

THE IGUANA SONG
[Based on an Actual, Funny True Story]

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*** ACTUAL NEWS ARTICLE:**

A Canadian woman escaped drug-trafficking charges today by persuading Judge Saint Bernard that marijuana police found in her home was food for her finicky iguana, Pogo Longtail . . . ¶ Goody Heavens said the marijuana was growing near her home and Pogo began eating it to overcome his anorexic condition, but now, won't stop eating marijuana . . . ¶ Judge Bernard reduced the charge to a fine for possession . . . adding his concern that consequently "every drug trafficker in the country will now be buying iguanas."

"Ba, ba, ba, ba . . . Ba, ba, ba, ba, bum,
Ba, ba, ba, ba . . . Ba, ba, ba, ba, bum." †

1. **But judge, Your Lordship, Majesty, Your Highness, oh, Your Honor,
I honestly don't smoke that dirty-old weed, Marijuaner.
As You can plainly see, it's of the lowest quality
— my iguana said he needed it to go with his herb tea.**

HOOK: MY IGUANA, EATS MARIJUANA; MY IGUANA, SMOKES MARIJUANA

2. **(Hey now) You know that doctors use it to cure nervousness & shakes,
well my pet iguana uses it to ease his bellyaches.
I plead, "I don't sell weed !," hey, I'm so broke I can't post bail
— I swear the act was done by my Iguana, Pogo Longtail !!"**

HOOK: MY IGUANA, USE MARIJUANA; MY IGUANA, LOVES MARIJUANA

3. **(All right) The judge said, "The prosecution wants me to inform ya:
you'd be in terrible trouble if this were Humboldt, California.
In Malaysia they would hang you if you only had one seed,
and in other parts of Asia you would *never* be freed !!"**

**BRIDGE 1: But this is Ottawa, where iguanas are allowed
and there's yet no precedent to have his choice of hors d'œuvres outlawed.
I'm still compelled to fine you — since the public may not buy it,
but I'm leaving you enough to start Pogo on a new diet.**

**MY IGUANA, EAT MARIJUANA; MY IGUANA, LOVE MARIJUANA
MY IGUANA, USE MARIJUANA; MY IGUANA, SMOKE MARIJUANA**

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4. (But hey) The problem you can guess, is now sellers of marijuana
are laundering their cash through trafficking of the iguana.
The D. E. A. has an A. P. B. alert from shore-to-shore,
with an undercover lizard-buyer in every major pet store.

BRIDGE 2: So when you go pet shopping, stay away from the iguana . . .
Or that man in the shades may arrest you for . . .
a "suspicious linking," just for thinking . . .
about that marijuana !

**[REPEAT HOOK OVER & OVER, WITH FADED CONVERSATION IN
BACKGROUND, AND FADE OUT]**

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* This quote is an actual news article in the San Francisco Chronicle,
verbatim here (except the woman and judge's names modified), spoken
as if by a radio commentator starting out the song, with music faded in
near end. It made worldwide headlines and major TV magazine shows.

† Additional backgrounds: "Eat up 'de bush, eat up 'da bush-bush"
& "Pogo Longtail" over & over, reggae style

- Outrageously hilarious in a cappella reggae style, broken English