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>--Diary of a Karratha Summer (by a Pom)  
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>August 31st  
>Just got transferred with work into our new home in Karratha, Western  
>Australia now this is a town that knows how to live!! Beautiful sunny  
>days and warm balmy evenings.  
>What a place! I watched the sunset from a deck chair on the verandah  
It  
  
>was beautiful.  
>I've finally found my home. I love it here.  
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>September 13th:  
>Really heating up. Got to 35 today. Not a problem. Live in an air-  
>conditioned home, drive an air-conditioned car. What a pleasure to see  
>the sun everyday like this. I'm turning into a sun worshiper.  
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>September 30th:  
>Had the backyard landscaped with tropical plants today. Lots of palms  
>and rocks.  
>What a breeze to maintain. No more mowing lawn for me. Another  
scorcher  
  
>today, but I love it here.  
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>October 10th  
>The temperature hasn't been below 35 all week. How do people get used  
>to this kind of heat?  
>At least today it's kind of windy though. But getting used to the heat  
>is taking longer than I expected.  
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>October 15th  
>Fell asleep by the pool. Got 3rd degree burns over 60% of my body.  
>Missed 3 days of work. What a dumb thing to do. I learned my lesson  
>though. Got to respect the ol' sun in a climate like this.

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>October 20th  
>I missed Kitty (our cat) sneaking into the car when I left this morning.  
>By the time I got to the hot car for lunch, Kitty had died and swollen up to the size of a shopping bag and stank up the \$3,000 leather upholstery. I told the kids that she ran away. The car now smells like Wiskettes and cat shit. I learned my lesson though. No more pets in this heat.  
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>October 25th  
>The wind sucks. It feels like a giant fuckin blow dryer!! And it's hot as hell. The home air-conditioner is on the blink and the AC repairman charged \$200 just to drive over and tell me he needed to order parts.  
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>October 30th  
>Been sleeping outside by the pool for 3 nights now. Bloody \$600,000 house and we can't even go inside.  
>Why did I ever come here?  
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>November 4th  
>It's 38 degrees. Finally got the ol' air-conditioner fixed today.  
>It cost \$1,500 and gets the temperature down to 25, but the bloody humidity makes the house feel like it's about 30. Stupid repairman.  
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>I hate this stupid fuckin place.  
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>November 8th  
>If another wise arse cracks, "Hot enough for you today?" I'm going to fuckin throttle him. Fuckin heat!  
>By the time I get to work the car's radiator was boiling over, my clothes are soakin fuckin wet, and I smell like baked cat!!  
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>November 9th  
>Tried to run some messages after work. Wore shorts, and sat on the black leather seats in the ol' car.  
>I thought my fuckin arse was on fire. I lost 2 layers of flesh and all the hair on the back of my legs and my fuckin arse. Now my car smells like burnt hair, fried arse, and baked cat.  
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>November 10th  
>The weather report might as well be a fuckin recording. Hot and sunny. Hot and sunny. Hot and fuckin sunny.  
>It's been too hot to do anything for 2 damn months and the weatherman says it might really warm up next week. Doesn't it ever rain in this damn fuckin place? Water rationing will be next, so my \$5,000 worth of palms just might dry up and blow into the fuckin pool. Even the palms can't live in this fuckin heat.  
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>November 14th  
>Welcome to HELL!!! Temperature got to 41 today. Now the air-conditioner's gone in my car.  
>The repairman came to fix it and said, "Hot enough for you today?"  
>My wife had to spend the \$2,500 mortgage payment to bail my arse out of jail for assaulting the stupid fucker. Fuck Karratha! What kind of a sick demented fuckin idiot would want to live here?  
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>December 1st  
>WHAT????? This is the first day of Summer???? You are fuckin kiddin!  
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