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Pink-nosed babies blink, wide-eyed.

Solitary, yet not alone

Until your babes have fully grown.

Meals of berries, snails galore –

Shared by moonlight, family of four.
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   c. a mother opossum taking care of her babies
   d. op

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   d. opossums getting into trouble

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   Opossums are usually solitary animals who live on their own, but mothers will
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   Line 4: Sends you stalking through the night.
   Line 8: Shared by moonlight, family of four.

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