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**ALL:** **LIKE YOU!**

**NARRATOR:** As you can well imagine,  
I was

**READER 5:** Surprised!

**NARRATOR:** I began to feel  
Fur, grizzled and gray,  
Sprouting on my body

"Oh no!" I cried.  
Shook my head and sat.  
"That furry critter is a

**ALL:** **DESERT MEERKAT!**

**NARRATOR:** Late last Tuesday  
It happened, you see,  
A funny old man

**READER 1:** Shuffled up to me.

**READER 3:** He pointed his finger

**READER 4:** And scratched his head

**READER 5:** Then this is what the old man said,

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**ALL:** **EX-CUE-OOOOZ ME!**

**READER 2:** Is that your papa  
Bristles every place,  
Fly-swatter tail,  
And warts on his face?

He's got two tusks  
And I'll tell you, too,  
That crazy critter looks a lot

**ALL:** **LIKE YOU!**

**NARRATOR:** As you can well imagine,  
I was

**READER 4:** Amazed!

**NARRATOR:** I felt my face  
,  
For I'm sure you know,  
A pig-like snout  
Was beginning to grow.

No, no! I cried,  
My mind in a fog,  
That warty critter is a

**ALL:** **DESERT WARTHOG**