

EPISODE 17: NINE WAYS NOT TO DIE AS A MACAQUE



Cheating, stealing, duelling, falling - life as a macaque is basically Game of Thrones. To win they must forge alliances, outwit enemy panthers, tigers, crocodiles, eagles and pythons, and battle monsoon storms and snow.



Some can live for 40 years but most of them won't make it to 3 years old. Only the smartest survive. This is how they do it.

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There are 22 or 23 or 25 macaque species - scientists can't agree, because some of them look suspiciously similar. But the most famous are the long-tailed, rhesus and japanese macaques. And they all start off tiny.

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EPISODE 16: HOW TO SURVIVE AS A FUR SEAL



Flying sharks, bloodsucking worms, killer cannibal seals, mind-control viruses, lions, orcas, strangling octopuses, murder gulls that peck your eyes out..



Baby fur seals are super frickin cute. But everything wants to kill them. And half of them will die before their first birthday.

So in case you're reincarnated as a seal, here's how you survive.

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There are eight species of fur seal around the world: Northern, Antarctic, Subantarctic, Cape, Australian, New Zealand, Juan Fernández and Galápagos, and all of them give birth in the summer, except the Galápagos fur seal, because summer there looks like this:



About a week after giving birth, all these mother fur seals have sex and get pregnant again. The newborn pups then have exactly one year to learn how to not die before their mums kick them out.



Fur seals live in colonies of 50 to 100,000 seals so a pup's first job is to learn its mother's call.

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