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On a late Saturday morning at about 10 am, a large male, Spotted Hyena, stands outside his den, known to his good friends and enemies alike as Spot, all because he has a massive black spot all over his face.

Just down the road is his smallest of rivals, Mr Meerkat being of a very larger-than-life disposition; he tends to drive Spot crazy.

Oh yes, as a young Meerkat, he was given the name Crazymeer by his family.

For days now, the two had been at loggerheads over the fact that Crazymeer had told on spot for killing two young Hyena back in the day; this resulted in Spot's loss of his family.

Spot takes out his notebook and plans his revenge on Crazymeer.

"My best plan of action is to talk to my good friends Crocodile and puff adder Mr +1."

As the hot, dry heat made the day unbearable as all days are in a typical African summer, the old Croc was trying very hard to find a nice spot to have a rest after having a springbok for his breakfast before Hyena came and asked

The big question" would you help me to take out Meerkat?" Said "spot."

Crocodile looks amazed at Spot and replies, "what makes you think I do murder? And how do we do this thing you need doing so badly!!"

Spot Replies, "poison!"

Croc "We go to lunch and slip poison into his food provided by Mr +1. He has asked you for a lunch date; say yes!!"

Spot, "That's Cool Thanks for your help."

On a Rock in the hot day sun sits Mr+1

Hyena asks, "I need some poison to kill Meerkat. Have you got any? "Yes, but it will cost two fat mice, Said Mr+1".

"That's ok," said Spot.

On the day of the lunch, all three sat down, and after a lot of chatter and remarks about the weather by Crazymeer, lunch is served, and Mr+1 adds the poison to Meerkat's food. But as lunch gets underway, Croc sees that his plate of food is too small and swaps plates with Meerkat.

Nobody noticed the swap take place. Bad news the old Croc, an hour later, is very sick and tells all the other animals that Hyena poisoned him in a plot to kill Meerkat.

All hold a meeting, and Hyena is banished from the area. Puff adder and Croc now live together and may not be part of the community, establishing that they were involved in the plot to kill Meerkat.

Episode 2

The day always began with Thandi the lion making her way to the River; she would pass Crazymeer's den, and he would greet her hello. Thandi would say yes, dear, and walk on; she had no problem with him. Her kind nature was always evident with other animals until the day she saw them as food.

On the other side was Hyena feeling a bit down and seemed to be again looking for revenge and the blame was again with poor old Crazymeer for not eating the right food. This time he had all the facts incorrect the responsibility should be on Croc for swapping the food. Greed got the better of Croc this time around.

Down by the River were Croc and Mr+1. "We need to fix this, Said" Croc. Mr+1 was now looking past Croc and saw the answer to all their problems and shouted out, "look over there, do you see who I see, Thandi" Said Mr+1

Croc Replies, "She is of no help as her kind nature will be our downfall."

"You are wrong; she will find a reasonable fix to our problem with Hyena," Replies Mr+1.