

Meet the 8-year-old girl raised by monkeys

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Police in Northern India made a startling discovery in a remote nature preserve near the Nepal border: an 8-year-old girl living "comfortably" alongside a troop of monkeys, according to a report.

The child was so acclimated to her simian lifestyle at the Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary, that when the cops tried to rescue the real life "Mowgli girl," both the apes, and the child — screeched at them, the Times of India reported.

"She was terrified of us, she could not speak or hear properly. She was surrounded by three monkeys. She had wounds on her body specifically on her elbow and one on her leg. She was wearing clothes but not very dirty," Inspector Ram Avtar told Cover Asia Press, adding that the girl appeared to be abandoned by her family.

"She looked weak and was very hungry. We gave her some food to eat. She looked miserable. If we hadn't rescued her she could have been eaten by other animals."

The girl has been in a district hospital for two months — and workers are still trying to teach her how to communicate and walk with two legs, CAP reported.

"When she was admitted here she was scared of us and she was always cowling like animals, like monkeys. She had wounds on her body and blood was oozing. We took care of her, bathed her, fed her and cleaned her. She was suffering from malnutrition. She might have eaten what



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animals did. She gets angry sometimes and we have to calm her down," Chief Medical Officer Dr. Dinesh Singh told CAP.

Doctors said she acts violently sometimes and for some reason, she also refuses to eat from a plate and will only eat directly off her bedsheets.

<u>Video posted by the Mirror UK</u> shows her thrashing across a hospital bed as she screeches like a monkey.

She'll eventually be sent to the government's child protection office, doctors said.

Her "Mowgli" nickname comes from its similarities to "Jungle Book" — a story by Rudyard Kipling about a young boy with the same name who was raised by wolves.