

# Barry The Orangutang

Barry is an orangutang who lives in the amazon rainforest. But Barry is no ordinary orangutang, he wears glasses! and guess what! He can read! All the other animals in the rainforest teased poor Barry because he is different, they called him names and didn't let Barry join in with any games.

Barry loves reading, he reads everything he finds, from information signs to rubbish fluttering around, his favourite is old crisp packets, he reads every detail and bores all the other animals with pointless information.

One day humans appeared in the forest, and they pinned notices to the tree trunks.

All the animals looked at each other in horror, none of the animals could read the notices but they knew someone who could.

"Barry, Barry," screeched the toucans.

"Come Barry come," shouted the cheetahs.

Barry came swinging through the trees, "What's the matter with you lot?" Barry grumbled, peering over the top of his glasses.

"Please read the notice," begged the sloth.

Barry adjusted his glasses and squinted at the notice. With a look of disbelief, he peered a little closer and read the notice again...

"The humans are coming next week to clear this area; they will cut down the trees and burn everything to the ground!" Barry announced with fear.

"What are we going to do," the animals gasped in shock.

"We must stop them! Tonight, there will be a meeting at 8 o'clock sharp!"

"Spread the word," cried the rats.

As the sun set and the night sky grew darker all the rainforest animals gathered close to hear Barry's plan. Every single one of them would play a part, to stop the humans taking over their rainforest.

“You shall use your strengths to fight the humans, we are all gifted in one way or another, tomorrow is the time to use that gift!” Barry said proudly.

In the morning, the birds were first to awake, with the rumbles of the repulsive vehicles approaching the forest!

With one spread of the birds' wings, they were off warning the others.

One by one the animals prepared for war; the toucans perched high on the overhead trees, snakes slithered, rats scurried through the dead leaves on the forest floor, cheetahs peered around the tree trunks while the orangutangs hovered among the trees.

As the monstrous vehicles stampeded towards the rainforest, Barry gave the signal for the war to commence!

The birds fled into action, swooping on the humans, and hammering their beaks into their pink flesh. The other birds soon joined in, but this time they went for the rubbery tyres of the monstrous vehicles, pecking with all their might until they could hear the hiss of the air escaping!

The snakes slithered silently through the undergrowth, sneaking up on the humans, winding themselves around their ankles tumbling them to the ground.

The orangutangs leapt onto the vehicles and with their powerful arms and tremendous grip they soon caused havoc. Breaking the vehicles by pulling off the wind wipers and smashing through the windscreens. They also stole the humans' tools and broke them in half!

The cheetahs steadily approached, swishing their tails from side to side with anger. Their mighty roar bellowed through the forest!

The humans soon realised they could not win; they quickly ran from the forest with fear, abandoning their broken vehicles.

All the animals cheered with excitement, their home was safe again.

“We did it, we did it!” They all yelled with huge smiles on their faces!

“Thanks to Barry's gift of being able to read!