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Hi all!

We would just like to say thanks for reading our book and we hope you all feel better soon.

Kind regards from all the students at Hampton Senior High School.
“Hurry up! Put the crate in the van!” cried a frantic rising rock star. Carli Korone was in her early 20’s and still not famous. She had sung at pubs, weddings and parties but no one had noticed her yet. She knew she wasn’t very good but she would never admit that to anyone. She had to think of something and this was her greatest plan yet. She was going to steal a famous baby gorilla from a zoo and make it perform at gigs with her. She was bound to become famous!

Carli’s bodyguards had helped her pull off the perfect crime. Since it was pouring with rain and pitch black, it was the perfect cover. After trying to read an upside down map of the zoo and running into a pole on five different occasions, they finally found the baby animal exhibit. There it was; a two day old baby gorilla curled up peacefully with its mother.

“Quick, cover up the security camera!” Carli yelled. The head bodyguard ran to the closest security camera and disabled it with a quick flick of a pocket knife. Carli then ran towards the exhibit door and placed a device on the keypad to unlock the keypad. After five tense minutes, they was a beep and the keypad disabled itself.

As the door swung open the gorilla family looked up. The mother gorilla stared at the three intruders through her glass enclosure. Carli walked up to the steel door and picked the simple lock, making sure to remove all evidence that she had ever been there. Carli’s bodyguard took a tranquilizer gun out of his bag and loaded it up with one small dart. The bodyguard took aim and fired at the mother gorilla and got a perfect shot. Within ten minutes the mother gorilla had fallen into a deep sleep with her baby still clinging to her back. Carli walked into the enclosure, her pink platform boots clicking on the sterile concrete ground. She walked over to the sleeping gorilla and picked the baby off her back. The gorilla reached for her mother but Carli just laughed and pulled the gorilla away.

Jeff pulled up to the zoo the next day to find that his prized gorilla baby was missing and the mother was fast asleep. Jeff was panicking, it was only his first month at his new job and now his new gorilla baby was missing. He was hoping that he would be able to solve what happened before his boss found out. If his boss found out, he would lose his job for sure. What would he do then, become a doggie-wash operator? He went to check that the mother was alright and he examined the crime scene. There was pink glitter everywhere and a couple of strands of shocking pink hair.

“Jeff, you better get in this office right now!” screamed his boss from outside the exhibit. “Oh no”, Jeff sighed.
CHAPTER 1

Jeff was in a sticky situation being fired from his job and not having any money to support him he was stuck and needed help fast. Jeff had no one to support him since his family split ever he was little and was his own ever since.

Jeff stared at the roof and said

“My life sucks. Everything sucks; I haven’t got a job no family, no support, no friends I just wish that I had Sofia back. I wish…I wish.”

He then sat up and looked down to where his small cardboard box of a table was, picked up the financial times and looked up the job section. He found a few jobs but none were in his job description-lawn mowing, driving inspector, ranger he keeps going down the page then he reaches doggie-wash operator.

“Hey this looks good! Hopefully they would employ an ex zookeeper.” Frowning as he said it.

He looks left of the ad and calls the phone number.

The phone rings three times, then someone picks up the phone.

“Hi can I speak to your manger?”

“Yes it’s the manger Lachlan”

“Oh hi Lachlan is that job offer still available?”

“Yes we have a position ready to fill what time would you like to make an interview for tomorrow morning at eleven?”

“Yeah sure I’ll be there!”

“Okay I’ll just get your name.”

“It’s Jeffery Korone”

“Okay Jeffery I’ll see you tomorrow morning at eleven!”

“Okay see you then, bye”

“Bye”

Jeff hung up the phone and smiled feeling happy he watched the rest of law and order and fell asleep.

The next day he woke up feeling refreshed and ready for the interview, he took one look in the mirror and saw his scruffy reflection, fixed his hair up and locked the door behind him. He looked
at his grotty apartment door and walked away. He then went down the lift and went to the bus shelter and wait for his bus.

Two hours later he finally arrived at his destination feeling scared and nervous because before the zoo keepers job he had never had another job. He got out of the bus and walked to the small block and went inside. He walked in with his head held and his hopes high walked in and heard the small bell on the door and felt welcome. He smelt the shampoo of the freshly washed dogs and saw the wet paw marks on the ground. He went up to the front desk and saw a middle aged lady with out-dated glasses and looked at him with a welcoming smile.

“Hello”
“Hello”
“Are you here to see Lachlan?”
“Yes”
“He’ll just be a moment won’t be long”
“Thanks”

Jeff sat down at one of the plastic chairs and waited for his name to be called.

“Hi, Jeffery?”
“Yes I am Jeffery”

“Hi Jeffery this way please”

Jeffery walked with Lachlan to his office and Lachlan close the door. Jeffery sat down and looked outside the window and looked around the room noticing how much dog toys Lachlan had. He sat down in his dog shaped chair and asked Jeffery some general questions.

“So Jeffery how old are you?”
“I'm thirty two”

“And what are your availability hours?”

“Every day! Whenever I can work I will be here!”

“Okay that’s great! We need someone just like you and are you trained to wash animals, clean and blow-dry?”

“Yes I actually worked in a zoo, I was the zoo keeper”

“Oh really for how long?”

“Five years”

“Wow! That’s a long time! What made you quit?!”

“I, well it’s a long story but long story short I was doing my shift and accidently let someone stole the gorilla and I got fired.”
“Oh right, well as long as that doesn’t happen here we’ll give you a chance. You have all the qualities and the availability but if anything goes wrong you are fired from this job.”

“Okay thank you Lachlan and I won’t let you down”

“Well let’s hope and see”

Yes well let’s hope you see Jeffery was thinking as he got up out of his chair and went to the door and walked out.

Jeffery went home and started his shift the very next day.

A few months later Jeffery was getting his life back in order now getting into his new job and getting the income he needs to pay the bills he can finally relax. One day in the evening after a long shift at the shop he decides to watch his favorite TV show law and order.

“Now in other news we have a new arrival in pop music the famous Carli Korone is coming to town! She will be arriving at the railway station in Queensland at 1:00pm tomorrow morning.”

Jeff realized it was the same person that stole Sofia from the zoo, the same one he was fired from. He had to get revenge and get Sofia back from her.

“I have to get her and get my job back”

So the next day Jeff got on the bus and traveled to the railway he was ready to fight for his job and that gorilla.
CHAPTER 2

Jeffrey needed to get his beloved gorilla back; he saw the railway and the train in the distance. He thought he could get lucky so he jumped on the slowly passing train. He walked through the carriages one by one until he was in a room with no light, he heard panting but didn’t back away. He walked deeper into the carriage. Suddenly, two hairy fists thumped the floor in front of him. He suddenly lit up and ran even deeper into the carriage. The gorilla jumped out and circled him slowly trying to make out just who he was, the gorilla stopped for a moment. The expression of the gorilla’s face was a reflection of what he was feeling inside. Jeffrey enveloped the gorilla with his open arms the gorilla stayed still. He held the gorilla’s hand and tried to walk off the train, but the gorilla didn’t move. Suddenly out of the shadows appeared Carli. She said quietly

“You think you can just walk onto this train and take my gorilla?”

“Wh... who are you?”

“Don’t worry I won’t hurt you just give back the gorilla nice and easy.”

The Gorilla backed away from Jeffrey. For some strange reason he looked disappointed, and walked to Carli’s side.

“Gorilla, why are you going with her, she’s evil”

Suddenly the gorilla looked confused and looked up at Carli’s snarling face Carli said “I can give you whatever you want why would you choose, him”

Carli chuckled. “You go with him or me, choose!”

Carli and Jeffery both gave the gorilla some space. Carli was quietly chanting to the gorilla to come to her while Jeffery was reassuring that even if he chooses Carli. He will always love him. Suddenly the gorilla felt like he was lifted from a spell and sprinted straight to Jeffery. She looked mad she yelled. She looked to a draw and grinned; she opened it and took something out. It was a gun; Jeffery shot his hands into the air the gorilla copied as he thought this was a game. She smiled again and without mercy shot, the gorilla realized that it was no longer a game. In a split second the gorilla sprung scared and took a bullet to the thigh he fell on the floor.

Jeffery looked at Carli and was furious Carli looked shocked

“Oh well”

This made Jeffery so mad that he did something that he had never done before, hurt a human being. Carli was shocked that Jeffery would do that, Jeffery kicked her, missed but hit her hand holding the gun, the gun fell out of her hand and off the train. She watched it fall out then quickly spun her head straight to Jeffery. In a frantic reaction she grabbed Jeffery’s neck and squeezed as hard as she good. The gorilla carried itself to Carli and swung his fist straight at her face knocking her out cold. Jeffery gasped for air
“Thank you so much”

The gorilla dropped on the floor. Jeffery ran to the gorilla suddenly he felt the train stop; he needed to get off to find some help. So he found the nearest vet after asking several people for directions. He helped the gorilla walk into the vet, before they could get close to the door police officers came around the corner. Out of panic Jeffery practically threw the gorilla into the vet.

“All right you have a good evening now” as he tilted his hat.

With a sigh of relief he ran into the vet the door was closed, it was locked he was mad and picked up the gorilla sprinting back to the slowly moving train that was about to go in full speed. So he started sprinting with all his energy.

“Hey! Stop!” Screamed an angry officer

He ran even faster, the cops started to run. He jumped onto the train with the gorilla and they drove straight into a dark tunnel. They walked down the train carriages again until they were in the carriage that they were in before, Carli wasn’t on the train. Jeffery decided to investigate he left the gorilla in the carriage and Jeffery went up the ladder. He saw Carli standing on the roof of the moving train and came to confront her.
“So”, muttered Carli.

“How’d you get up here without dying? Hm. No matter. You seem to be quite… attached to this gorilla. But may I ask why? It’s just a silly gorilla! It’s not like it cares for you!”

Jeffrey was sweating hard. Climbing onto the top of a train is no easy task. His emotions were running wild. He was worried that he would have to fight her. He wasn’t much of a fighter. He was especially worried about falling off the train and meeting his certain demise. But if that’s what it took, he would do it. For the gorilla. Jeffrey clenched his fist and screamed;

“She does have feelings! He’s a living being just like you and me! Don’t you even care for her?”

“Not really. I just find it pretty cool to own a pet gorilla. I mean, who do you know with a gorilla as a pet?”

Jeffrey was shocked of how heartless she was. She really didn’t care about her soon to be pet. If he kept the gorilla, he would’ve cared for it. He would feed it and love it. She doesn’t care about the gorilla. She just wants to look cool.

“You are a monster. You don’t deserve to have her! You’re a horrible person!” Jeffrey screamed with rage. He was angrier than ever. He could feel the blood rushing through his body. He was angry. Very, very angry. He was ready to save the gorilla.

Carli clenched her fist, Jeffrey did likewise. They were ready to tear each other to pieces. Focusing, they ran as fast as they could to each other, and attempted to punch one another. Both missed. Jeffrey spun around and kicked out. He managed to land one in the belly. Carli let out a gasp, and fell to the ground.

“You idiot! You think you can hit a star as famous as me? You’ll pay for what you’ve done!”

Carli got up and punched him in the stomach. Jeffrey endured the hit and punched her in the face. Carli kicked Jeffrey in the thigh. He fell down screaming in pain.

Carli snarled. “You think you can beat me that easily? I happen to also specialize in Karate!”

It was quite an eye-opening experience, seeing a famous singer fight for a gorilla.

Carli swiftly landed a punch on Jeffrey. He fell to the ground in extreme pain. She stomped on his arm continuously. Jeffrey then grabbed her leg and pulled it towards him. This caused her to collapse. Jeffrey stood up. He turned and looked at Carli. Carli could practically see a burning flame in his eyes. She realized that she had made a big mistake trying to start a fight with him.

Jeffrey didn’t know it, but he had a beast inside of him. Well, practically. He approached Carli and stared her down.
“Please, please! I didn’t mean to anger you! Please don’t kill me, please! I’m begging you, I’ll do anyth…”

Jeffrey cut her off with a might scream. Carli panicked even further. She started scampering away while screaming. Jeffrey grabbed her collar, and pulled her up.

He said with a demonic voice; “Don’t ever come back!”

“What do you mean?” Carli said with a trembling voice.

“DON’T TOUCH THE GORILLA!”

“OK I WON’T!”

“I’ll let you go for now… but if you do it again… you will pay.”

“OK, OK SORRY!”

“Now, I’m going to call the police, and hope that you get put into jail!”

“FINE, FINE! JUST SO LONG AS YOU DON’T HURT ME!”

“Now come back down to carriages, you are going to apologize to the gorilla for shooting her.”

They climbed down the ladder that they took up to the top of the train. Suddenly, Carli fell of the train, only grasping onto the carriage entrance. She screamed on the top of her lungs screaming for help.

Jeffrey knew that she was the enemy, but he also didn’t want to kill her. He quickly grabbed her hand and pulled her up. He tried and tried to pull her up, but she was just too heavy. He needed help from the gorilla.

“Hey, gorilla!” Jeffrey screamed.

The gorilla heard his calls and ran towards him. However, the gorilla saw her, and tried to stop her hands grasping.

“No, don’t hurt her, we’re not gonna kill her!” yelled Jeffrey.
“Get your hands off of me you creep!” exclaimed the woman, resisting their efforts to handcuff her.

“We’re the police. You’re coming with us.”

“But what about my pet gorilla?” the woman pleaded.

“You stole him; I’m afraid he’s not yours!”

One week later….

“Order! All arise. Case 0412893, you may be seated!” shouted the bailiff across the crowded courtroom.

“Miss Korone, you seem to have stolen a baby gorilla from the Queensland Zoo six months ago at 12am” stated the judge.

“No, he was given to me by the zookeeper.”

“They don’t give gorillas’ away sweetheart, they get stolen. Guilty! Lifetime in jail, case closed!” exclaimed the judge.

“No! You can’t take me!” shouted the woman from the front of the courtroom. Whispers filtered across the courtroom falling into a hush silence.

“It’s so dirty and smelly in this jail cell!” exclaimed Miss Korone.

“Well you better get used to it; you’re going to be in here for a long time.” the guard said to the unpleased woman.

“I’m never going to get out of here, it’s like I’m in a zoo cage. The zoo, my gorilla. Someone get me out of here! I need my gorilla. I need her now! I’m in here forever; I’m going to go insane. I wish I was out of here, I hate my life. No one will ever trust me ever again!”

At the zoo…..

The mother is in distress, everyone can see it, she needs her baby quick and the only one who can save her baby is Jeffery. No one knows where the missing baby is except for one person. Karli Korone. It’s time to get some answers from her. Quick.

At the dog wash….

There’s a voiceover on the TV breaking news Sofia the baby gorilla is missing from the zoo, if anyone can help please call crime stoppers.

“Oh no Sofia! I need to find her quick.” “I’m going to go to the Queensland jail to get some answers first.”

Queensland jail….

“Hello there Carli, where’s Sofia? said Jeffery with anger in his eyes.

“What have you done to her?”
“You mean my gorilla? She was taken to the gorilla shelter to be rehabilitated, why? Are you going to bring her to me?”

“She needs to be taken back to the zoo, what’s the address?”

“You really think I would tell you if you’re not going to bring her to me?”

“Ok, ok I’ll bring her to you”

“No you won’t you are just saying that”

“No I will, I swear on my life.”

“Ok, the address is 39 Main street and she’s on the 15th floor.”

“Ok, I’ll be back with her once I have her ok?”

“Ok.”

Jeffery had gone to get Sofia when he got a phone call from the Queensland Zoo asking if he knew anything about the gorilla.

“Yes I do and I’m getting her now and returning her” he explained

“Thank you.”

“It’s ok”.

Jeffery now has Sofia and is going back to the jail to let Carli see Sofia for one last time.

There is a voiceover on the TV.

“Our baby gorilla has been found! It is alleged that zoo keeper, Jeffery has found the missing gorilla and is bringing her back to the Queensland zoo now. “Here he comes now!” says the excited news reporter.

“Jeffery, how did you find her? Where was she?”

“She was in a shelter” said Jeffery with a sad face.

“How did you get to her?” said the news reporter.

“No more questions please the only thing that matters is that she is home, safe and she will have a reunion with her parents.”

Jeffery ended up getting his old job back because he saved the beloved Sofia. Carli got frequent visits from Sofia because it was good for them both. Carli still wished she could get out of there and she tries to get Sofia to let her out, but Sofia doesn’t understand her. Sofia’s parents are very happy that they got their daughter back safe and sound. The only thing missing for Sofia is a soul mate…
“Welcome to cell number 285, you’ll love your new roommate! She’s a “rock star”, and a not so famous one at that.”

The cruel warden shoved a prisoner into the cell with Carli. She sat down on the bed opposite Carli and stared at the wall.

“What are you in for?” asked Carli.

“I stole diamond from the Queensland Museum. It was the biggest diamond ever known to be found in Australia-I had to satisfy my curiosity”, the jewel thief sneered.

“How did you pull it off? I’m curious”, Carli asked.

“It was simple really; all I had to do was slip into the museum before they turned on the security beams and steal the diamond from its case. Nobody knew who did it…until my boyfriend ratted me out”

“What did you do?” the jewel thief asked Carli.

“I stole a baby gorilla from the Queensland Zoo because I thought it would help me become famous”, explained Carli.

“How did you think that you would ever be able to pull that one off? No offence, but that is the most ridiculous idea I have ever heard!”, laughed the jewel thief.

“I don’t think it was. I was going to become famous. I was going to get movie deals, a jewel encrusted microphone, book signings; TV interviews even a fashion brand. I formed a bond with that gorilla. She will come to rescue me. I know she will, she will come back to rescue me after she grows up. She formed a bond with me and she will come back.”

The jewel thief stared at Carli and laughed at the young woman with the shocking pink hair and pink platform boots.

Carli curled up in the fetal position on her hard prison bed and started rocking back and forth.
How does a Doggie-wash operator go from being a well-trained zoo-keeper to an unemployed depressed lonely man? How does a singer get famous by stealing a famous gorilla? How does an innocent gorilla get caught up in all of this madness?

Why does a Doggie-wash operator and a singer fight for one animal? Why should a zoo keeper get fired for someone else’s actions? Why does a singer steal a gorilla?

Does the zoo keeper get his job back? Does the singer go to jail? Does the gorilla find its family?

Follow along this fun thrilled adventure of a gorilla getting caught, a singer trying to get famous and a zoo keeper trying to get his gorilla back.

Can they do it? Read and find out!