

Second Rough Draft (part of it)

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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- NIGHT

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

EXT. ZOO ENTRANCE- NIGHT

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

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

JAMES EVANS, who is in his early 20s, lands right in front of the camera.

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

He dusts himself off then jumps up to a standing position.

JAMES

And he stuck the landing! The crowd goes wild!

MEGHAN

James! James! James!

Standing on 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 and suddenly  
THROWS it high above the gate.

Meghan leaps 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 makes a cleaner landing than  
James had moments ago.

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.

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 you're  
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.

EXT ZOO BEAR CAGE- CONTINUOUS

JACK

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

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.

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JAMES

I'm over here.

Jack and Meghan spot James pacing in front of a cage, encasing a rather large grisly 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 it's claws back.

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

He strikes out his left foot, which hits the bear 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)

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

JACK

...are you fucking insane?

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 barely gets within striking distance.

JAMES (CONT'D)

Come on! You can 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.

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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 his.

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 toward where Jack is pointing and both swallow.

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.

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

James was no where to be seen, however.

Jack had no time to worry about that and desperately made for the first cage he could 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 his feet.

He crawls back swiftly and stops for a moment to catch his breath. He turns his head around briefly, stops, and then turns around fully.

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 language.

The hyenas have awoken and seem to process the situation fast as they have already started charging their prey.

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

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

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.

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

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

This diverts its attention 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 starts to chuckle.

JACK  
(frightened laughs)  
I'm alive...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 slither around her stomach and goes for her wildly flailing arms.

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

Her skin starts to turn blue and her eyes begin to roll into the back of her head.

EXT. CROCODILE EXHIBIT- CONTINUOUS

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

He's hunched over, panting, out of breath, and with 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 grisly bear from earlier.

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