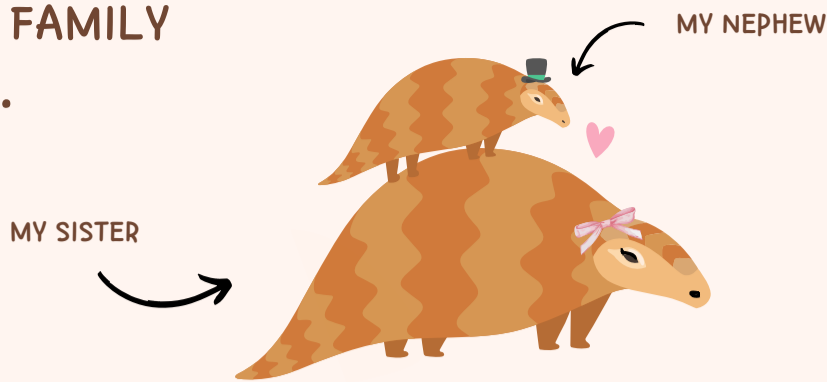
THEN THEY GET USED IN ALL THOSE COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS I SHOWED YOU FOR EVEN MORE MONEY. MOST FREQUENTLY, IGNORANT IMPULSE BUYERS PURCHASE SUCH PRODUCTS ONLINE OR FROM SOCIAL MEDIA ADVERTISEMENTS. PANGOLIN BAGS CAN BE SOLD FOR OVER **\$12,000!**

ACCORDING TO WILDAID, OVER **200,000** PANGOLINS ARE POACHED EVERY YEAR, THROWING THE ECOSYSTEMS WHERE WE LIVE OUT OF BALANCE.



WITHOUT US TERMITES WOULD TAKE OVER THE UNIVERSE!!

THE EXISTENCE OF FUTURE GENERATIONS OF MY FAMILY IS UNCERTAIN.



SPEAKING OF WHICH, DID YOU KNOW THAT BABY PANGOLINS ARE ADORABLE? THEY’RE CALLED ‘PANGOPUPS’ AND RIDE ON THEIR MOTHER’S BACKS OR TAILS TO GET AROUND.



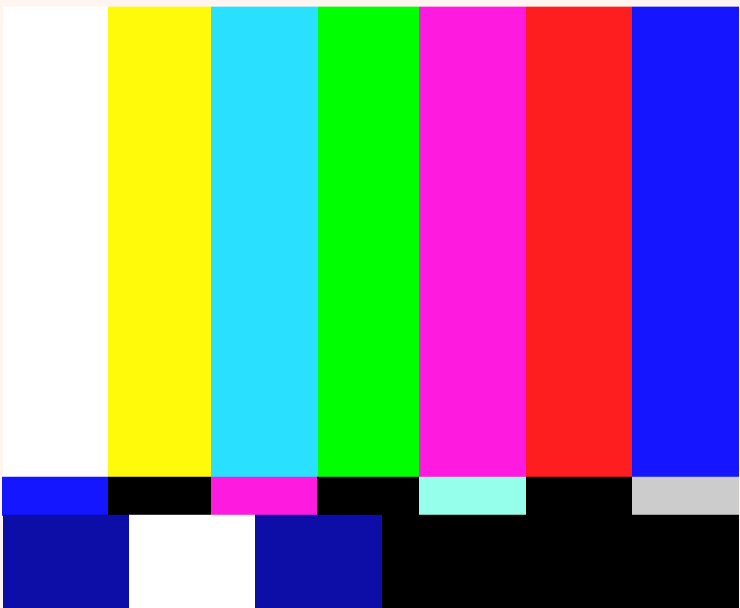
AND IF A MAMA PANGOLIN GETS SCARED WHEN IT’S WITH IT’S BABY, IT WILL ROLL UP AROUND THE BABY TO PROTECT IT. SO CUTE!

...WHICH OF COURSE MAKES IT EVEN SADDER THAT PANGOLINS ARE SO RUTHLESSLY TRAFFICKED.

DO YOU NOT WANT THIS CHUBBY LITTLE FACE IN THE WROLD?



DO YOU NOT???!!!!!!!



I GOT A LITTLE OVEREXCITED THERE.

SORRY. WHERE WERE WE AGAIN?



IN CONCLUSION, PANGOLINS ARE
PHENOMENAL ANIMALS WITH MANY
UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS KEY TO OUR
DIVERSE HABITATS.

BUT WILDLIFE CRIME AND POACHING
ARE DECREASING OUR NUMBERS
EVER FURTHER.

IT’S PRETTY HARDCORE OUT THERE...



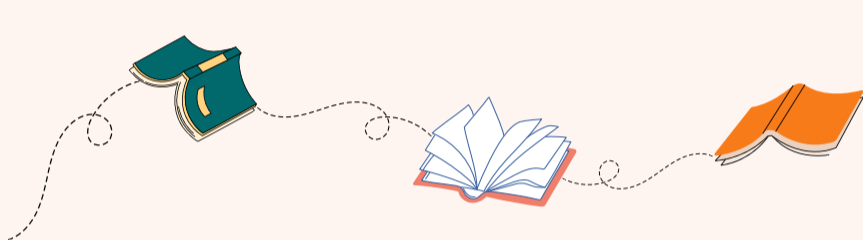
BUT I’M NOT DEAD YET.



NEITHER IS MY
NEPHEW.



YOU CAN EDUCATE PEOPLE IN YOUR
COMMUNITY ON THE SUBJECT OF
WILDLIFE CRIME...



TREAT POTENTIALLY TRAFFICKED
PRODUCTS WITH CAUTION...

CHECK THE SOURCES OF THE
PRODUCTS YOU PURCHASE
CAREFULLY...



DONATE TO ANTI-TRAFFICKING
ORGANIZATIONS...

AND SAVE OUR LIVES.



THANK YOU FOR
LISTENING!!!

THE END!

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