

# The Pink Gorilla

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The circus has been called “The Greatest Show on Earth!” It presents a cornucopia of wonders, providing us with a veritable visual feast of fascinating feats, dazzling display, and exotic, amazing animals on parade. Did you ever wonder where the circus came from? Well, Ladies and Gentlemen, I am here to tell you.

But first a more basic question is “Where did life itself come from?” Some claim that humans represent the top of an evolutionary chain, just above the apes. They say that these hairy hooters of the jungle are our ancestors, and that these black-breasted beasts, like all life forms, resulted from spontaneous generation. Noted physicist Paul Davies states in his book, The Cosmic Blueprint, that the chances of spontaneous generation actually occurring are less than flipping heads on a coin SIX MILLION times in a row. So if throngs of humanoids can believe a monkey story like that, you should have no trouble at all believing mine!

It all starts in a zoo, where lived a gorilla named Zeke. Now Zeke had a zest for life and was utterly fascinated by it. He had a curiosity that *burned* within him and shone in his eyes. So if you looked at him, he looked right back at you, and you had to check and make sure *HE* was the one behind the bars.

Zeke knew there was more to life, and he wanted to experience it. He longed to go beyond the bars; to seek out new life and new sensations; to boldly go where no gorilla had gone before!! Through wary watchfulness, Zeke soon seized an opportunity for escape, absconding and finally leaving behind his caged confines. At last, he was free!!

As he was exploring the town with a sense of unbridled excitement, he bumped into a ladder. The painter perched precariously above howled in astonishment as he spied a *gorilla* below, dropping his bucket and bathing Zeke in bright *pink* paint.

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A wave of panic washed over Zeke as he was mortified to discover that he was no longer black. A terrified pink gorilla began running madly through the streets. Eventually Zeke realized that nothing more than his appearance had been damaged and his fear turned to *anger... anger at the species that made him pink!!!*

Two young brothers of that very species happened to be playing in a street nearby. Fueled by his newfound fury, Zeke the now pink primate, snatched the surprised siblings as he continued his raging run. The boys were fearful but unhurt sometime later when a brief but heavy downpour deluged them. One of the boys shouted something and pointed to Zeke. He was black again!! The rain had washed the paint away! *Zeke was thrilled! He was ecstatic!!* Misunderstanding cause and effect, Zeke credited the two young brothers with his return to proper pigmentation.

Zeke and the boys soon became fast friends. Zeke would give them glorious rides, throwing them high in the air and skillfully catching them. Over time they learned many new tricks and began to draw crowds with their acrobatic feats, becoming very popular. Taking advantage of this opportunity, they took their show on the road and charged admission, becoming even more popular and quite wealthy.

To commemorate their good fortune, they invented a new concession, a *pink* concession, we know today as cotton candy. For you see my friends, the two young brothers that Zeke the Pink Gorilla snatched that fateful day were none other than the Ringling Brothers, and thus began, Ladies and Gentlemen, the “Greatest Show on Earth”!!