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# SPELL DIVER™



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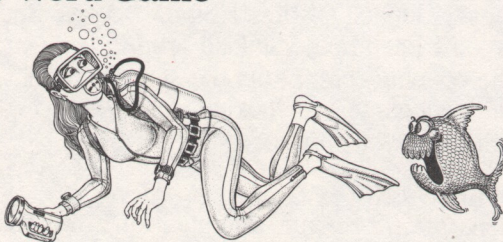
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## **SPELLDIVER™**

### **The Underwater Word Game**



In *Spelldiver*, you are a scuba diver on a special assignment. Your job is to find and uncover giant words hidden deep on the ocean floor. At the start of each game, a boat will take you to the spot where the secret words are hidden.

The secret words are overgrown with a strange seaweed called lettermoss. By diving down and clearing off the lettermoss, you can make the words show up on your sonar screen.

For each mystery word, you have only one tank of air. You must move quickly. The sooner you guess the word, the more points you score.

As you dive, watch out for the creatures that live in the ocean depths. The pesky flipper-nipper will try to bite and stun you. When it does, you'll waste time and precious air. And sharp-toothed sharks will try to bite through your air hose. If one does, you'll need to swim back to the boat.

When you've cleared off enough lettermoss and you think you know the word, you can return to the boat and make a guess. You have one free guess for each word. To earn extra guesses, you'll need to bring back pearls of wisdom from the ocean floor. You'll find the pearls in the oysters that live underneath vowels.

## **TO LOAD SPELLDIVER INTO YOUR COMPUTER**

See the instructions listed on the Reference Card included in your *Spelldiver* package.



## TO CHOOSE A GAME

*Spelldiver* features a demonstration and three different hidden-word games: “Gabdoc’s Notes Home,” “Power Spelling,” and “Do It Yourself.” Each time you load *Spelldiver*, the computer will pause at the opening screen. On the screen, you’ll see instructions for selecting a game and starting play. What happens next depends on which game you choose.

### • **Gabdoc’s Notes Home**

In this *Spelldiver* game, you uncover words missing from notes written by Gabdoc, a being from another planet who visited earth millions of years ago. Each time you select “Gabdoc’s Notes Home,” the computer will begin by asking you to choose a starting note. There are 30 notes in all. You’ll find them on pages 7–32.

Find your starting note, type its number on the computer keyboard, and press RETURN. The higher the number of the note, the longer and harder the missing words.

### • **Power Spelling**

In “Power Spelling,” you explore words that the computer selects from its list of 2000 commonly used words. If you choose “Power Spelling,” the computer will begin by asking “Length of words (3–10)?” Type in a number from 3–10, to tell the computer how many letters each word should have. For example, if you want to work with words that are five letters long, type in the number 5. Then, press RETURN to begin the game.

### • **Do It Yourself**

“Do It Yourself” gives you the chance to create your own *Spelldiver* games. Each time you choose “Do It Yourself,” the computer will ask you to type in your own hidden words. You can type in up to 20 words, and each word can be up to 10 letters long.

Type in silly or serious words, or words from your school spelling list, and challenge a friend, parent, or teacher to guess them. Or type in words taken from a message or story you’ve written, to make your own “fill in the blanks” game.

Type your words into the computer, pressing RETURN after each one. If you want to play with fewer than 20 words, press RETURN two times after you type your last word. When the boat and diver show up on your computer screen, the game is ready to play.



## TO PLAY SPELLDIVER

1. To swim and dive, move the joystick.
2. To clear off the lettermoss, swim over the letters.
3. To see the sonar screen and check your air supply, press the joystick button. To get back to the diver screen, move the joystick.
4. To open an oyster, wait behind it. If you find a pearl inside, keep waiting and, when it disappears, it will be yours.
5. To guess a word, swim up to the boat ladder. Type your guess on the computer keyboard. Then press RETURN.
6. If a flipper-nipper bites you, you'll be frozen in place for a few seconds. Don't worry—you'll be able to continue the game right where you left off.
7. If a shark bites your air hose, you will float to the surface. Then you must swim back to the boat.

## TO SCORE POINTS

For each correct letter .....50 points

For each pearl you have left after guessing the word .....15 points

Extra points for air left in your tank .....0-120 points  
(depending on how much air you have left)

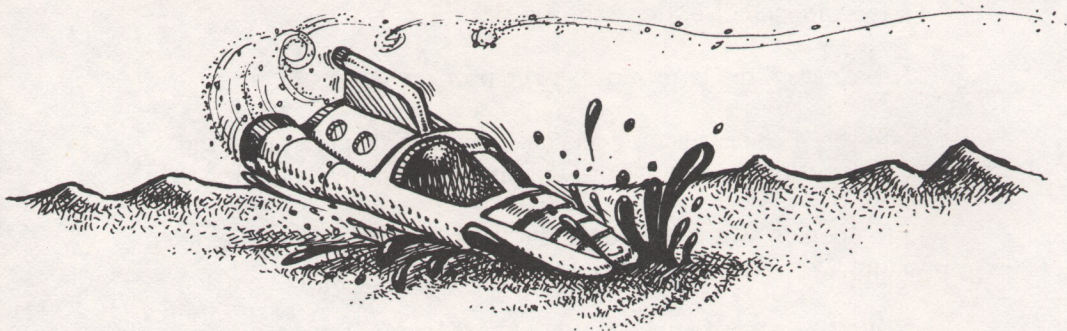
Bonus when you complete a level .....200 points

If you run out of air and guesses, you can use your points to buy extra air. When you need extra air, the computer will automatically fill your tank and deduct the points from your total score. You can use the extra air to dive and find pearls, and to work on clearing off more lettermoss.

Of course, if you run out of points, guesses, AND air, the game is over.



## GABDOC'S NOTES HOME



**N**ot long ago, archeologists working near the ocean uncovered some giant words carved out of rock. The archeologists believe that the words were left millions of years ago by Gabdoc, a being from another planet. It seems that Gabdoc carved the words as a way of sending notes to his mother, many million miles away.

But the archeologists have a problem. Over the ages, earthquakes have caused some of the key words in Gabdoc's notes to slip into the ocean depths. The words have remained there for centuries, hidden by a thick covering of seaweed-like lettermoss.

The archeologists know how many letters are in each hidden word, but they can't make out the words themselves. They need someone to dive down and clear off the lettermoss, to help them spell out the missing words.

They need you—Oshianna Jones, famous archeologist and scuba diver for the Organized Committee to Examine Ancient Notes (O.C.E.A.N.). Consider yourself hired. Your challenge: to find, uncover, and spell out the words missing from Gabdoc's notes to his mother.

You'll find the mystery notes on the pages that follow. As you uncover the missing words, fill in the blanks left in each note. If you come across words you don't know, you might want to ask someone what they mean. Or you could find the meanings yourself, by looking in a dictionary.



Note 1

Dear Mommy,

My trip \_\_\_\_\_ here was okay.

The spaceship moved very \_\_\_\_\_. I had a smooth \_\_\_\_\_.

The landing was \_\_\_\_\_, though. I ran out of \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ soon. Then, strong winds \_\_\_\_\_ me \_\_\_\_\_ course. The ship began to \_\_\_\_\_ around' and around.

At last, the ship stopped in some \_\_\_\_\_. I wasn't \_\_\_\_\_, just \_\_\_\_\_. I still have an \_\_\_\_\_ in my left \_\_\_\_\_. My \_\_\_\_\_ is broken, and I don't have the parts to \_\_\_\_\_ it. But that doesn't matter.

The mud \_\_\_\_\_ it up. I \_\_\_\_\_ I'll be on this planet for quite a while.

Love,  
Gabdoc



Note 2

\_\_\_\_\_ Mommy,

I am exploring my \_\_\_\_\_. I call it Yahtah. I have \_\_\_\_\_ on this \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ flashes of the yellow ball up \_\_\_\_\_, and I miss you very much. Right now there isn't much to see, just \_\_\_\_\_ rocks and \_\_\_\_\_.

The \_\_\_\_\_ is an \_\_\_\_\_ color of \_\_\_\_\_, and it is always filled with \_\_\_\_\_ clouds. It rains a lot. I am \_\_\_\_\_.

I am \_\_\_\_\_ bored. There's no one to \_\_\_\_\_ with or \_\_\_\_\_ to. I am totally on my \_\_\_\_\_. When I \_\_\_\_\_ got to Yahtah, I thought it would be \_\_\_\_\_ to grow up here and make mud pies all day. I hope it gets better.

Many muddy kisses,  
Gab



### Note 3

Dearest Mommy,

It is still \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. I always \_\_\_\_\_ my rain  
\_\_\_\_\_. I made \_\_\_\_\_ out of a \_\_\_\_\_ mountain. My  
\_\_\_\_\_ are soggy, and I \_\_\_\_\_ I'm catching a  
\_\_\_\_\_. I \_\_\_\_\_, my tummy hurts, and my  
\_\_\_\_\_ is stuffed up. I \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ of the comforts  
of home. I \_\_\_\_\_ you could \_\_\_\_\_ me \_\_\_\_\_ of  
my toys. I \_\_\_\_\_ could \_\_\_\_\_ a thing or \_\_\_\_\_.

Your soggy kid,

Gabdoc

### Note 4

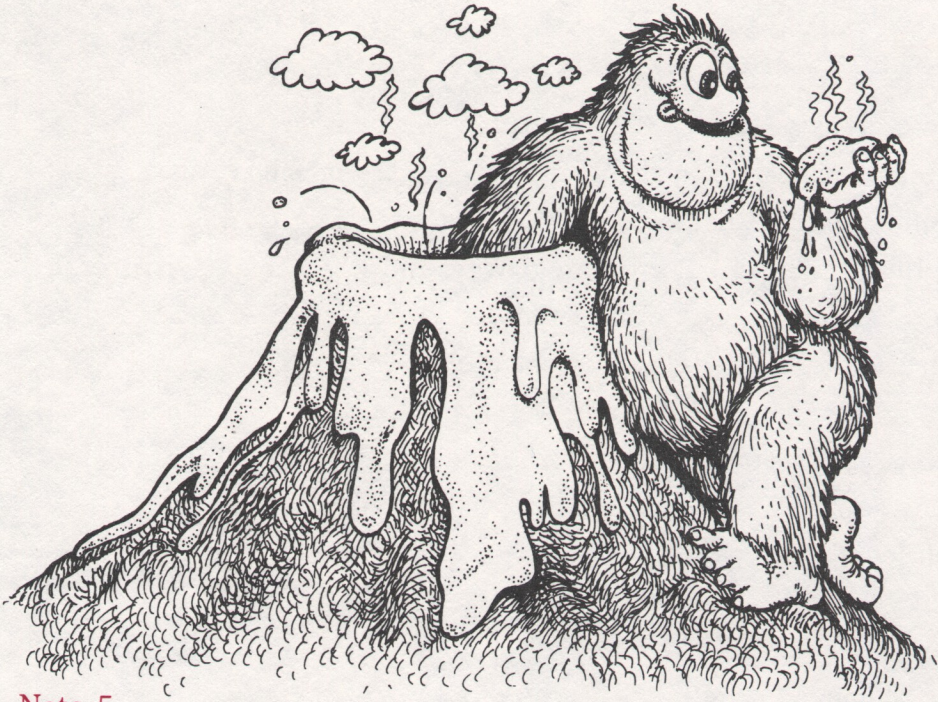
Dear Mom,

The \_\_\_\_\_ period is ending. The \_\_\_\_\_ filled up  
some \_\_\_\_\_ holes. I got to \_\_\_\_\_ an \_\_\_\_\_  
and a \_\_\_\_\_ form. It took a \_\_\_\_\_ time. I went for a  
\_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_. That was \_\_\_\_\_!  
Everything is better \_\_\_\_\_. The \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_. I have a \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_,  
although there isn't much to see. I feel \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_!

Happily yours,

Gabby





### Note 5

Dear Mommy,

I have \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ any life on Yahtah. \_\_\_\_\_ I woke up \_\_\_\_\_, I had a \_\_\_\_\_ feeling in my tummy. It was \_\_\_\_\_ and I needed some \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ it up. There isn't very much \_\_\_\_\_, so my \_\_\_\_\_ has to be simple. I \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ anything I can \_\_\_\_\_ into my \_\_\_\_\_. The rocks \_\_\_\_\_ terrible. The \_\_\_\_\_ is too muddy. But I can make a nice hot \_\_\_\_\_ out of the \_\_\_\_\_ from the nearby volcano. And there's plenty of water to \_\_\_\_\_. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ about me.

Your little explorer,

Gabdoc



### Note 6

Dear \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
I had a great \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ day. \_\_\_\_\_  
has finally appeared on the \_\_\_\_\_ Yahtah. I was  
swimming in a \_\_\_\_\_ when, all of a \_\_\_\_\_ , I felt  
something \_\_\_\_\_ my leg. Wow, did I \_\_\_\_\_ ! At first  
I was \_\_\_\_\_ , and I ran \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
when I felt \_\_\_\_\_ , I went back for a \_\_\_\_\_ . I  
\_\_\_\_\_ my head in the water and \_\_\_\_\_ these  
\_\_\_\_\_ creatures darting \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ .  
I plan to make a \_\_\_\_\_ visit soon.  
Much love,  
Gabby

### Note 7

Dear Mommy,  
I made an \_\_\_\_\_ to talk to this new \_\_\_\_\_ of  
life. Like a good \_\_\_\_\_ , I brought these underwater  
critters a \_\_\_\_\_ rock as a \_\_\_\_\_ . Then, to put them  
at \_\_\_\_\_ , I told my \_\_\_\_\_ . But they didn't  
\_\_\_\_\_ , not even a \_\_\_\_\_ . I thought they  
couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ so I tried to \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_ . But they just gave me a \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ . Maybe they have no \_\_\_\_\_ of  
\_\_\_\_\_ . I don't \_\_\_\_\_ . I hope they will  
\_\_\_\_\_ me as a \_\_\_\_\_ .  
Your cheerful child,  
Gabber





### Note 8

Dear Mom,

It is \_\_\_\_\_ for me to \_\_\_\_\_ on Yahtah.  
\_\_\_\_\_ I last \_\_\_\_\_ to you, something new has  
began to \_\_\_\_\_. I spotted some green  
\_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_. It seems to  
\_\_\_\_\_ everything and it looks \_\_\_\_\_. I'm  
\_\_\_\_\_ to find some \_\_\_\_\_ on this  
\_\_\_\_\_ land. This new stuff doesn't move. It's attached  
to the \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_, when I was \_\_\_\_\_,  
I ate a \_\_\_\_\_ of it. It tasted like \_\_\_\_\_  
kalayup pie from home and was hard to \_\_\_\_\_. Yuk!!!  
Thinking of your home cooking,  
Gab



## Note 9

Dear Mother,

The green \_\_\_\_\_ on the ground continues to \_\_\_\_\_ .  
Recently, I noticed an \_\_\_\_\_ moving on a piece of it.  
It was \_\_\_\_\_ , nothing like the ones we have in our  
\_\_\_\_\_ land. It had \_\_\_\_\_ legs  
and a \_\_\_\_\_ black \_\_\_\_\_. It would \_\_\_\_\_  
back and forth and then hang by a \_\_\_\_\_.  
I wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ it up, but I was \_\_\_\_\_. Its  
\_\_\_\_\_ didn't scare me, and it didn't have \_\_\_\_\_  
or stingers that could \_\_\_\_\_ me. But I couldn't make my  
\_\_\_\_\_ touch it. Being \_\_\_\_\_ it sent a  
\_\_\_\_\_ up and down my back.

Your scared child,

Gabdoc





Note 10

Dearest Mom,

I have discovered a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ insects. They all look different, but they have one \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_. They are all \_\_\_\_\_. They are everywhere. I find it \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ now. I \_\_\_\_\_ that those bugs are crawling all over me. I \_\_\_\_\_ to overcome my \_\_\_\_\_. I made friends with a long, \_\_\_\_\_ insect with many legs. That one doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ me. It's kind of \_\_\_\_\_. The other kinds, \_\_\_\_\_, still \_\_\_\_\_ my fur. I \_\_\_\_\_ those \_\_\_\_\_ creatures. I am \_\_\_\_\_ for new life forms to \_\_\_\_\_ me.

Still bugged by the bugs,

G.





### Note 11

Mom!

You won't \_\_\_\_\_ it! Some of the creatures from the sea \_\_\_\_\_ onto the land for a \_\_\_\_\_ of time and then \_\_\_\_\_ to the water. They \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of time they are away from \_\_\_\_\_ wet homes. I \_\_\_\_\_ they get \_\_\_\_\_. They are \_\_\_\_\_ and have \_\_\_\_\_ legs. And each one has a thin \_\_\_\_\_ that darts into the air to \_\_\_\_\_ some \_\_\_\_\_. They are \_\_\_\_\_ for me to play with, as long as I'm \_\_\_\_\_. They like to \_\_\_\_\_ into my fur and \_\_\_\_\_ me. Hee, hee, hee!!!

Ticklishly yours,

Gabdoc



### Note 12

Hi Mom,

With my \_\_\_\_\_ on my new friends, I failed to  
\_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of  
Yahtah. The \_\_\_\_\_ is much less \_\_\_\_\_.  
Some places \_\_\_\_\_ wet, but others have \_\_\_\_\_  
very dry. Some areas that were like oceans now have a \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ of water. I go to play in the \_\_\_\_\_.  
It's like a \_\_\_\_\_ sandbox. I \_\_\_\_\_ an  
\_\_\_\_\_ out of sand. I \_\_\_\_\_  
my little friends to \_\_\_\_\_ through it.  
I \_\_\_\_\_ they \_\_\_\_\_ it. Each one wears  
a big \_\_\_\_\_ while we play.

Hugs and kisses,

Gabdoc

### Note 13

Dear Mom,

The climate \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ of  
\_\_\_\_\_ change on the planet's \_\_\_\_\_.  
Tall trees have \_\_\_\_\_ close together in a \_\_\_\_\_  
rainy \_\_\_\_\_, forming a \_\_\_\_\_.  
the appearance of these wooded areas, I \_\_\_\_\_  
on warm rocks near a \_\_\_\_\_. I \_\_\_\_\_  
hoped it wouldn't \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ me. Now  
I \_\_\_\_\_ in the soft \_\_\_\_\_ of the  
tree tops. They make a nice \_\_\_\_\_. I can \_\_\_\_\_  
and doze in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Your rock-a-bye baby,

Gab





#### Note 14

Dear Mother,

I can't \_\_\_\_\_ to be as restful \_\_\_\_\_. I was napping on the trees when a flapping \_\_\_\_\_ awakened me. The \_\_\_\_\_ I opened my eyes, I saw \_\_\_\_\_ flying creatures \_\_\_\_\_ directly \_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_. They veered away at the \_\_\_\_\_ possible \_\_\_\_\_ and landed nearby. When not in \_\_\_\_\_, these creatures are \_\_\_\_\_ to my \_\_\_\_\_, short-legged friends, \_\_\_\_\_ that these critters have wings. They gave me such a \_\_\_\_\_, it made me \_\_\_\_\_ from my \_\_\_\_\_. I plan to \_\_\_\_\_ them with \_\_\_\_\_ care.

I want to fly \_\_\_\_\_.

Lovingly yours,

Gabdoc



Note 15

Dear Mom,

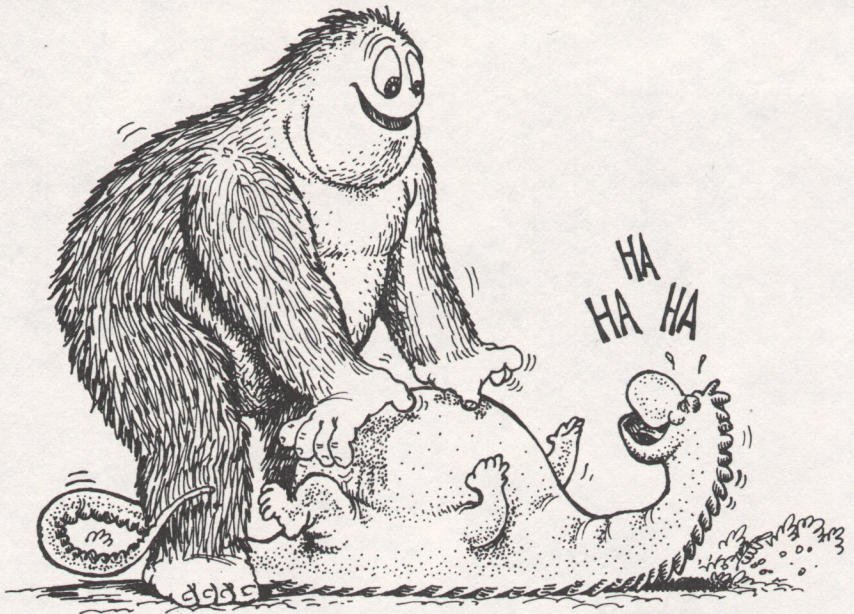
My first \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ through the air did not meet with \_\_\_\_\_.

I was able to \_\_\_\_\_ my own wings out of things I could \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_ surroundings — a few sticks, some mud, a \_\_\_\_\_ of bones, and old fur. I then took a running leap off a \_\_\_\_\_ . For a \_\_\_\_\_ , I seemed to defy \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in the air. Somehow, though, I was \_\_\_\_\_ I didn't \_\_\_\_\_ out in \_\_\_\_\_ . I fell to the ground \_\_\_\_\_ . Luckily, I landed on my \_\_\_\_\_ . I believe the \_\_\_\_\_ was a \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the wings.

Grounded for now,

Gabby





**Note 16**

Dear Ma,

After much \_\_\_\_\_, I have decided to  
\_\_\_\_\_ any \_\_\_\_\_ attempts at flight.  
Besides, I now have a new \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
my days. A new \_\_\_\_\_ of life has developed on  
Yahtah. They are \_\_\_\_\_ compared to any  
\_\_\_\_\_ animals I have seen on the planet.  
At first, they seemed somewhat \_\_\_\_\_.  
One would \_\_\_\_\_ me and \_\_\_\_\_ my leg  
with all its might. But it was just being \_\_\_\_\_. It's a  
\_\_\_\_\_, and I had  
\_\_\_\_\_ prying it loose. But I found that if I  
\_\_\_\_\_ its \_\_\_\_\_ it will \_\_\_\_\_  
me, roll over on its back, and \_\_\_\_\_  
with \_\_\_\_\_.

Your playful pet,  
Gab

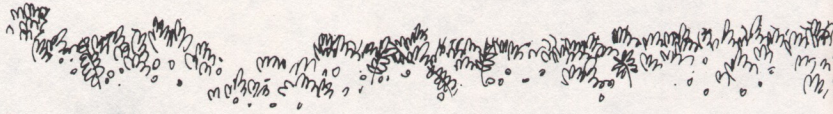


Note 17

Dearest Mother,

The amount of food those \_\_\_\_\_ creatures  
\_\_\_\_\_ would \_\_\_\_\_ anyone. They  
seem to find everything \_\_\_\_\_. They can \_\_\_\_\_  
up a forest of tall \_\_\_\_\_ in no time at all. And they never  
get full. This one long-necked creature can never \_\_\_\_\_  
its \_\_\_\_\_. Its stomach constantly growls  
like \_\_\_\_\_. It will \_\_\_\_\_ its neck out  
and \_\_\_\_\_ more for \_\_\_\_\_ in one  
bite than I could eat at a whole \_\_\_\_\_. It will  
\_\_\_\_\_ from one clump of trees to \_\_\_\_\_,  
just eating and sleeping. At this rate, these things could  
\_\_\_\_\_ eat themselves out of house and home. If they're  
not \_\_\_\_\_, they might \_\_\_\_\_ their  
\_\_\_\_\_ of food faster than it can grow back. And then  
they'll \_\_\_\_\_. I'm glad I'm too big for them to munch.  
Your king-sized kid,  
Big G.





Note 18

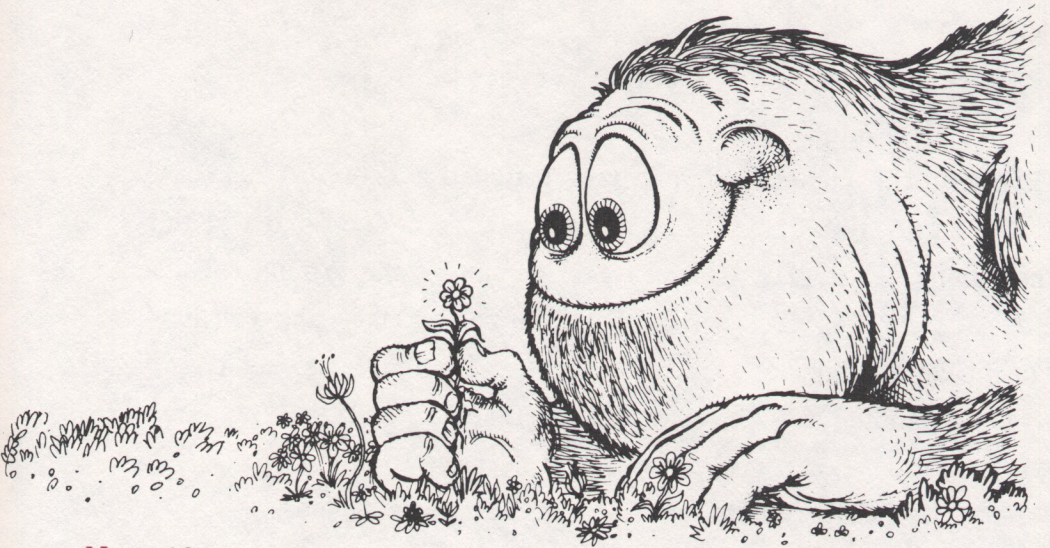
Dear Mom,

I was \_\_\_\_\_ . Those giant creatures have become  
\_\_\_\_\_. I \_\_\_\_\_ they ate themselves  
into \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ their  
\_\_\_\_\_ from the planet may have been connected  
to a \_\_\_\_\_ or comet that passed over us. It left a  
\_\_\_\_\_ fog over the land. It was \_\_\_\_\_ .  
The \_\_\_\_\_ bodies of the creatures were  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ the cloud, but their  
heads would \_\_\_\_\_ into the haze. I managed to  
\_\_\_\_\_ any \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
the fog close up. I could sense some \_\_\_\_\_, so I chose  
to \_\_\_\_\_ on the ground and \_\_\_\_\_ the  
situation from a restful and safe \_\_\_\_\_ .

Your laid-back baby,

Gab





### Note 19

Hello Mom,

Now that the big eaters are gone, some \_\_\_\_\_ and colorful plants have begun to \_\_\_\_\_. They

\_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_

to the colorless \_\_\_\_\_. They \_\_\_\_\_

all the shades of the \_\_\_\_\_,

blue, red, \_\_\_\_\_, green and \_\_\_\_\_. In

\_\_\_\_\_, each \_\_\_\_\_ gives off its own

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ odor. Unfortunately,

the aroma also makes me \_\_\_\_\_. I must have an

\_\_\_\_\_. My eyes get watery and itchy, and I can barely

\_\_\_\_\_. And when I blow my nose, I make such a

\_\_\_\_\_ honking noise, all the animals

\_\_\_\_\_ in fear. Sorry pals.

Noisily yours,

Gabby



Note 20

Dear Mom,

I have been able to \_\_\_\_\_ another \_\_\_\_\_ change in the planet Yahtah. I have watched a \_\_\_\_\_ of forces \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ ranges of tall mountains. The \_\_\_\_\_ under the ground causes \_\_\_\_\_ in the earth — earthquakes and volcanos. During an earthquake \_\_\_\_\_, I am \_\_\_\_\_ to stay standing. I feel very \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ when I \_\_\_\_\_ every time I try to stand up. When I feel the ground \_\_\_\_\_, my hands start to \_\_\_\_\_, my teeth \_\_\_\_\_, my knees \_\_\_\_\_, and I begin to feel \_\_\_\_\_. It is not a \_\_\_\_\_ experience. As if that wasn't bad enough, the restless \_\_\_\_\_ of the planet also tends to \_\_\_\_\_ my notes home. The earthquakes keep moving the words around.

Unsteadily yours,

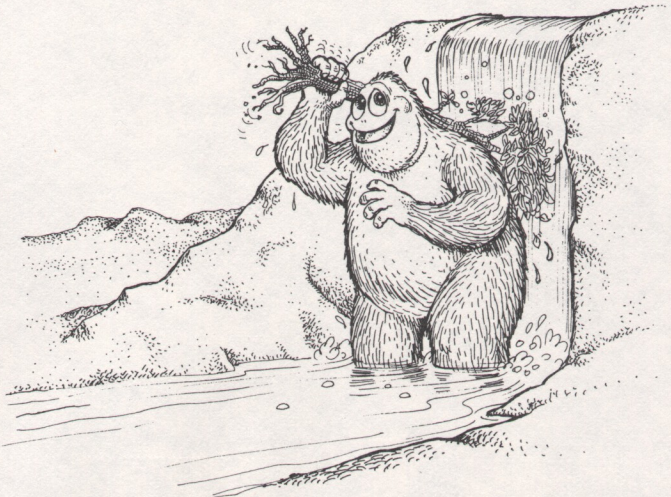
Gabdoc



## Note 21

Dear Mother,

I have found the new mountains to be of some \_\_\_\_\_  
after all. Water falling from the high \_\_\_\_\_ of  
a mountain peak makes a \_\_\_\_\_ shower for me. I  
use a tree to \_\_\_\_\_ and scrub my back. The tree is  
a helpful \_\_\_\_\_ that I can also use to  
\_\_\_\_\_ the tangles in my fur. I take \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ in a \_\_\_\_\_ shower.  
I feel so clean and \_\_\_\_\_. Although I'm not a  
\_\_\_\_\_, I just can't \_\_\_\_\_  
myself from singing my \_\_\_\_\_ songs while  
enjoying the tumbling waters. Sometimes I  
\_\_\_\_\_ a large \_\_\_\_\_  
of listeners. But they rarely \_\_\_\_\_ when I sing  
my \_\_\_\_\_ of a \_\_\_\_\_ tune.  
It's \_\_\_\_\_ they don't \_\_\_\_\_ my talent.  
Your bubbly baby,  
Gabdoc





Note 22

Dear Mom,

Herds of running animals have become \_\_\_\_\_ on  
open \_\_\_\_\_ areas. Their \_\_\_\_\_  
is a \_\_\_\_\_ to me. They graze \_\_\_\_\_  
in one spot, then \_\_\_\_\_, quick as  
\_\_\_\_\_, they make an \_\_\_\_\_  
dash to another spot. They move \_\_\_\_\_, in  
\_\_\_\_\_. I can't get near them. \_\_\_\_\_ I  
enter their \_\_\_\_\_, they scurry off in the  
\_\_\_\_\_. They are always  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. I tried to  
sneak up on them once. I managed to \_\_\_\_\_ myself in  
an \_\_\_\_\_ grove of trees. I stood on my tiptoes  
in \_\_\_\_\_, peering over the treetops to get a good  
look at them. But then I sneezed, and they scampered off.

Darn \_\_\_\_\_.

Your little sneezer,

Gabby



Note 23

Mommy!

I caught a \_\_\_\_\_ of a \_\_\_\_\_ creature. It is certainly \_\_\_\_\_. It has this \_\_\_\_\_ nose and two \_\_\_\_\_ teeth that \_\_\_\_\_ from its face. It also has \_\_\_\_\_ ears, and bushy hair that covers its \_\_\_\_\_ body. It walks on all four legs and uses its nose to pick up and \_\_\_\_\_ things. On \_\_\_\_\_, it will also \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ blast that will \_\_\_\_\_ through the \_\_\_\_\_. My first \_\_\_\_\_ with this beast was a \_\_\_\_\_. I was not \_\_\_\_\_ of its \_\_\_\_\_ behind me, and it let loose an \_\_\_\_\_ burst of noise that would \_\_\_\_\_ anyone. It made my fur stand on end.

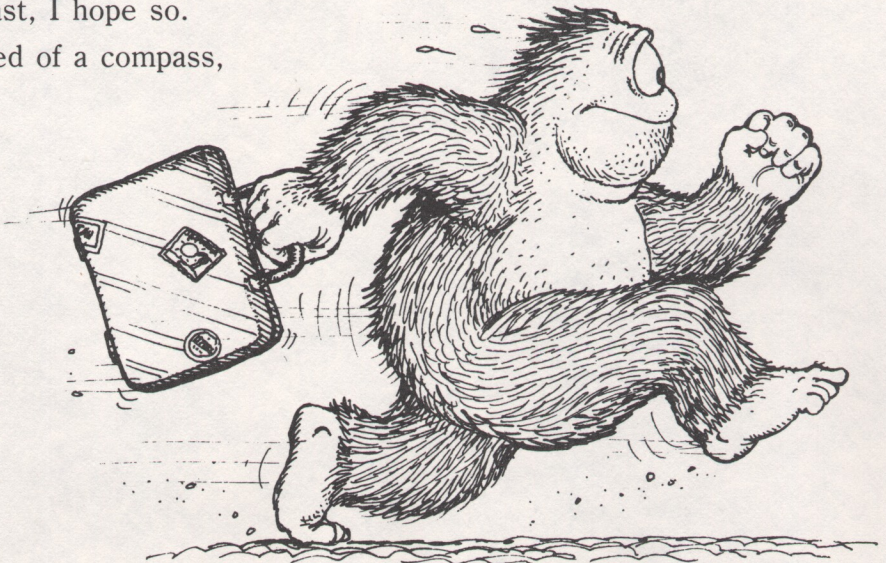
Your ruffled child,  
Gabdoc



Note 24

Dear Mom,

It's \_\_\_\_\_ time, when herds of animals  
\_\_\_\_\_ from place to place in \_\_\_\_\_ of  
a \_\_\_\_\_ food supply. I made a \_\_\_\_\_  
to \_\_\_\_\_ one group during its search.  
Of course, I can only follow at a \_\_\_\_\_. It's been  
\_\_\_\_\_. I've had to live out of my  
\_\_\_\_\_. By the time I \_\_\_\_\_ my  
unpacking, it's \_\_\_\_\_ time to move one. I can't  
\_\_\_\_\_ them to \_\_\_\_\_ their pace.  
They pay no \_\_\_\_\_ to me. We have covered a  
large \_\_\_\_\_, and we seem to be following a  
\_\_\_\_\_. I \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ landmarks. I think our \_\_\_\_\_  
path will bring us back to our \_\_\_\_\_ starting point.  
At least, I hope so.  
In need of a compass,  
Gab





Note 25

Dear Mother,

I \_\_\_\_\_ found some \_\_\_\_\_  
creatures — lazy, \_\_\_\_\_, and relaxed. They are  
not \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_. They don't run,  
they \_\_\_\_\_ — and never very far. My  
\_\_\_\_\_ of their \_\_\_\_\_ did not make  
them \_\_\_\_\_. They remained \_\_\_\_\_  
and calm. They just stood and chewed. I am not \_\_\_\_\_  
with what they eat, but they are \_\_\_\_\_  
chewers. I was \_\_\_\_\_ of their \_\_\_\_\_.  
They seemed so \_\_\_\_\_. Since I could  
\_\_\_\_\_ with this group, I decided to join them  
for a while. My first \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_  
But chewing all the time soon became \_\_\_\_\_  
and boring. I missed the \_\_\_\_\_  
of my earlier adventures.

Your bored baby,

Gabdoc





Note 26

Dear Mom,

Suddenly, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the planet appears to be undergoing a \_\_\_\_\_ change. It's getting cold. I am \_\_\_\_\_ that my fur is \_\_\_\_\_ to the elements, but many animals have left to seek a more \_\_\_\_\_ . I am once again without a \_\_\_\_\_ . But my \_\_\_\_\_ prevents me from leaving with them. I wish to \_\_\_\_\_ the cause of this \_\_\_\_\_ in the weather. So I wait, sensing the \_\_\_\_\_ of some \_\_\_\_\_ to my \_\_\_\_\_ . And it gets colder. I watch these \_\_\_\_\_ icicles form and dangle from my fur. I \_\_\_\_\_ an \_\_\_\_\_ . I \_\_\_\_\_ an answer soon.

Your cool kid,

Gabby



Note 27

My Dear Mommy,

I made an awesome \_\_\_\_\_ .

A large, moving \_\_\_\_\_ of ice seems to  
\_\_\_\_\_ the frigid temperatures. It is  
\_\_\_\_\_, huge by any \_\_\_\_\_ .

And it appears to \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
as I watch. It will soon \_\_\_\_\_ the entire

\_\_\_\_\_. Another \_\_\_\_\_ that  
accompanies this age of ice is a white, flaky \_\_\_\_\_  
that falls from the sky. I find it \_\_\_\_\_

to \_\_\_\_\_, but it is fun to play with. It isn't  
\_\_\_\_\_. It melts a little in my hands, and a bunch  
of it will stick together in a ball. Since there is

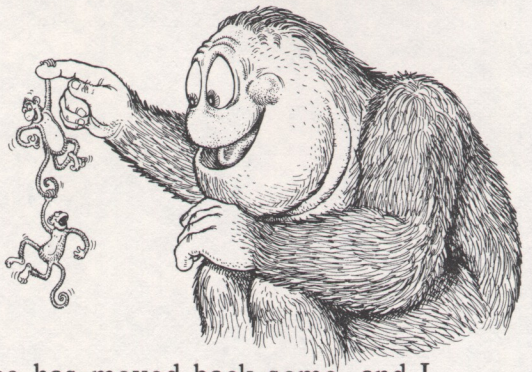
an \_\_\_\_\_ amount of the stuff, I was able to make  
an \_\_\_\_\_ of myself.

This cold, white \_\_\_\_\_ is sort of  
a \_\_\_\_\_ to my stay on Yahtah. I fear, however,  
that it will \_\_\_\_\_ if the weather improves.

Your favorite artist,

Gabdoc





Note 28

Dear Mom,

The \_\_\_\_\_ of ice has moved back some, and I have given myself an \_\_\_\_\_ to go exploring. I \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_ to make an \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of this ice age. The moving ice certainly did \_\_\_\_\_ the surface of the planet. I find \_\_\_\_\_ of its \_\_\_\_\_ path everywhere.

My \_\_\_\_\_ and travels have uncovered some \_\_\_\_\_ creatures that will surely create a \_\_\_\_\_ on this planet.

These small, \_\_\_\_\_ beings live in packs and are a \_\_\_\_\_ presence in the trees. They have amazing \_\_\_\_\_. They use their arms, legs, and long tails to perform \_\_\_\_\_ feats. In a favorite \_\_\_\_\_, one of these creatures will grasp one of my fingers and wiggle its tail. This is a \_\_\_\_\_ to its \_\_\_\_\_, who will try to grab the tail and hang on. They continue this \_\_\_\_\_, chattering loudly with each success, until I am holding a long line of them above the ground. This is fun.

Playfully yours,  
Gabber



NOTE 29

Hi Mom,

I have been a \_\_\_\_\_ observer of the tree dwellers with only one \_\_\_\_\_. I took a short \_\_\_\_\_. I made a brief \_\_\_\_\_ to some \_\_\_\_\_ areas to be alone. I needed to \_\_\_\_\_ my usual \_\_\_\_\_ and take time to \_\_\_\_\_ on my \_\_\_\_\_ thus far. When I returned to the land of the tree dwellers, I discovered a new group of beings resembling my \_\_\_\_\_ friends. But this group of creatures is not a \_\_\_\_\_ of the trees, and its members walk mainly on two feet. They seem to use gestures and noises to \_\_\_\_\_ each other. They have a thirst for \_\_\_\_\_ and are eager to begin their \_\_\_\_\_ in life. Several of these \_\_\_\_\_ creatures will stand before me and \_\_\_\_\_ my every movement. We've made a game out of it: "Gabdoc Says." They must present an \_\_\_\_\_ copy of what I do. I \_\_\_\_\_ any \_\_\_\_\_ moves. If a creature makes a mistake, I \_\_\_\_\_ it from the game.

Love and kisses,  
Gabdoc





### Note 30

Dear Mother,

A new \_\_\_\_\_ of life has appeared since my last message. These \_\_\_\_\_ creatures have managed to \_\_\_\_\_ themselves into \_\_\_\_\_ settlements. They even have some sort of \_\_\_\_\_. Their \_\_\_\_\_ has increased rapidly, and they \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_. They seem destined for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

They show little \_\_\_\_\_ in me and ignore any friendly \_\_\_\_\_ I make.

I am being pushed into the empty \_\_\_\_\_.

There are fewer \_\_\_\_\_ places left on the planet. I am \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ with this being's growth, so I am seeking a new \_\_\_\_\_ and a new \_\_\_\_\_. The only

\_\_\_\_\_ is to go in the water, under the seas — a new part of this world to explore.

Wish me luck, Mom!

Your loving kid,

Gabdoc









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