

# STORM Goliath

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## CHARACTERS

Goliath

Warthog

Crocodile

Paco

Tree

Luna

Researcher

### **Monkeys**

Marvin

Mars Monkey

Misha Monkey

Marvel Monkey

Mickey Monkey

### **Narrators**

Narrator 1

Narrator 2

Narrator 3

Narrator 4

Narrator 5

### **Birds**

Three – four birds, who are strong singers.

*In the centre of the stage is a gorilla nest. Asleep in the nest, is **Goliath**, a large gorilla. **Goliath** is sleeping peacefully. Birds and jungle sounds can be heard. The **Narrators** and **Researcher** stand together to stage left and remain there for the performance.*

***Birds** enter, stand around Goliath and begin to sing.*

***Goliath** stretches and yawns. He starts to wake up.*

Narrator 1                      Goliath woke up to the sweet sound of singing.

***Birds** continue to sing.*

Narrator 2                      Golden rays of sunshine gently warmed his nest.

***Birds** continue to sing.*

Narrator 3                      Goliath rolled over ...

***Birds** continue to sing.*

Goliath                          (roaring) SHUT UP, BOZO BIRDS!

***Birds** jump, immediately stop singing and are incredibly offended. They exit.*

***Goliath** gets up and begins to make himself some breakfast. He could be pouring himself a bowl of cereal, buttering some bread/toast or eating a banana.*

***Crocodile** walks across the stage, munching on a packet of crisps.*

Narrator 3                      The tiniest thing could spark Goliath's anger.

Narrator 4                      A croc CRUNCH, CRUNCH, CRUNCHing

Crocodile                      Mmmm yummy!

***Goliath** gives **Crocodile** a withering look but continues to eat his breakfast. **Crocodile** sits down, happily munching on crisps.*

***Warthog** enters, fanning themselves against the heat.*

Narrator 5                      A warthog WHINING

Warthog                      Argh, this heat. I'm roasting.

*Paco enters, and hovers next to the Narrators.*

Paco Copying everything he said

Narrator 2      *(Also annoyed at Paco)* Goliath was determined not to let these *noisy birds* ruin his day.

Narrator 2                      He stretched ...

Goliath OW!

Narrator 3                      Goliath RIPPED the branch from the tree and SNAPPED it.

Narrator 4                  Later that morning, Goliath went foraging.

Goliath                      Berries will brighten my day!

Narrator 5                      Goliath searched his usual spots.

Narrator 1                      But he couldn't find berries ANYWHERE!

Goliath                          *(shouting)* WHO ATE ALL THE BERRIES

Narrator 2                      He was feeling hangry.

Researcher                      Hanger is anger that's made worse by hunger.

*Luna enters, sits down and reclines in the heat. She is holding a rock, which is clearly precious to her.*

Narrator 3                      Goliath saw nothing but RED.

*Goliath notices Luna.*

Narrator 4                      He STOMPED over to the nearest rock and SMASHED it.

*Goliath walks over to Luna, grabs her rock and smashes it.*

Luna                              *(crying)* My relaxing rock!

*Luna exits.*

Narrator 5                      Goliath then TRUDGED back to his nest for a nap.

*Goliath is back in his nest. He could bring out a book, which he starts to read.*

Narrator 1                      The rest of the morning went smoothly.

Narrator 2                      Mainly because the other animals were being *extra* careful.

Narrator 3                      Goliath soon dozed off.

Narrator 4                      Unfortunately for Goliath, today was Marvin's birthday.

*Goliath is snoozing in his nest. The **Monkeys** enter, carrying a huge banana cake. **Marvin** is standing in the middle of the **Monkeys** and is smiling wide, clearly enjoying his birthday celebrations.*

Narrator 1                      Marvin's friends had completely forgotten about Goliath's nap.

Narrator 2                      They sang HAPPY BIRTHDAY at the top of their lungs.

Mars Monkey	Happy birthday to you Misha
Monkey	Happy birthday to you,
Marvel Monkey	Happy birthday dear Marvin,
Mickey Monkey	Happy birthday to you!!
Narrator 3	The song echoed through the forest ... and woke Goliath up!

*Goliath opens his eyes.*

Goliath	WHO ON EARTH HAS A BIRTHDAY ON A SUNDAY?
Narrator 4	Goliath tried ignoring the noise at first. <i>(perhaps we see Goliath trying to read his book again)</i> But the more he ignored it, the louder it seemed it get.
Monkeys	For he's a jolly good fellow, for he's a jolly good fellowwww, for he's a JOLLY GOOD FEELLLOOWWWWWW!
Narrator 5	Eventually, Goliath SNAPPED!
Narrator 1	He KNUCKLE-STOMPED over to the party.
Narrator 2	He DESTROYED Marvin's new buttscratcher.
Narrator 3	He CHEWED UP Marvin's birthday hat.
Narrator 4	And he CRUSHED the banana cake into a pulp.

*The **Monkeys**, clearly upset, comfort Marvin and start to tidy up the mess Goliath has made.*

Narrator 5	Goliath then STORMED back to his nest to finish his nap. But there was so much FIRE inside him that he couldn't drift off.
Narrator 1	Instead, Goliath lay in silence. His anger slowly turned to sanger.
Researcher	Sanger is anger with sadness mixed in.
Goliath	I wish I NEVER got angry, I've upset so many.

*Paco enters and surveys the **Monkeys** and mess **Goliath** has made.*

Narrator 2	Then, Goliath had an idea ...
Narrator 3	Goliath rushed back to Marvin's party. He wanted to make things right and tell everyone about his idea.
Goliath	I'm SO sorry
Paco	I'm SO sorry
Goliath	Not now, Paco
Paco	Not now, Paco
Researcher	Paco, really is the world's WORST parrot
Goliath	Don't make me come up there!
Paco	Don't make me come up there!
Goliath	RIGHT, THAT'S IT!
Paco	RIGHT, THAT'S IT!
Narrator 4	Paco sat back to enjoy Goliath's eruption. Marvin and his friends froze.
Marvin	<i>(scared)</i> Perhaps he'll DESTROY the whole forest?
Narrator 5	Goliath's muscles TENSED. His teeth CLENCHED. A storm of hot sauce RAGED through his body. Then, Goliath did something no one was expecting ...
Narrator 1	He took long, deep breaths as he gently beat his chest. Goliath then kept breathing and beating and breathing and beating until his anger disappeared.
Narrator 2	Before long, Goliath, Marvin and their friends were enjoying birthday cake.
Narrator 3	They made party hats and sang HAPPY BIRTHDAY at the top of their lungs.
Narrator 4	The only disappointed one was Paco ...

Paco

Humpf!

Narrator 5

From that day onwards, Goliath took deep breaths and gently beat his chest whenever he felt angry.

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That way, his anger always had somewhere safe to escape to.