

Get Out! Webisode Descriptive Narrative

[Connor sitting at his desk playing a video game when the power suddenly goes out]

Connor: No, no!

[Hinterland Who's Who Intro featuring images Jody, Jenny, and Connor interacting with different forms of wildlife, including a caterpillar, a turtle, a groundhog and a snake]

[Get Out! title animation]

[Connor and Jenny meet up on the sidewalk]

Connor: Hey, what's up?

Jenny: I'm bored. What's up with you?

Connor: I was just about to reach level 15 in Cave Beast when the power went out.

Jenny: It sucks when the power's out.

[Jody approaches in her car and slows down]

Connor: So you want to hang out?

Jenny: Okay.

Jody: Hi, guys.

Connor: Hey.

Jenny: Hey.

Jody: What's wrong?

Jenny: The power's out.

Jody: I know. Isn't it great? Come on, get in. You can help me out with a few chores. It won't take long. And I promise to return you to your virtual world when the power comes back on.

Connor: What's up?

Jody: The policy called. They need me to check something out in the park.

Connor: Let's go. Whoa.

[Connor and Jenny get into the backseat of Jody's small grey car]

[Jody, Connor, and Jenny approach a turtle in a field]

Jenny: Snapping turtles bite, don't they?

[Jody squats down to examine the turtle]

Jody: Yup. It's probably why we got a call on this one.

Connor: So they're not called snapping turtles because they've got rhythm?

Jody: Uh, no.

[Snapping Turtle title animation]

[Images of a snapping turtle extending its neck and moving across land and into a pond]

The snapping turtle is Canada's largest freshwater turtle. Their long and powerful necks help them strike out and bite with their massive jaws. When it comes to eating, snappers are not picky. In fact, they're omnivores, which mean they can eat just about anything: vegetation, fish, frogs, birds, and small mammals. They're also effective scavengers and will eat dead fish and drowned animals. Snappers can live more than 50 years. They inhabit ponds, lakes, rivers, and streams from Nova Scotia to Saskatchewan. Female snappers lay their eggs in the summer. They choose soft sand or earth on beaches or roadsides. Unfortunately, many females are killed each year as they attempt to cross highways and reach laying sites.

[Female turtle laying her eggs and retracting her head back inside her shell]

Jenny: So what are you going to do?

Jody: I'm going to take him back to the water.

Jenny: You're going to pick him up?

[Jody grasps the turtle by its tail with her right hand and slides her left hand between the turtle's back legs]

Jody: Yup. You have to do it properly and safely. You have to approach snapping turtles from behind and get a firm hold of their tail. Then this hand is free to go right behind their back legs; then you can support their weight.

Jenny: Why not just grab the side of its shell?

Jody: They've got very fast reflexes. The only place that the snapping turtle can't reach is their tail and their belly.

[Jody demonstrates to Jenny and Connor how to hold a turtle]

Connor: Is it heavy?

Jody: This one's not too bad; about 5 kilograms. But they can be as much as 20 kilograms. It's important when you're carrying them to keep them low to the ground because they're not used to heights, and this way you can set them down easy if you need to.

[Jody carries the turtle while Jenny and Connor follow, releasing it into the water and watches it swim away]

Connor: Whoa!

[Connor jumps back from where he was crouched on the ground]

Jenny: What's wrong?

Connor: I think it's a lizard.

Jenny: Let me see.

Jody: It's a spotted salamander. You just disturbed him when you sat down.

[Spotted salamander crawls through the grass]

Jenny: Do they suck blood or something?

Jody: No.

[Black and white image of a spotted salamander with drawn-on wings and fangs and a title of The Northern Vampire Salamander]

One of the most feared woodland creatures, the northern vampire salamander is a savage nighttime hunter.

[Jody stands in front of an orange backdrop]

I'm just trying to lighten things up a little bit. There's no such thing as a northern vampire salamander.

[That's Wild Spotted Salamander title animation]

The spotted salamander is a secretive creature sometimes mistaken for a reptile. It's actually an amphibian, a class of vertebrates between fish and reptiles. The larvae breathe by gills in water, and the adults breathe by lungs on land. The spotted salamander feeds on spiders, insects, and worms, lives in deciduous forests with ponds, and spends most of its time under logs or stones or burrowing underground. Their home range is rarely bigger than a few square metres, but during breeding season they migrate as far as 500 metres to reach a suitable pond.

[Images of a spotted salamander moving through the grass and perched on a log]

Jenny: Well, we took care of that.

Connor: Yup.

[Jenny, Connor and Jenny are seated back in the car while Jenny talks on her cell phone]

Jody: We'll be right over.

[Jody hangs up the phone]

Jenny: What now?

Jody: Mrs. Smith called again.

Connor: Oh, she lives down my street.

Jody: That's her. She thinks she has a bear in her backyard.

Connor: A bear?

Jenny: A bear?

Jody: A small bear. Let's go check it out.

[Jenny starts the car]

[Jody, Jenny, and Connor crouch on a lawn behind adirondack chairs while Jody peers through binoculars]

Connor: Listen, Jody, I don't think these chairs offer a whole lot of bear protection.

Jody: It's not a bear.

Jenny: But you said...

Jody: Mrs. Smith said it was a bear. Look, at the edge of the property.

[Jody passes the binoculars to Jenny]

Jenny: I see it!

Connor: What is it?

Jenny: Hey, that's not a bear.

Connor: Let me see.

[Jenny passes the binoculars to Connor]

Jenny: I know what it is. It's a...

[Groundhog running through the grass]

Connor: It's a groundhog. A small bear.

Jody: You thought the salamander was a lizard. Mrs. Smith thought the groundhog was a bear.

Connor: Okay. Point taken.

Jenny: Is it dangerous?

Jody: Only if it has martial arts training.

[Connor dressed in a gi doing a karate kick and other karate moves before a Connor Strong backdrop]

Ready to track ninja groundhogs and other woodland creatures? It's Connor Strong, the amazing new action figure from Hinterland Toys.

Jenny: Wow! He walks, he talks.

Connor: Blah, blah, blah.

[Bobblehead Conner in a variety of outdoor outfits]

Jenny: He wears funny clothes.

Connor: Hey.

Jody: Get Camping Connor.

[Connor Strong in camping gear]

Jenny: Hiking Connor.

[Connor Strong in hiking gear]

Jody: Fisherman Connor.

[Connor Strong in fisherman gear]

Jenny: Connor the Barbarian.

[Connor's head superimposed on the body of a well-muscled barbarian]

Connor: Hey, I like this.

Jenny: Hula Connor.

[Connor's head superimposed on the body of a hula dancer]

Connor: Ah, come on.

[Connor Strong action figures in various outfits and gear]

Jenny: Outdoor exploration gear sold separately.

Jody: Actually, you don't need any of this stuff to get out and enjoy the natural world.

Jenny: But dressing him up his way too much fun.

[Connor's head superimposed on the body of a hula dancer]

Connor: I just want to learn a little more about groundhogs.

Jenny: We can do that.

[That's Wild Groundhog title animation]

[Images of a groundhog running through a field, digging and eating; popping up from one its holes and digging at the entrance of its burrow]

Also known as the woodchuck, the groundhog is diurnal, which means it's active during the day. Groundhogs prefer open areas, such as fields and clearings where they can find wild plants, clover, and alfalfa to eat. They live in burrows, which usually have a main entrance and one or more additional holes where they can escape enemies. Groundhogs are true hibernators. During the winter they enter a deep sleep where their body temperature will remain just above freezing and their heart rate will drop from about 80 beats per minute to only 4 or 5.

[Jody, Connor, and Jenny lying in their backs with their heads together looking up at the stars in the night sky]

Connor: You know, now I'm glad the power went out.

Jody: Yeah. You won't see this on TV.

Jenny: Not right now anyway.

Connor: I don't even miss my computer right now. We need to get out, hang with other animals; do things like this.

Jody: What about you, Jenny, still bored?

Jenny: No. I'm really tired. But the funny thing is I've never felt so awake.

Jody: Hmm.

[Jody, Connor, and Jenny stand together inside]

There are lots of easy ways to experience wildlife.

Jenny: Visit Hinterland Who's Who online and tell us about your ideas.

Connor: You'll find tons more on the website about how to live with the wildlife that surrounds us.

Jody: And remember, no matter where you live in Canada, wildlife is close by, so get out and see it.

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