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Well-timed silence is the most commanding expression.
-Mark Helprin

Lions and Tigers and Bears, Oh My!

by Olivia Zajac ~ Daily Bull

In an odd turn of events, numerous sightings of Bengal tigers and African lions have been reported. Each report notes that the large felines are starting to close in on campus. Small, weak freshman have been disappearing, along with other vermin around the Houghton area. According to some of the professors that have been at this university for an extended amount of time, this is not the first time something so strange has happened. "We've seen lions break loose in the Houghton-Hancock area before. Dr. Crowl owns a lion farm on the outskirts of town, and sells the meat to Jim's. But every now and then, the lions will escape, and he makes the students of his safety class update his safety system. I guess if any of them get mauled, they get their senior year of tuition covered."

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Survivorman with Les Cook

by Nathan "Invincible" Miller ~ Daily Bull

No food, no shelter, no fresh water, no tools... no camera crew. One man – alone in the wilderness for seven days.

"Tonight on Survivorman, I travel to the far reaches of the Keweenaw Peninsula, where winter strikes without warning, where food, roads, and contact with the outside world are scarce. I must survive for 7 days in this inhospitable world, filming my actions alone. One false move and I may not come out alive – or worse, trapped here to work with the local tribesmen for decades."

Day 1: I've been dropped in the Keweenaw just west of Copper Harbor, and must make my way back to Houghton over the next week. In my pack I've got two matches, my trusty multi-tool, a binder of student transcripts, and a stale pasty crust. And, of course, my camera gear to film my travels. It gets dark here amazingly early so I've got to find shelter – I've managed to crack open an old mineshaft, which in a survival situation can provide minimal warmth and protection from the elements. It's not the Franklin Square Inn, but it'll do for tonight.

Day 2: The mine stayed a balmy 48° last night, which I suppose is warm for some

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off-campus student housing. I could stay here and try to make a fire, but I've got to make my way down the peninsula if I have any hope of rescue. I've utilized the region's snowmobile trails to make good progress, but unfortunately I haven't found anything to eat along the way. I'll hole up near Eagle River for the night in a snow trench and hope for better pickings tomorrow.

Day 3: It was so cold last night... my trench collapsed, so I walked by moonlight in search of a more sturdy shelter. I came across crumbling hunting camp that I'll spend the day insulating to provide some warmth. It looks like a storm is rolling in - I better clear the roof or the weight of the snow may bring it down on me in my sleep.

Day 4: There's no sign this lake effect snow will quit any time soon, meaning travel is out of the question. I'll better my odds of survival if I try to start a fire to generate some warmth, using these transcripts as tinder. While I do that, I've set up a few traps to catch a few critters, if I'm lucky. The only food I've eaten in 4 days has been a windblown bag of Cheetos and the pasty crust, hardly enough energy to sustain me in

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When local authorities questioned Dr. Crowl, he simply had this to say, "Well clearly, my last batch of safety students weren't up to par. This is the third large scale escape of lions since I updated my security and all. And I just finished the safety segment of class for this year's graduates. Maybe I'll offer extra credit for someone with the best solution."

The tigers, however, are new. Crowl denied that he started a tiger farm, because they're meat tends to be more gamey tasting, in his professional experience. It was only after a few sophomores went missing that Carl Blair stepped forward. "I brought the tigers to the UP. They were being killed left and right in India, and the government was coming close to having to make a decision between shrinking farmlands to save the tigers, or let them be hunted to death. I figured, if we brought them here and they survive the winter, everyone would stop complaining about wolves. I mean, if you have to deal with a tiger, I think the wolves are the least of your worries. I just didn't think the lions would escape at the exact same time. Quite unfortunate. Hopefully we don't thin out the Houghton population by too much."

While it is illegal to hunt big game without a permit, many DNR and police officers are turning a blind eye. There are a lot of Yoopers that have yet to get a big ol' buck, and have decided that mounting the head of a big cat in their den would be a good conversation piece. Plus, there is more meat from one of those creatures as compared to a deer. Although, Crowl expects as many lions to be returned to his lion farm as possible.

Michigan Tech has released its official statement on the sudden safari that campus has become: "We will hope that all of our students will continue to focus on their studies, and take the greatest of care to not get hurt while walking around campus alone, or at night. If you, unfortunately, become severely injured or possibly die from an encounter with one of these large felines, we will refund all of your tuition. Stay safe!" 🙏

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this climate for very long.

Day 5: It's still snowing... by now probably 18 inches have come down, totally ruining the packed snow trails I'd been using to make my way towards Houghton. Travel will be extremely difficult – I've decided to risk spending time on making snowshoes over hunting for food. In a survival situation, every decision could be life or death. Choose wisely.

Day 6: The snow has slowed somewhat, but I can't wait for the crew to come rescue me. I've got to push through this weather with what energy I have left.

Day 7: I'm sorry I haven't reported on my progress, setting up the camera gear is too taxing without food in my system. I'm probably somewhere a bit east of Copper City, but this snow is killer even with snowshoes. I'm running out of daylight, and I've been forced to call the crew in to my position to pick me up. Looks like I'll be spending a little more time in the area after all. My only hope now is I can learn the local culture before losing my sanity. 🙏

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