

## Stig of the Dump



‘He lay quiet and looked around the cave again. Now that his eyes were used to it he could see further into the dark part of the cave. There was somebody there!

Or something!’

**Heart beating like a drum kit**, Barney tried to rip the **tight, green** creeper plants away from his legs, but it was no use. **Suddenly**, a loud grunt **echoed** through the cave. **Barney was terrified**. **Sweat began trickling down his forehead**. He could not escape!

**As quick as a flash**, the **mysterious** figure stepped into the light **filtering** down from the hole in the chalk pit. Barney could not believe his eyes. The figure was **hunched** over and **as hairy as a silver-back gorilla**. His eyes looked dark, angry and a little confused. “I’m sorry-“stuttered Barney as he felt his body trembling from head to toe. Without warning, the figure picked

up a jagged rock from the floor and held it up in front of Barney...He was warned not to go near the chalk pit. Was this the reason why?

Barney raised his arms to cover his eyes and **screamed**. **However**, 5 seconds later, he didn't feel any pain. Instead, he felt his legs become free. He stood up and realised that the figure had cut him loose. **"Thank you!"** said Barney in a **shaky** voice. "urgh!" grunted the creature who then grabbed hold of Barney's wrist. He seemed to be fascinated by the glowing watch. Excitedly, Barney said "You can have it! Just please...let me go." **Without hesitation**, Barney threw the watch at the **figure** and began climbing up the vines towards the opening in the chalk pit. As he reached the top, Barney looked back down, but nobody was there. **Clearly**, the creature had **crept** back into the depths of the dump.

**The next day**, Barney could not get what he had seen out of his brain. His **mission** was to return to the **dank, dangerous dump** and find out a little bit more about this **unusual** being. Wouldn't it be stupid to go back after what happened last time? Of course it would. However, Barney was young, filled with adrenaline and eager to find out more about what this **creature** was...