



Once upon a time I was rushed to a hospital with a stroke. Helpless, hapless, and worried silly on top of that, I realized – as you should – my first job was to quit feeling helpless.

Eventually my mind reflected that the very first thing God gave to man was dominion over all things. How many? ALL!

Is that true? Yes. Go to the zoo and study all the animals that arrogantly assumed they did not fall guilty to that indictment. Hunting rattlesnakes isn't the safest sport in the world, but there are people who pay for the privilege of rounding them up every Springtime. Look at me, laying here helpless in bed, I can show you how to pick up nine out of ten rattlesnakes without getting bit.

Most vicious cities in America, it isn't that big grizzly bear you have to watch out for, it is man! What else is there to fear in the zoo? The elephant? No. Tie one of his hind legs with a cotton clothesline and he'll bawl like a baby to keep from breaking it. The truth is, elephants bowed to man's charms a long, long time ago.

Tigers? Heck No! Some of my friends pay \$300 a night just so they can cuddle up in bed with a cub or two. Well, how about whales? They are the biggest animal on earth that we know about!

Scientists say those little beasties have been surviving almost peacefully for the past 4 million years or more while fighting off attacks by great white sharks and assorted other felons.

But just as soon as man started blubbering, the whale's days were numbered. Today whales are tied down as a protected species. What do you think they need protection from? Man! Yes, MAN!



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Take another look around the zoo; there must be something else down there! That's it! Look at that! The toughest looking guy down

there is the rhinoceros! This guy is built like a second world war tank! As you gaze in awe at the armor plates on this guy, humorous remarks will flow around you:

"I sure wouldn't want to make him angry" or, "I wouldn't even want him sniff around me as if he wants to be on an angry rampage."

And yes, that is true. But you stop and think a minute. Here's the biggest and toughest animal of them all, but he is the one locked up down there in the pen, and man – having dominion over all things, remember? Man is so free he can charter a plane to haul him all the way around the world and back again with nobody going to stop him.

Why, that rhinoceros is plumb lonely down there in his pen and there aren't many of his cousins left running around wild at home either. But man is free to sow wild oats any place he chooses. As long as you don't do something stupid, you know – – like dropping down into that pen with him, chances are you don't have a thing to worry about.

Hey, they even let little kids come in here; **it must be fairly safe for you to look down on this guy!**

There's nothing else left. Man has fulfilled his destiny; MAN is hands down acknowledged as the meanest critter on this planet. When he picks up a stick, everything else had better scatter like quail. With a heritage like that there is never an excuse for feeling helpless.

Feeling helpless is not a part of our heritage.

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