

Transcript

The leopard hadn't eaten for days. She was hungry and now she had extra mouths to feed. The impala were **grazing** busily out on the **savannah**. There was little cover for the leopard to hide in. However, leopards are the most **versatile** of all **the big cats**, **adept** at finding cover in the most **unpromising** of places.

The steep walls of the **gully** were her cover... for an **ambush**.

The male **African puku** was close enough but he was too big to **tackle**. She needed to slip past him. If he spotted her he would blow her cover.

Slowly, the leopard crept past.

To succeed, she needed to find **prey** grazing close to the edge or better still, in the gully itself...

Frustration.

Success would have **staved** off hunger for a week. But while there was prey around there was hope.

Taking a risk, the leopard peeked over the top to find a new target.

A burst of speed of 65 km/h and it was all over in less than 6 seconds. Except.... it wasn't. **Dazed** and **disorientated** the impala made a **miraculous** escape.