

Objective 2

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EXT. ZOO- NIGHT

The ESTABLISHING SHOT of the zoo shows it to be quite deserted. No one seems to be around, except for the animals.

INT. SECURITY OFFICE- CONTINUOUS

The lone SECURITY GUARD for the night is fast asleep. Nothing will stir him awake tonight.

EXT. ZOO ENTRANCE- CONTINUOUS

A tall silver gate keeps any "late night visitors" from simply waltzing inside.

PAN UP to show the gate's considerable height then PAN BACK DOWN to the bottom.

JAMES EVANS, who is in his early 20s, lands right in front of the camera. He hardly makes a sound with his landing.

He is Caucasian, has short black hair, and has a rather lanky appearance though he does have a few muscles.

He pretends to dust himself off then jumps up to a standing position throwing his hands into the air.

JAMES

And he stuck the landing! The crowd goes wild!

MEGHAN

James! James! James!

Leaning against the other side of the gate is MEGHAN JONES.

She is 19 years old, a little heavy, and dresses like a tomboy.

Her red hair is cut short.

JACK

(sarcastic)

Really impressive. Never seen anything like it.

JACK REPPIR is built the same as James and wears horn rimmed glasses.

He also carries a small video camera with him, which he switches from Record to Pause.

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MEGHAN

If you want to see something impressive, then try this.

Meghan snatches Jack's camera out of his hands.

She suddenly THROWS the camera several feet above the top of the gate.

Meghan jumps at the bars and effortlessly scales to the top of the gate.

She stretches out her hand and manages to snag the camera right as it begins its descent.

Meghan lets go of the gate and falls.

She makes an even cleaner landing than James had moments ago. She makes even less noise than James.

JAMES

Impressive.

MEGHAN

Don't have to be light in order to be a parkour.

Jack takes his camera from Meghan's hands.

JACK

You're both traceurs. Parkour is the name of the sport. Not the one who performs it.

Meghan and James look from Jack to the gate.

MEGHAN

Um...how did you get in here?

JACK

I fit through the bars. Now will you explain why we're here of all places?

JAMES

Parkour competition said for us to be unorthodox with our entry vids. This place is crawling with hazards. It's perfect!

Multiple ROARS sound through the dark. Jack grips his camera nervously and holds it to his chest.

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JACK
Yeah. A perfect way for us to die.

JAMES
Don't be such a worrier. Let's go
find a good place to film.

MEGHAN
Lead the way.

Jack swallows thickly at the sound of more roars. His fidgety hands switch the camera back to record mode.

He holds the camera up to his face and wipes away some sweat.

JACK
This is Jack Reppir filming James
Evans Traceur video...Eat your
heart out Blair Witch.

He switches the camera back off and sprints to catch up to his friends.

He races past a tiger's cage catching the large cat's eye. It watches him run and gives a small growl.

CROSS FADE:

Five Minutes later

EXT ZOO BEAR CAGE- CONTINUOUS

The guys are sitting down a few feet away from one of the cages. James has a piece of paper with him and crosses out:

Hyena section

He folds the sheet up and puts it away.

JAMES
That wouldn't have worked. You got
any ideas Meghan.

MEGHAN
Nothing yet.

JACK
Look guys. This place is really
creeping me out. Are we going to
settle on something at all?

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MEGHAN

You can't force inspiration
Jack. We'll pick something when
we're certain it'll be amazing on
camera.

JACK

More like you're too scared.

MEGHAN

James is not scared. Right
James?...James?

The pair whip their heads around to find James, but he's not standing beside them anymore.

JACK

Great he got himself eaten
probably.

JAMES

I'm over here.

Jack and Meghan spot James pacing in front of a cage,
encasing a rather large grizzly bear.

JAMES (CONT'D)

So we meet again Smokey. Think you
can get me this time?

James hits the cage bars a couple of times and then prepares himself.

The bear tries to strike out at him, but the cage keeps its claws back.

Regardless, James leaps at the bear and climbs over the bear's paws before they could even reach striking distance.

He strikes out his left foot, which hits the bear in its nose then lets go of the cage and falls back to safety.

The bear lashes at the cage bars trying to tear them apart, but to no avail.

JAMES (CONT'D)

You'll get me one of these days,
but not today.

JACK

...are you fucking insane?

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JAMES
 We snuck into a zoo to film a
 parkour video. What do you think?

The bear continues its assault on the gate and James. It barely gets within striking distance.

JAMES (CONT'D)
 Come on! You can do it! You can
 hit me! Hit me! Hit me! HIT ME!

Meghan rolls her eyes and walks over to James.

MEGHAN
 I think he's had enough-ahhhh!

Blood splashes into Jack's glasses and Meghan tumbles into James' arms knocking them both down.

The bear cut a sizable gash in Meghan's right cheek.

The bear ROARS once again as James and Jack drag Meghan away from the cage.

JACK
 Oh my God, oh my God, oh my God!...

JAMES
 Shut up! We are not going to
 panic! Ok!?

Meghan grabs James by his shirt and drags his face down to meet her.

MEGHAN
 My face just got cut into by a
 fucking bear! We are beyond not
 panicking right now!

JACK
 (slightly higher pitched
 voice)
 G-g-g-guys...g-g-guys.

MEGHAN
 What!?

JAMES
 What!?

Jack's body is beyond trembling.

You'd think he was in the midst of having a seizure as he points behind the pair.

They look towards where Jack is pointing and both swallow.

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The tiger from earlier is out of its cage and staring the group down hungrily. It roars and pounces at the group!

JAMES

Every man for himself!

James bolts from the area as does Jack. Meghan rolls out of the tiger's path dodging it.

The tiger ignores her and sets after the two boys. Meghan stands up and runs.

The bear finally fits its paws through the bars and snares Meghan's jacket.

It pulls her back to it and opens its mouth wide.

Meghan SCREAMS and quickly slips out of her jacket before it can bite into her.

It manages to clip her shoulder and Meghan flinches and stumbles as she runs.

The bear tears at the cage again, but then suddenly the whole thing opens on its own releasing the caged beast.

EXT. ANOTHER SECTION OF THE ZOO- CONTINUOUS

Jack looks over his shoulder.

Even through his blood stained glasses he can still see the tiger closing in on him.

James is no where to be seen, however.

Jack has no time to worry about that and desperately makes for the first cage he can see.

The tiger swipes at Jack's leg clipping part of it. Jack staggers and takes a faulty jump at the cage.

He flies through the bars and slips his feet in right as the tiger claws at them.

Jack crawls back swiftly and stops for a moment to catch his breath.

He turns his head around briefly, stops, and then turns around fully.

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JACK
(quietly)
Oh, fuck me.

At the other end of the cage are a sleeping group of spotted hyenas.

He observes the tiger pacing back and fourth outside the cage and stands.

Jack prepares himself to run; watching the tiger go stop and change directions.

Jack takes one step then the tiger suddenly roars making Jack slide to a halt.

He spins around and quietly lets loose a multitude of harsh words.

The three hyenas have awoken.

One seems to process the situation faster than the other two as it has already started charging its prey.

Jack looks back at the tiger, then the hyenas, and takes a deep breath. He runs and leaps for the bars!

A hyena's jaw CLAMPS down on his right leg cutting off his jump.

He falls to the ground and his CRIES rip through the zoo.

He pulls himself toward the gate, but that only increases the hyena's determination to rip off his leg.

JACK
Someone help me-AHHH!

He's almost to the bars, but the second hyena bites into his left hand.

Jack rips it free tearing off most of the flesh almost to freedom.

He swings his fists at the hyena on his right and left, but the one behind him bites down even harder.

CLOSE UP of the first hyena's blood soaked teeth as it pulls back.

You can almost hear something tearing in Jack's body.

The tiger now stands in Jack's path ready to eat him if he gets out.

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It prepares to pounce when a rock hits the top of its head.

This diverts the tiger's attention to behind it.

Meghan clings to the bars of a vacant cage and tosses a second rock.

The tiger races after her and she scales to the top of the cage as the tiger pounces and misses its prey.

It lands and gazes up at the top of the cage.

Meanwhile, with one last mighty pull, Jack frees himself from the cage and the hyena's grip.

The third hyena, however, snaps at Jack's right hand snaring it.

Jack BITES down on his bottom lip to clench any screams that would attract the tiger.

He instinctively punches the hyena in the nose and it releases his hand.

He falls to the ground and frighteningly looks at his blood soaked hands...flesh almost ripped off...then he starts to chuckle.

JACK
(frightened laughs)
I'm alive...haha. I-I-I'm alive.

The tiger's growls silence him. To Jack's relief it hasn't noticed him escape and still watches Meghan.

Meghan sees Jack is out and motions for him to move. He nods and painfully pulls himself to safety.

The hyenas won't let him leave and start to bark alerting the tiger.

MEGHAN
Shit!

Meghan runs to her left off the edge of the cage, but instead of landing on the pavement falls into water.

She rapidly surfaces from the slightly shallow water and shakes her head of the freezing liquid.

A faint shape is visible from under the water. Meghan is unaware and starts to stand.

Something makes her trip and she goes, back first, into the water again.

An anaconda slithers around her stomach. Meghan screams and thrashes about in the water.

Fighting with every bit of strength she has to wrench this thing off her.

She clenches her teeth and you can practically see the veins forming in her arms as she tugs at the creature.

It gets tighter and tighter the more she fights back against it.

Before she can even try to call out for help it goes around her neck.

Meghan's arms are now wildly flailing and her skin starts to turn blue.

Her eyes begin to roll into the back of her head and her body falls further beneath the water.

Out of sight of anyone that could come to her aid. The slithery snakes body disappears beneath the water as well.

EXT. CROCODILE EXHIBIT- CONTINUOUS

James can hear the tiger's roars, but not the sound of either of his friends.

He's hunched over in front of the crocodile exhibit. It's relatively small and deep by a few feet. Rocks surrounding the perimeter to keep the crocodiles from escaping.

James is panting, out of breath, and has a small coat of sweat covering his body.

JAMES

Nothing can be done for them.

He stands up straight and feels hot breath on his back.

He turns around very slowly and find himself face to face with the grizzly bear from earlier.

James is petrified with fear as the beast stands to its full height, roars, and lets out a fierce strike!

James ducks and dives between the bear's legs. The bear is faster than is looks and turns and slashes into his back.

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James screams and falls to his knees; helpless to dodge the bear's claws cutting right into his face.

He flies off his feet and into the exhibit.

He crashes into some of the rocks and splashes into the water a few feet below.

He surfaces spitting out some of the water; face a bloody mess, but he is alive.

JAMES

Take that Smokey! You got me and
I'm still alive! Ha!

James' continued laughs slowly die out at the sound of a SPLASH from behind him.

James' reactions are quick as he jumps out of reach of a massive crocodile jaw.

He runs and flips over a second crocodile and sprints for the rocks.

A third crocodile slams its jaws inches from one of James' feet and he loses his balance.

He falls into the water and then SEARING PAIN shoots up his arm. He pulls out his arm and gasps in horror.

JAMES

OH MY GOD!

The crocodile BIT OFF half his arm and wants more. It advances at James, who still has energy to back off fast.

He reaches the rocks again, but the second crocodile catches him. It bites down hard RIPPING OFF part of his right leg.

The limb is shown fully being ripped off and falling out of sight.

James collapses back into the water and the Crocodiles converge on him.

It's a mass of snapping jaws and flailing arms, but it's no good.

James loses his whole arm this time and the second crocodile clamps its massive jaws around his stomach.

The water turns to blood as the crocs continue their feast; ripping and tearing at every inch of James' body.

Leaving no part of him alone. Going as far as to consume him all the way down to his very skeleton.

EXT. ZOO NEAR THE EXIT- CONTINUOUS

Jack cleans off his glasses as best he can.

He's torn off parts of his clothes and wrapped them around where the hyenas attacked.

He's nearly home free and is hiding in between two cages.

He checks to make sure the coast is clear then actually checks to see if his camera is working.

Jack notices it's still in Record mode. He lifts it up to his face.

JACK

James...if we ever get out of this
alive this is for you.

Jack gives the finger then sets down his camera. He crawls out of his hiding place to his salvation.

BARKS are heard in the distance...then get closer.

Jack quickens his pace, but the spotted hyenas have somehow gotten free from their cages and surround him.

One charges and Jack kicks it with his good leg. He swings his camera at the second's face.

He rolls out of the third's way, but it takes a bite into his waist.

Jack hangs onto his bleeding side; face scrunched up in pain and anguish.

The tri-hyena attack, however, is interrupted by the tiger's sudden appearance.

This time it finally pounces and pins Jack underneath it. He holds back its mouth desperately as his camera is knocked away.

The tiger switches tactics and slashes with its claws.

They slice right through Jack's chest and he falter letting the tiger's mouth get closer.

Jack keeps it back and the tiger slashes again, again, and again. Getting Jack in the chest, shoulder, and face.

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Coating the streets with blood. The tiger roars only an inch from Jack's face; ready for the kill.

The spotted hyenas bark in agony and one crashes right into the tiger forcing it off Jack.

Another grizzly bear has arrived and goes on the attack. It tears apart the back of one of the hyenas.

The bear also slashes at one of the hyena's faces making it retreat.

The third had already been torn apart when it was thrown at the tiger.

The tiger leaps at the grisly bear and is caught by its paws. The bear claws at the giant cat's face.

Scratching at its eyes, mouth, and nose. The tiger fights back with equal fire.

Clawing at its back and trying to attack its side. However, it is no match for the bear.

The bear sinks its claws into the tiger's face and then rips out part of it.

The tiger automatically falls to the ground dead.

Jack closes his eyes ready to be the bear's next target only for nothing to happen.

He opens his eyes. The bear is gone.

A hand touches Jack's shoulder and he jumps.

MEGHAN

Oh my...Jack I thought you were dead.

Meghan pulls him into a bear hug and shudders at his blood covered body.

JACK

Don't worry about me. It didn't cut as deep as I thought...hurts like fucking Hell though.

He groans as Meghan helps him over to the exit gate.

JACK (CONT'D)

What happened to you? Why are you soaked?

MEGHAN

Fell into an Anaconda section. Luckily the thing bit off more than it can chew.

Jack observes how Meghan looks like she went through more than just an Anaconda attack.

Her clothes are torn, and there's more blood on her body.

JACK

Guess you had a run in with the tiger too.

MEGHAN

You could say that.

Meghan helps Jack fit through the bars.

MEGHAN (CONT'D)

Does your phone still work?

JACK

Yes. Where's James?

MEGHAN

Good. Call 911. I'll be right out.

JACK

Meghan, wait! Meghan!

She sprints away with perhaps a little too much energy for one that escaped an Anaconda.

INT. SECURITY OFFICE- CONTINUOUS

The security guard laughs to himself as he watches the security footage of James getting torn apart.

He plays it on multiple monitors showing different angles so that not one detail is missed.

SECURITY GUARD

That'll teach those kids to sneak into my zoo.

He plays something over the P.A. system and then watches a monitor showing the bear re-entering its cage.

He presses a button on his keyboard and the cage shuts itself.

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SECURITY GUARD (CONT'D)
Better go clean up the evidence
now.

The guard swirls around in his chair so that his back is facing the open window.

He gets out and something grabs and pulls him out of the office.

EXT. SECURITY OFFICE- CONTINUOUS

The guard flies out and hits the ground forehead first.

The guard puts a hand to his bleeding forehead and faces the towering grizzly bear.

SECURITY GUARD
What the Hell...I just sent you
back to your...cage.

The guard observes how the bear's body appears soaking wet. His eyes widen and he makes a run for it.

The bear slices out part of the back of the guard's legs flooring him.

The bear then goes totally ballistic on the screaming guard.

Doing worse than the tiger did to Jack.

Slicing its claws so far into his skin that it reaches his internal organs.

The bear sadistically tears the man's HEART out, but doesn't cease there.

It makes one final move, clawing its paws at the guard's jaw; ripping off the upper section.

The bear at last backs off the guard then something else happens.

It's skin starts to change and the bear shrinks in size.

The bear stands up straight and finishes changing...into MEGHAN.

She gazes down at the mess of a corpse of the guard and spits at it.

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MEGHAN

That was for my friends.

She kicks his corpse and leaves him to rot.