

Gorilla Rampage

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It was an average day at the zoo. Then there were the gorillas. I was at the crocodile enclosure when the loudspeakers announced that three gorillas had escaped. It was sunset and I was about to head home when I saw a crowd running towards me. I was a little confused because the zoo closed at 5:00pm, but then I saw the gorillas behind them. I knew I had to run with the crowd to survive.

The screaming was endless. There were parents carrying their kids and toddlers trying to escape the massive animals. The only way out was the front exit but it was closing automatically because a little girl had pressed the emergency button. A second later, the lead male gorilla roared at her and threw her into a wall. I heard her scream and that made me run even faster. The door slammed shut and we were trapped with three massive gorillas.

I ran into a nearby hedge and tried to conceal my blue shirt and slow down my breathing. I saw the gorillas hitting people to the ground and then they ran back into the main zoo area. I was the last person I could see standing and I was scared out of my life. I decided to stay in the hedge as the gorillas could be around the corner. I was stuck in this zoo until morning and I had a sense that the gorillas knew it too.

Thud! Thud! Thud! I woke with a start to a loud, ground-shaking noise. Where am I? I felt a branch poking into my sore ribs and I remembered that I was in a hedge, at the zoo, hiding from huge gorillas! Thud! Oh No! The gorillas are coming back and they sound angry. I must stay still. The lead male comes charging through the sea of unconscious people and sniffs the air. I can tell that he has my scent but can't work out where I am. The morning breeze is heading away from the gorillas, so he can't smell me

very well. He leaves and I let out my breath. That was close. Too close for comfort.

The sun is shining in my eyes when I decide to make my move. I haven't seen any gorillas in the past hour, so they must be on the other side of the zoo. I am oblivious to the outside world. I don't know if they've sent a search party, or if they're still recovering the injured. I have to get to the telephone at the main building and call for help. It was the only way to make it out of here alive.

I move silently and quickly. I have to go past the lions and then the seals. After that, all I have to get past are the monkeys, and let's hope that they stay silent. I sprinted past the lion and it grumbled at me in its sleep. The seal was already awake and it tried to splash me with water but I jumped backwards and the water hit the cold concrete. It barked at me as I tried to stay silent. I went through a tight tunnel when a gorilla came roaring past me. It seemed too scared to notice me. That was weird. There were still two gorillas that I had to be wary of.

I finally made it to the monkey enclosure. They were mostly sleeping but one of them was awake and playing with a banana. I tried to sneak past, but it saw me and started screeching. The other monkeys woke up and joined in. I had created a ruckus that would surely attract a gorilla. The monkey from the start threw a banana at the glass and it exploded on impact as a sloppy mess. That was it! Monkeys like bananas so surely gorillas do too. I had to use their diet against them.

I finally reached the main building but my heart fell when I saw the two (or should I say one) gorillas guarding the front entry. I realised why the other gorilla had panicked and run away. The male gorilla had killed the other gorilla and was sitting atop its corpse. It showed so much dominance in this position that I considered turning back but that was out of the question! If I turned back, I'd be in the same situation as before. Stuck in a corner like a complete coward until the gorilla found me. There was no choice but to get past him.

My plan changed a lot. I originally planned to call for help, but they wouldn't get here in time. So, I've decided to retrieve the banana barrel that is full of bananas, and roll it back into the gorilla's cage. That was plan. My only plan. If this doesn't work, I don't know what I will do.

I want to surprise him at the time he doesn't expect it. Sunset is perfect because he'll be tired from the day. Me, on the other hand, have done nothing all day and is completely full of energy. As soon as I see him slump down I run at him and he wakes with a roar! He runs towards me but I side step him and keep running. I sprint through the small door and the gorilla smashes through the concrete! I sprint down the polished hallway floors and try to lose the giant. He's close behind me and nothing seems to stop him. I try throwing a pot plant at him but he hits it away with ease and it smashes on the ground. I see the barrel ahead and I run even faster. I pick it up on the way past and that seems to make the gorilla angry. Now the hard bit is turning around.

I see a T-turn in the next hallway and realise that it's perfect. I'm starting to tire and I think the gorilla is too. I can hear him panting behind me which is gross. I hit the T-turn and make a tight right. The gorilla is running too fast so he crashes into the wall but still keeps pursuit. I finally turn around and stand up straight. The gorilla must've been confused because he slowed down for a second but then shook his head and charged straight at me. My instinct was to run but this was the only way I could turn around. Now I made my move.

As soon as he was about to hit me I strategically slid under him and for a split second I saw his eyes looking back at me. I quickly got up and sprinted the other way. The gorilla tried to stop but it took him a few seconds to do so. As I entered the main hallway again, I heard the gorilla behind me. I could see the sunlight at the end of the hallway. I flew through the doors and waited for the gorilla to follow. Here he comes, and he looks angry.

I waited for the exact right time and I threw the barrel into a bus. I didn't know if this would work so just in case I started running. It seemed to have worked because I couldn't hear his roars

anymore. I came to a halt and saw that the gorilla had gone for the bananas! He was on the bus and smashing bananas into his mouth. Now was my time! I ran to the bus door and closed it shut. I had done it! I had trapped the gorilla and was going to live!

I learnt one thing today. Gorillas are smart, but not that smart.