**AUDITION SIDE – Mufasa & Young Simba**
**from *The Lion King JR.***

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**MUFASA**
*(gazes out over the Pridelands)*
Look, Simba: Everything the light touches is our kingdom.

**YOUNG SIMBA**
Wow…

**MUFASA**
A king's time as ruler rises and falls like the sun. One day, Simba, the sun will set on my time here and will rise with you as the new king.

**YOUNG SIMBA**
And this'll all be mine?

**MUFASA**
Everything.

**YOUNG SIMBA**
*(in awe)*
Everything the light touches…
*(looks off in the distance)*
What about that shadowy place over there?

**MUFASA**
That's beyond our borders. You must never go there, Simba.

**YOUNG SIMBA**
But I thought a king can do whatever he wants.

**MUFASA**
Well, there's a lot more to being king than getting your way all the time.

**YOUNG SIMBA**
*(pointing in the distance)*
Dad, what are those birds over there?

**MUFASA**
They're buzzards.

**YOUNG SIMBA**
They're scary. Why don't you chase 'em away?

**MUFASA**
I don't have to. They're doing what they're supposed to do. You see, Simba, everything exists in a delicate balance. As king, you need to understand that balance and respect all creatures – from the crawling ant to the leaping antelope.

**YOUNG SIMBA**
But Dad, don't we eat the antelope?

**MUFASA**
Yes, but when we die, our bodies become the grass, and the antelope eat the grass. Everything is connected in the great circle of life.

**AUDITION SIDE – Nala & Simba**
**from *The Lion King JR.***

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**SIMBA**
Isn't this a great place?

**NALA**
It is beautiful.

**SIMBA**
And there's lots more you haven't even seen yet.

**NALA**
Simba, I don't understand. You've been alive all this time. Why didn't you come back to Pride Rock?

**SIMBA**
And leave paradise?

**NALA**
Simba, Scar let the hyenas take over the Pridelands!

**SIMBA**
What?!?

**NALA**
Everything's destroyed. There's no food, no water. If we go back together, we can do something about it.

**SIMBA**
I can't go back.

**NALA**
Why?

**SIMBA**
It doesn't matter. *Hakuna matata.*

**NALA**
What?

**SIMBA**
*Hakuna matata.* It's something I learned out here. Look, sometimes bad things happen and there's nothing you can do about it. So why worry?

**NALA**
What's happened to you? You're not the Simba I remember.

**SIMBA**
You're right. I'm not. Are you satisfied?!?

**NALA**
No. Just disappointed.

**SIMBA**
You know, you're beginning to sound like my father.

**NALA**
Good! At least one of us does!

**AUDITION SIDE – Scar & Sarabi**
**from *The Lion King JR.***

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**SCAR**

Sarabi!!!

*(SARABI enters with head held high and walks the gauntlet of hostile HYENAS.)*

Where is your hunting party? They're not doing their job.

**SARABI**

Scar, there is no food. The herds have moved on. We must leave Pride Rock.

**SCAR**

We're not going anywhere.

**SARABI**

Then you are sentencing us to death.

**SCAR**

So be it.

**SARABI**

If you were half the king Mufasa was—

**SCAR**

I am <u>ten times</u> the king Mufasa was!

**AUDITION SIDE – Scar & Young Simba**
**from *The Lion King JR.***

*(SCAR lounges in the shade. YOUNG SIMBA enters.)*

**YOUNG SIMBA**
Hey, Uncle Scar! Guess what? I'm gonna be king of Pride Rock!

**SCAR**
Oh, goodie. Well, forgive me for not leaping for joy. Bad back, you know.

**YOUNG SIMBA**
My dad just showed me the whole kingdom! And I'm gonna rule it all!

**SCAR**
*(scheming)*
Really? He didn't show you what's beyond that rise at the northern border, did he?

**YOUNG SIMBA**
Well, no. He said I can't go there.

**SCAR**
And he's absolutely right! It's far too dangerous. Only the bravest of lions go there.

**YOUNG SIMBA**
Well, I'm brave. What's out there?

**SCAR**
I'm sorry, Simba… I just can't tell you.

**YOUNG SIMBA**
Why not?

**SCAR**
An elephant graveyard is no place for a young prince.

**YOUNG SIMBA**
An elephant what?

**SCAR**
Oops.

**YOUNG SIMBA**
Whoa!

**SCAR**
Oh dear, I've said too much. Well, I suppose you'd have found out sooner or later – you being so clever and all. Just promise me you'll never visit that dreadful place.

**YOUNG SIMBA**
No problem, Uncle Scar.

**SCAR**
There's a good lad. You run along now and have fun. And remember: It's our little secret.

**AUDITION SIDE – Scar, Banzai, Shenzi, & Ed**
**from *The Lion King JR.***

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**BANZAI**
That lousy Mufasa. I won't be able to sit for a week!

**SHENZI**
If it weren't for those pushy lions, we'd be running the joint!

**ED**
Hee-hee-hee....

*(#10 SCAR ENTERS. SCAR emerges from the shadows with a scrap of carrion.)*

**SCAR**
Oh, surely we lions are not all that bad.

*(The HYENAS gasp... until they recognize SCAR and heave sighs of relief.)*

**BANZAI**
Oh, Scar. It's just you.

**SHENZI**
Yeah, we were afraid it was somebody important.

**BANZAI**
Yeah, you know – like Mufasa.

**SHENZI**
Oh, I just hear that name and I shudder.

**BANZAI**
Mufasa Mufasa Mufasa Mufasa...

*(SHENZI shudders as BANZAI and ED laugh uncontrollably.)*

**SCAR**
I'm surrounded by idiots.

**BANZAI**
Hey, did'ja bring us anything to eat, Scar old buddy, old pal? Huh?

**SHENZI, BANZAI**
Did'ja-did'ja-did'ja?

**SCAR**
I don't think you really deserve this. I practically gift-wrapped those cubs for you!

*(SCAR tosses his carrion to the HYENAS, who dive in and eat voraciously, speaking with their mouths full.)*

**SHENZI**
Well, ya know, it wasn't like they were exactly alone, Scar.

**BANZAI**
Yeah, what were we supposed to do, kill Mufasa?

**SCAR**
Precisely.

**AUDITION SIDE – Simba & Rafiki**
**from *The Lion King JR.***

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**SIMBA**
She's wrong. I can't go back. What would it prove, anyway? It won't change anything.

*(SIMBA sits. The silence is interrupted by an odd little tune.)*

**RAFIKI**
*(offstage)*
*TAMATISO, A SO, A HELELE MA…*
*(dances on and taunts SIMBA)*
*TAMATISO, A SO, A HELELE MA…*

**SIMBA**
Will ya cut it out?

**RAFIKI**
Can't cut it out. It'll grow right back!

*(SIMBA walks away. RAFIKI follows.)*

*TAMATISO, A SO, A HELELE MA…*
*TAMATISO, A SO—*

**SIMBA**
Who are you?

**RAFIKI**
The question is: Who are you?

**SIMBA**
I thought I knew. Now I'm not so sure.

**RAFIKI**
I know who you are. You're Mufasa's boy.

**SIMBA**
You knew my father?

**RAFIKI**
Correction. I <u>know</u> your father.

**SIMBA**
I hate to tell you this, but my father died a long time ago.

**RAFIKI**
Nope. Wrong again! He's alive! I'll show him to you. Shhhh... Look down there.

*(SIMBA anxiously, cautiously approaches a pool of water. He looks in and sees the reflection of a lion.)*

**SIMBA**
That's not my father. It's just my reflection.

**RAFIKI**
No... Look harder...

**AUDITION SIDE – Timon & Pumbaa**
**from *The Lion King JR.***

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**TIMON, PUMBAA**

*(offstage, war-whooping)*
Eeeee-yaaaaa!

*(PUMBAA and TIMON enter and charge at the birds, which scatter.)*

**TIMON**

Get out! Get out! Get out of here!

**PUMBAA**

I love this! Bowlin' for buzzards!
*(sniffs YOUNG SIMBA)*
Uh-oh. Hey, Timon, ya better come look. I think it's still alive.

**TIMON**

All righty... what have we got here?
*(realizing)*
Yikes, it's a lion! Run, Pumbaa! Move it!

**PUMBAA**

Aw, Timon – look at him. He's so cute and all alone. Can we keep him?

**TIMON**

Pumbaa, are you nuts? You're talking about a lion! Lions eat guys like us!

**PUMBAA**

But he's so little.

**TIMON**

He's gonna get bigger!

**PUMBAA**

Maybe he'll be on our side!

**TIMON**

That's the stupidest thing I ever heard.
*(light bulb)*
Hey! I've got it! What if he's on our side? Ya know, havin' a lion around might not be such a bad idea!

**AUDITION SIDE – Zazu, Young Nala, & Young Simba**
**from *The Lion King JR.***

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**ZAZU**
Step lively! The sooner we get to the waterhole, the sooner we can leave!

*(SIMBA and NALA whisper conspiratorially.)*

**YOUNG NALA**
So where're we <u>really</u> goin'?

**YOUNG SIMBA**
An elephant graveyard.

**YOUNG NALA**
*(loudly)*
Wow!

**YOUNG SIMBA**
Shhhh! Zazu...

**YOUNG NALA**
Right. So how're we gonna ditch the dodo?

*(YOUNG SIMBA and YOUNG NALA huddle. ZAZU, thrilled, flies to them.)*

**ZAZU**
Oh, just <u>look</u>! Little seeds of romance blossoming in the savanna! And one day you two will be married!

**YOUNG SIMBA, YOUNG NALA**
Yuck! / Eewwww!

**YOUNG SIMBA**
I can't marry her. She's my <u>friend</u>.

**YOUNG NALA**
Yeah. It'd be too weird.

**ZAZU**
Well, sorry to burst your bubble, but you two turtle doves have no choice. It's a tradition going back generations.

**YOUNG SIMBA**
Well, when I'm king, that'll be the first thing to go.

**ZAZU**
Not so long as I'm around.

**YOUNG SIMBA**
In that case, you're fired.

**ZAZU**
Nice try. But only the king can do that.

**YOUNG NALA**
Well, he is the <u>future</u> king.

**YOUNG SIMBA**
Yeah! So you have to do what I tell you!

**ZAZU**
<u>Not yet</u>, I don't! And with an attitude like that, I'm afraid you will be a pretty pathetic king, indeed!

**YOUNG SIMBA**
Not the way I see it!