

When Elephant Meets Crocodile

General Baratter, of the French Army tells the following story of a desperate fight between an elephant and a crocodile.

I was resting for a moment beneath the shadow of a tree (in the African jungle) which covered my whole body, and was idly watching one of those giants of the jungle—an elephant standing motionless on the edge of the river, his long, yellowish-white tusks curved downward on each side of his mouth like two long mustaches. The elephant had a grave and serious air. He certainly seemed engaged in profound meditation. I wondered what his thoughts could be. With the tip of his trunk, which he gently moved from right to left, he was brushing the water, much as a bathers tests the surface of the sea with his hand before plunging in.

Not a puff of wind ruffled the surface of the river. Along the banks only the current gave any motion to the grass. From time to time a bit of dead wood floated on the water, whirled against some projection of the shore, and then took up its course very slowly. Sometimes a jumping fish disturbed the silence. A slight splash followed by a duller one—and then again calm would reign.

A hand was laid upon my shoulder to draw my attention.

"You no see something over there?" And with his finger a lynx-eyed native soldier pointed out what seemed to be a tree trunk floating along the bank and just about to pass near the elephant.

"What do you see?" I asked. "That no tree trunk. That crocodile. Clever fellow. Him eat up big fellow."

Crocodile Attacks.

I looked at my soldier, not quite sure whether he was making fun of me. How could that log of wood be a crocodile? How could a crocodile eat an elephant? My sympathy was all with the latter. I should have yelled to make him run but I had no time.

Like a flash I saw the tree trunk rush, saw two enormous jaws open and close over the trunk of my friend the elephant. In terrible pain the huge beast bent his knees, while most of his trunk was pulled under in the wake of the crocodile; but on his knees he opposed the whole weight of his body to the horrible thing that was dragging him down.

I saw him shake his head to right and left with a desperate effort. The trunk shook and stretched like the line of a fisherman who is trying to land a fish too heavy to be pulled from the water. Rings of blood began to come up everywhere.

The elephant uttered no cry. He had no time. He could neither get away nor get breath. A harsh growling, a terrible kind of rattle was all that came from his mouth, and I saw his eyes, at first so little that I could scarcely make them out, open incredibly.

The fight could not go on very long. When he was almost strangling, the elephant, with a start of agony, drew back, madly twitching his head back and forth, and with an appalling flexion of muscles strove to pull his foot out on the land.

How the Struggle Ended.

The jaws of the monster appeared above the water like an enormous triangle, the short broad paws stirred for a moment in the air, and I gave a cry of triumph, but the crocodile, halfway out of the river, bore down with all his weight. With a formidable sweep of his tail he gained a grip on the water which he had almost left.

There was a moment's pause, a few motionless seconds of equilibrium between the two balanced forces. On which side would the balance turn? I did not leave the decision to time. The moment I perceived the head of the disgusting brute, I instinctively seized my carbine, determined to take a snap shot.

This moment of pause, short as it was, gave me a chance to aim. At the report of the rifle the jaws opened the enormous mass sank back into the water, the tail rose vertically and struck the surface with a dull splash and the crocodile, bit in the eye disappeared, exhausted by his effort. The elephant rolled over on his flank, but picked himself up and began to gallop crazily in a circle. Then suddenly, as if running away from his pain, smashing down everything before him, he turned and tore into the jungle.

For a long time I could hear his harsh bellowing, his panting breath mingling with the crackling of broken branches. Then not so loud, still more distant, the trumpeting grew weaker, and little by little the jungle, like the river, resumed its silence and its calm.

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