

# Grist From The Mill



Random thoughts, news and  
updates from Tom and Mascha

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**W**ow! You should see this place!  
I really like it here! It's so much  
fun an there's so much to do!  
There are 4 creatures here where I live  
– I think they are called people – and  
they are all different sizes!

*Ooh look - a sock!*

Anyway... The really big one is pretty  
cool. He's a male and I like him a lot  
though I'm a little afraid of him  
sometimes so I think I'm going to try and  
do what he wants – but I really can't  
understand him – or the others for that

matter.

He's pretty friendly with the other big  
one – she's a female, like me – I think  
they are close. I like her too! She's up  
early in the morning. I go outside with  
her before the rest of the pack even  
wakes up.

*Hold on my ear's itchy*

There are two smaller ones in this pack  
too – much bigger than I am – but I'm  
already faster. I know they like me a lot  
because they chase me and I chase  
them until the really big one makes a

loud noise then we all have to stop.

I have my own little den in their big den  
and I have lots of soft things to lie on but  
I really like lying on the stuff the big one  
has worn. Sometimes he wants them  
back then I have to lie on something  
else. One of my favourite places is in a  
basket under the female's desk – but I  
think it's getting smaller.

The big one took me out the other day  
into this really big place – I was not sure  
how big it was because I didn't see the  
end of it. I smelled lots of new things

there though – wow!

*Hey, look, a leaf!*

Anyway, there were these gigantic  
animals around with eyes that had lights  
coming out of them. They made a lot of  
noise and they always made a smell. I  
was going to run away and hide but I  
was tied to the big one with a strong  
rope or something so I could not get  
away. Then I noticed that the big one  
was not scared of them at all – so now I  
feel a little better about them too.

*Did you smell that!? – ooh – I like that.*



Anyway he took me to a place where there was a big, big piece of frozen water and we walked around there for a while. I got to meet some other dogs from other packs but we didn't fight and I was really happy to play with them. I got really tired so I slept for a long time when I got back to my den.

*Look! I have a tail!*

I keep waking up in the middle of the night because I'm a little scared and then I cry a little. Sometimes I get back to sleep on my own but sometimes the big one or the female come to see me then I go back to sleep. I really like them so I feel much better when they are there. Sometimes I sleep all night then everyone is really happy in the morning. I'm not really sure but I think they also don't like it when I have to go to the bathroom. Although, if we are outside, then they seem pretty happy when I "go make." I have not found out where they go so that I can go there too. If I make in the big den then I get growled at in their funny sounds so I'm trying not to do that anymore – but I forget sometimes.

Like I said earlier – they make these really funny sounds and I don't really get

what they mean – but they can understand each other – except for the other two smaller pack members – they don't understand sometimes either, then they get growled at too.

They make this really funny sound: "Kiko." They say it when they are around me all the time.

*I have to nap now.*

Where was I - oh yes... I think I'm supposed to go to them to see something when I hear this "Kiko" sound so every now and then when they say it I come to them and take a look. I usually don't see or smell anything interesting – but they are really happy that I came to them and I get lots of fuss - I like that!

I'm not really crazy about the food I get here to be honest. I think my big pack members are eating something nicer but I'm not sure. They are much bigger than me so I can't even think about stealing their food. After a while I eat my food anyway and you should see how much I have grown. Sometimes they don't finish what they eat and they put it in this big bucket. I got in there once and got in so much trouble that I'm never going to do that again – but it sure was good.

There's also another creature here – they call him bunny and I really want to play with him. Once they had him out of his den and when I saw him, I don't know what came over me. I have never seen one of these things before, but I got all still, I crouched down low and started to sneak up on him very quietly. He got really nervous and started to run away but I managed to catch him. I

didn't hurt him or anything but now I'm only allowed to play with him when he's sitting on one of the other pack member's lap. It's ok if I lick him but I'm not allowed to bite him.

Well, I'm really tired now and I have to lie down. Then I have to kill the newspaper. I just wanted you to know that I'm having a blast and everything is great! 🐾

