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# **Philip at the zoo**



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**Philip likes  
dangerous animals.**

**He visits the zoo  
and saves a rabbit.**

**But then Philip is  
locked in a cage.**

**In the cage there is  
a very dangerous animal.**

**How can Philip get out?**



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# Chapter 10

In the monkey house Aunt and Flax  
are waiting for us.  
Aunt has Flax on a leash.  
She stands in front of a cage.  
Inside the cage lives a monkey.

Through the bars of the cage  
a human can put in the arms.  
Or the monkey can stretch out its hands,  
but it cannot get out.

The monkey stares at us with its black eyes.  
It is sitting on a tree branch  
scratching its back.  
It looks harmless.

– Boring ape, I murmur.  
I stand close to the bars  
and take out my camera.  
– Philip, don't go too close.  
The monkey tried to take my hat, Aunt warns.

– Temporary cage, I read on a sign.  
Look out! The monkey likes to steal.

That sounds exciting.  
I will take a photo of the monkey.  
I put the camera inside the cage bars

and take a photo.  
I take a second photo.  
When I take the third photo  
something happens.  
The ape skips down  
and tears the camera out of my hand!

Aunt shrieks and Flax barks.  
He tries to get into the cage,  
but Aunt pulls the leash.

– Disgusting! That dirty monkey  
surely has fleas, she shouts.  
Don't go close to it.  
Aunt puts Flax quickly into the bag.  
He stops barking.  
Only his nose can be seen in the bag.

I get furious with the monkey.  
I shake the cage bars with both hands.  
I shout dirty words at the monkey.

Luckily Aunt does not notice.  
Mum has forbidden me to swear.

Only Sophie remains calm.  
– Stop swearing. It does not help, she tells me.  
The monkey does not understand  
what you are saying.

But I don't listen to her.

I am afraid the monkey  
will break my new camera.

I have lots of nice photos in the camera.  
The monkey sits on a branch  
and plays with the camera.  
It bites the camera.

I shout:

– Stop that, you idiot ape!  
– You are the idiot here, Sophie murmurs.  
The monkey is by the way a guenon.  
It thinks the camera is something to eat.

The monkey throws the camera on the floor.  
I feel my body getting cold.