



In Namibia, we visited the Herero people. The women of the Kandoni homestead in Otjongombe Village greeted us in their traditional dresses. I copied them for my Dassies. We admired their *Sanga*, their beautiful cattle. Our guide, Uanee Karuumombe, a Himba man, introduced us and arranged for us to visit the local school where his daughter attends. The women wear customary dress and hats, said to resemble cattle horns, and they also wear fragrant, reddish brown beads that smell like sandalwood.

When we saw the donkey carts that the Herero used on the farms, I thought my Dassies should have one too. Only theirs would be pulled by a tortoise! Most farms have a water tank and windmill. The Kandonis owned about 80 head of cattle and there are 36 different colors. They also have goats which until modern times would be herded by the family's baboon! On a previous trip to Namibia I saw dolls dressed like the Herero people at the airport shop. I was fascinated by the African calico and attractive combinations. Our South African guide, Martin, arranged for us to return to Namibia and meet Uanee. Uanee could not believe all the dolls I brought home with me!

