

THE LION KING SCRIPT
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CIRCLE OF LIFE (ENSEMBLE)

*From the day we arrive on the planet and, blinking, step into the sun
There's more to see than can ever be seen more to do than can ever be done
There's far too much to take in here more to find than can ever be found
But the sun rolling high through the sapphire sky keeps great and small on the endless round
It's the circle of life and it moves us all through despair and hope, through faith and love
'Til we find our place on the path unwinding In the circle, the circle of life*

(ALL EXIT EXCEPT SIMBA & MUFASA)

Narration: *Deep in the heart of the jungle sets the story of the Lion King
Simba has a lot to learn from his father, Mufasa the king*

Mufasa: Look Simba, come here. See this? Everything the light touches is our kingdom.

Simba: Wow! Everything? Really father?

Mufasa: Yes and one day after me, you will be the new king.

Simba: And this will all be mine?

Mufasa: Yes, everything the light touches.

Simba: What about the shadowy place over there?

Mufasa: That's beyond our borders; you must never go there, Simba.

Simba: But I thought a king can do whatever he wants.

Mufasa: Oh Simba, you have a lot to learn. There's more to being king than getting your own way all the time.

Simba: Okay, okay.

Mufasa: Simba, promise me you'll stay away from the shadowy place!

Simba: But father I don't understand.

Mufasa: One day you will understand but for now you have to trust me.

Simba: I trust you, father.

Mufasa: Good. Now promise me you'll stay away.

Simba: I promise. **(BOTH EXIT)**

NARRATION

*Young Simba has a lot to learn, some growing up to do.
And there's someone who wants to harm the cub. **(ENTER SCAR)** His Uncle Scar, that's who!
(ENTER SIMBA)*

Simba: Hey Uncle Scar, guess what!

Scar: I despise guessing games.

Simba: I'm going to be king of Pride Rock.

Scar: Oh goodee.

Simba: My Dad just showed me the whole kingdom and I'm going to rule it all.

Scar: Oh really and did he show you what's beyond the border?

Simba: Well, no... he said I can't go there.

Scar: Oh he's right, it's far too dangerous. Only the bravest lions go there.

Simba: Well, I'm brave! What's out there?

Scar: No, I'm sorry Simba; I just can't tell you.

Simba: Why not?

Scar: An elephant graveyard is no place for a young prince.

Simba: An elephant what? Whoa!

Scar: Oh dear, I've said too much. Promise me you'll never visit that dreadful place.

Simba: No problem, Uncle Scar.

Scar: There's a good lad. And remember... it's our little secret. **(EXIT SCAR)**

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I JUST CAN'T WAIT TO BE KING (SIMBA SOLO & ENSEMBLE DANCE)

I'm gonna be a mighty king, so enemies beware

ALL: Well I've never seen a king of beasts with quite so little hair

I'm gonna be the main event like no king was before

I'm brushing up on looking down, I'm working on my roar

ALL: Thus far a rather uninspiring thing

Oh, I just can't wait to be king

No one saying do this, No one saying be there

No one saying stop that, Don't say see here

Free to run around all day. Free to do it all my way! (EXIT ALL)

Narration: Simba has no fear and wants to show Nala how brave he really is

But the shadowy place beyond the border is where the hyenas live (ENTER SIMBA & NALA)

Simba: This is it.... The shadowy place. We made it, Nala.

Nala: It's really creepy.

Simba: Yeah... isn't it great?

Nala: We could get in big trouble, Simba. Let's go back.

Simba: Oh come on Nala, don't you want to have an adventure?

Nala: Well yes but maybe not here. I'm sure this is where the hyenas live. (ENTER HYENAS)

ROTTEN TO THE CORE (HYENAS)

(ENTER HYENAS)

ED: They say I'm trouble, They say I'm bad

They say I'm evil, And that makes me glad

SHENZI: A dirty no-good, Down to the bone

Your worst nightmare, Can't take me home

BANZAI: So I've got some mischief, In my blood

Can you blame me?, I never got no love

ED: They think I'm callous

SHENZI: A low-life hood

BANZAI: I feel so useless

(ALL) Misunderstood

Mirror, mirror on the wall

Who's the baddest of them all?

Welcome to my wicked world, wicked world

I'm rotten to the core, core

Rotten to the core

I'm rotten to the core, core

Who could ask for more?

I'm nothing like the kid next, like the kid next door

I'm rotten to the (core), I'm rotten to the

I'm rotten to the core

Ed: Well, well, well. What have we got here?

Shenzi: Looks like trespassers to me, Ed!

Banzai: Wait a minute. I know you. You're Mufasa's cub.

Ed: Yeah that's right, you're Simba.

Simba: Yes I'm Simba and I am the future king.

Shenzi: Do you know what we do to kings who step out of their kingdom?

Simba: Puh. You hyenas can't do anything to me.

Banzai: Erm technically we can.

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All Hyenas: You're on our land!

Nala: Oh gosh, Simba. Look at the sun. I think it's best we go now! Bye.

Ed: Wait a minute. What's the hurry?

Shenzi: We'd love you to stick around for dinner.

Banzai: Yeaaaah! We could have whatever's ... lion around! Get it? Lion around!

Ed: Oh wait, I got one. Make mine a cub sandwich. Get it?

(MUFASA ENTERS - HYENAS EXIT SCREAMING)

Mufasa: You deliberately disobeyed me.

Simba: I'm really sorry, Dad.

Mufasa: Nala, go home please. **(NALA EXITS)** Simba, I'm very disappointed in you.

Simba: I know and I'm truly sorry.

Mufasa: You and Nala could have been killed.

Simba: I was just trying to be brave like you.

Mufasa: Being brave doesn't mean you go looking for trouble.

Simba: But you're not scared of anything.

Mufasa: I was today.

Simba: You were?

Mufasa: Yes. I thought I might lose you.

Simba: We'll always be together, right?

Mufasa: Simba, Do you see the stars? That's the kings of the past looking down on us.

Simba: Really?

Mufasa: Yes ... So whenever you feel alone, just remember that those kings will always be there to guide you ... And so will I.

THEY LIVE IN YOU (ENSEMBLE)

SOLO: *Night. And the spirit of life*

Calling

And the voice with the fear of a child

Asking

Wait. There's no mountain too great

Hear these words and have faith

Have faith

(ENTER ALL)

They live in you, They live in me, They are watching over Everything we see

*In every creature, In every star, In your reflection they live in you x2 **(ALL EXIT)***

Narration: *Young Simba has a lot to learn from his father, so brave and wise
Especially as there is trouble ahead from his Uncle Scar and spies*

Ed: Look at you guys. No wonder we're dangling at the bottom of the food chain.

Shenzi: I hate dangling.

Banzai: You know, if it weren't for those lions, we'd be runnin' the joint.

Shenzi: I hate lions! **(ENTER SCAR)**

Scar: Oh, surely we lions are not all that bad.

Ed: Oh Scar, it's just you.

Shenzi: We were afraid it was somebody important.

Banzai: Like.... Mufasa.

Scar: I see.

Ed: I just hear that name and I shudder.

Shenzi: Mufasa.

Banzai: Ooooh. ... Do it again.

Ed: Mufasa.

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Shenzi: Ooooh.

Scar: I'm surrounded by idiots.

Banzai: Not you Scar, I mean, you're one of us. I mean, you're our pal.

Scar: *{Sarcastic}* Charmed. Its time for a new king. Be prepared.

Ed: Be prepared for what?

Scar: For the death of the king.

Shenzi: Why? Is he sick?

Scar: No fool, we're going to kill him. And Simba too.

Banzai: Great idea! Who needs a king?

Scar: IDIOTS! There will be a king! I WILL BE KING! Stick with me and you'll never go hungry again!

All Hyenas: Long live the king!

Scar: Of course, you're expected to take certain duties on board.

BE PREPARED (SCAR SOLO)

SCAR: *I know that your powers of retention are as wet as a warthog's backside*

But thick as you are, pay attention my words are a matter of pride

It's clear from your vacant expressions the lights are not all on upstairs

But we're talking kings and successions even you can't be caught unawares

So prepare for a chance of a lifetime be prepared for sensational news

A shining new era is tiptoeing nearer

HYENAS: *And where do we feature?*

Just listen to teacher

I know it sounds sordid but you'll be rewarded when at last I am given my dues

And injustice deliciously squared

ALL: *Be prepared (EXIT ALL)*

NARRATION & STAMPEDE DANCE

So the evil Scar hatched a plan to be ruler over all

Mufasa would lose his life in a great stampede he would fall

Simba: Dad? Somebody? Anybody? Help! **(ENTER SCAR)**

Scar: Simba. ...Your father. What have you done?

Simba: There was a stampede and he tried to save me...

Scar: This is all your fault, Simba.

Simba: It was an accident, I didn't mean for it to happen.

Scar: If only you had not visited the Shadowy place, then this would never have happened.

Simba: It's all my fault. What am I going to do?

Scar: Run away, Simba.... Run away, and never return. **(EXIT SIMBA)**

INSTRUMENTAL (ENTER ALL)

Scar: Mufasa's death was a terrible tragedy; but to lose Simba as well.

As the new king I command that lion and hyena must come together in a great and glorious future. **(EXIT ALL)**

(ENTER TIMON, PUMBAA & SIMBA)

Timon: What a BEAUTIFUL morning!

Pumbaa: Uh-oh. Hey Timon. You better come look. I think it's still alive.

Timon: Jeez, it's a lion! Run Pumbaa!

Pumbaa: It's just a little lion. Look he's so cute. Can we keep him?

Timon: Are you nuts?! Lions eat guys like us.

Pumbaa: But he's so little.

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Timon: He's gonna get bigger.

Pumbaa: Please can we keep him?

IN THE JUNGLE (ENSEMBLE)

In the jungle, the mighty jungle

The lion sleeps tonight

In the jungle the quiet jungle

The lion sleeps tonight

Near the village, the peaceful village

The lion sleeps tonight

Near the village, the quiet village

The lion sleeps tonight

Hush, my darling, don't fear, my darling,

The lion sleeps tonight

Hush, my darling, don't fear, my darling,

The lion sleeps tonight

Timon: Hey! You okay, kid?

Simba: I guess so.

Pumbaa: You nearly died.

Timon: We saved you.

Simba: Thanks for your help.

Pumbaa: Hey kid, what's eatin' ya?

Timon: Nothing-- he's at the top of the food chain! (Laughs) So, where you from?

Simba: Who cares? I can't go back.

Timon: You're an outcast? So are we!

Pumbaa: What'cha do, kid?

Simba: Something terrible. But I don't wanna talk about it.

Pumbaa: Anything we can do?

Simba: Not unless you can change the past.

Timon: You got to put your past behind you. Hakuna Matata.

Simba: What?

Pumbaa: Ha-ku-na Ma-ta-ta. It means no worries. **(ENTER ALL)**

HAKUNA MATATA

Hakuna Matata! What a wonderful phrase Hakuna Matata! Ain't no passing craze

It means no worries for the rest of your days It's our problem-free philosophy. Hakuna Matata! x2

(EXIT ALL)

Narration: The years passed by and Simba grew up Hakuna Matata and living his life

Until one day he bumps into old friend Nala and she tells him about her strife

(ENTER SIMBA & NALA)

Simba: Nala? Is it really you?

Nala: Who are you?

Simba: It's me. Simba.

Nala: Simba? Whoah!! It's great to see you.

Simba: It's great to see you too.

Nala: Wait 'til everybody finds out you've been here all this time.

Simba: Nobody needs to know.

Nala: Well, of course they do. Everyone thinks you're dead.

Simba: They do?

Nala: Yeah. Scar told us about the stampede.

Simba: He did? {Nervous} What else did he tell you?

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Nala: What else matters? You're alive. And that means... you're the king!
You don't know how much this will mean to everyone. What it means to me.
I've really missed , Simba.

Simba: I've missed you too.

Nala: Why didn't you come back to Pride Rock?

Simba: Well, I just needed to get out on my own, live my own life.

Nala: We've really needed you at home.

Simba: No one needs me.

Nala: Yes we do! You're the true king.

Simba: I'm not the king. Scar is.

Nala: Simba, he let the hyenas take over the Pride Lands.

Simba: What?

Nala: Everything's destroyed. Simba, if you don't do something soon, everyone will starve.

Simba: I can't go back.

Nala: You have to Simba. You're our only hope.

Simba: I'm sorry, I can't.

Nala: What's happened to you? You're not the Simba I remember. **(EXIT NALA)**

THEY LIVE IN YOU INSTRUMENTAL

(ENTER MUFASA)

Mufasa: Simba.

Simba: Father?

Mufasa: Simba, you have forgotten me.

Simba: No father that's not true. I could never forget you!

Mufasa: You have forgotten who you are, and so you have forgotten me.
Look inside yourself, Simba. You must take your place in the Circle of Life.

Simba: How can I go back? I'm not who I used to be.

Mufasa: Remember who you are. You are my son, and the one true king.

Simba: No! Please! Don't leave me.

Mufasa: Remember...

Simba: Father!

Mufasa: Remember...

Simba: Don't leave me.

Mufasa: Remember . . . **(EXIT MUFASA)**

CAN YOU FEEL THE LOVE TONIGHT (ENSEMBLE)

*There's a calm surrender
To the rush of day
When the heat of a rolling wind
Can be turned away
An enchanted moment
And it sees me through
It's enough for this restless warrior
Just to be with you
And can you feel the love tonight?
It is where we are
It's enough for this wide-eyed wanderer
That we got this far
And can you feel the love tonight
How it's laid to rest?
It's enough to make kings and vagabonds
Believe the very best*

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NARRATION

*Simba remembered who he really was and suddenly began to care
It was time to face up to Scar to show him he was king and rightful heir*

Simba: You'll never be the king!

Scar: Mufasa?

Simba: No; it's me, Simba.

Scar: Simba! I'm a little surprised to see you..... alive.

Simba: Give me one good reason why I shouldn't rip you apart.

Scar: Oh, Simba, you must understand. The pressures of ruling a kingdom.

Simba: ...Are no longer yours. Step down, Scar.

Scar: Well, I don't think I can do that. The hyenas think I'm king.

Nala: Well, we don't. Simba is the rightful king.

Simba: The choice is yours, Scar. Either step down or fight.

Scar: Oh, must it all end in violence? I'd hate to be responsible for the death of a family member.
Wouldn't you agree, Simba?

Simba: That's not gonna work, Scar. I've put it behind me.
I am ready to assume my position as the rightful king of Pride Rock.

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