

Albie the Athletic Bear

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It was a clear morning at the zoo and Albie the bear felt the hot sun on his hairy back. He grabbed a pear and began to munch as he peered out at the people outside.

Next door Teddie the lemur jumped around his cage with flair feeling the air beneath his paws.

"Hey Albie bet you can't leap this high in the air!"

"I bet I can't" said Albie yawning as he lounged on his log chair.

"Go on Albie!" shouted Teddie the lemur "Are you scared? I dare you!"

"Fine" huffed Albie the bear as he glared at his friend. Albie hopped up the stairs in his pen and bounced so high he disappeared into the trees and then landed with a bump on his rear!

Suddenly Albie could hear a cheer from the meerkats on the other side. "Thanks dudes I'm here all week!" he joked and then slumped near his bed and took out another pear.

"Rubbish!" Teddie began to jeer. "Call that a jump, you looked like a skier who crash landed! Look at this!"

Teddie jumped high into the air, did three flips and landed with such care not a sound could be heard.

Weary Albie sighed "fine, fine, you want a jump I'll show you a jump!" and at that the bear scratched his beard, picked his nose and ran to the top tier of his pen. From there he made an ear splitting roar and span backwards in the air, one, two, three, four times! He was a sphere of hairy beauty!

The meerkats cheered and cheered and all across the park people stared.

"There, that's how it's done!" said Albie smugly.

"Alright, fair is fair, you win this time" smiled Teddie, holding out a paw for a friendly paw-shake.