



A Date With Chimpanzee

Story -
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The summer vacation has started for Anik and his friends. This year his uncle is visiting them after a long time. He calls his uncle Kakababu.

Kakababu works in Indian army and travels through the country and outside too. Kakababu is always loaded with stories of his adventures from around the world. It was a Sunday evening when Anik rounded up Kakababu and was adamant for a new story. Kakababu, ready as always, started one of his adventure stories.

Kakababu started "Last year four of us in an army van were crossing through the forest of Vishakhapatnam. The forest was very dense with a narrow road crossing through it. It was almost evening and the driver was speeding through. The forest was well-known for its ferocious animals. All of us were admiring the beauty of the forest with the sunset at the backdrop. Subhendhu, one of my friends,



started humming his favorite song looking at the horizon from the back of the jeep.

Suddenly we heard a huge thud. We looked at each other. "What can that be?" We asked ourselves.



As we turned our eyes towards the back of the van, we saw a huge chimpanzee has joined our journey. Most probably it had fallen from a broken tree branch directly over the van.

The chimpanzee had black hair all over and looked like a demon, which could engulf the whole van. We were so petrified; nothing came out of our mouth. We directed the driver to keep driving.

As sense started creeping in, we thought this needs to be immediately handed over to the forest official.

However we could see the chimpanzee is also a bit terrified and curled



itself at the corner of the van.

We all were ready to use our revolvers if required, but the chimpanzee never tries to threaten us.

However suddenly it started screaming every thirty seconds. It appeared like it was lost and was itself frightened by the running van and seeing strange people.

One of my friends knew about the nearest forest office and directed the driver towards it. Meanwhile the chimpanzee kept screaming and then started jumping on the van.

We just kept our fingers crossed and felt ready to meet any eventuality.



The van reached the forest office ultimately. The driver rushed inside and explained the condition while we kept waiting in the van along with the chimpanzee. In a few minutes couple of forest guards appeared with a large net. They asked us to jump of the van from the side and we all complied with the direction given.



The guards gently crept near the van and threw the huge net over the chimpanzee. The chimpanzee started screaming loudly. The guards looked very professional in pulling through the net using specialized rods to pull out the chimpanzee and transfer into their mobile cage in another van.

We were told they will let the chimpanzee free inside the jungle again.

We heaved a sigh of relief and continued our journey.”