The Lion King 2020

**Scene 1 : Pride Rock**

**Song: Circle of Life**

**Scene 2 : Scar’s Cave**

*(mouse runs on Scar picks it up by the tail)*

**SCAR** – Life’s not fair is it? You see, I shall never be king. And you… You shall never see another day**.**

**ZAZU –** Didn’t your mother ever tell you not to play with your food?

**SCAR –** Now look Zazu, you’ve made me lose my lunch.

**ZAZU –** You’ll lose more than that when the King gets a hold of you!

**MUFASA –** Scar!

**ZAZU –** Impeccable timing your Majesty!

**MUFASA** - Sarabi and I didn’t see you at the presentation of Simba.

**SCAR –** That was today?Oh dear I feel simply *awful*, it must have… slipped my mind.

**ZAZU –** As the Kings brother, you should have been first in line.

**SCAR –** I *was* first in line until that little hairball was born!

**MUFASA –** That hairball is my son and *your* future King!

**SCAR –** Oh, perhaps I shall practise my curtsy. (turns away)

**MUFASA –** Don’t turn your back on me Scar!

**SCAR –** Oh no Mufasa, perhaps it is you who shouldn’t turn your back on me!

**MUFASA –** Is that a threat?*(tuning aggressively)*

**SCAR –** *(backing off)* Temper, temper. I wouldn’t dream of threatening you. I got the Lion share of brains, but when it comes to brute strength, I’m in the shallow end of the gene pool. *(walks away and exits)*

**MUFASA –** (sighs) What am I going to do with him?

**ZAZU –** Well, sire, He’d make a handsome throw rug.

**MUFASA –** Zazu!

**ZAZU –** And just think, whenever he gets dirty, you can just take him out and beat the dust off him.*(both laugh and exit)*

**Scene 3 : On Pride Rock**

**Young Simba –** Are we there yet?

**MUFASA -** Look Simba, Everything the light touches is our kingdom. One Day, the sun will set on my time here and will rise with you as the new king.

**Young Simba –** Wow, and this will all be mine?

**MUFASA - Everything**!

**Young Simba –** Everything the light touches? But what about that shadowy place over there?

**MUFASA –** That’s beyond our boundaries, you must never go there Simba.

**Young Simba –** But I thought a King could do whatever he wants?

**MUFASA –** Well there’s a lot more to being a King than getting your own way all the time.

**Zazu –** Siiire, quick Sirrrre! Urgent news, *(breathless)* there are Hygena! In the Pridelands!

**MUFASA –** Zazu, take Simba home!

**Young Simba –** Awww Dad, can’t I come?

**MUFASA** – No, Son. *(exits)*

**Young Simba –** I never get to go anywhere!

**ZAZU –** Oh, young master one day you will be king and you can chase away those slobbery, mangy stupid hyenas from dawn till dusk!

**Scene 4 : Return to Scar’s Cave**

**Young Simba -** Hey, Uncle Scar, guess what? I’m gonna be king of Pride Rock.

**SCAR –** Oh goodie, well forgive me for not jumping for joy. Bad back, you know.

**Young Simba –** My dad just showed me the whole kingdom! And I’m gonna rule it all!

**SCAR –** Really? He even showed you what’s beyond the boundary, 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. An elephant graveyard is no place for a young prince.

**Young Simba –** Woaah, an elephant what?

**SCAR –** Oooops I’ve said too much. Well, I suppose you’d have found out sooner or later – you being so clever and all. There’s a good lad, run along now and have fun. And remember, it’s our little secret.

**Scene 5 : Lioness Hunt**

**Young Simba –** Hey Nala!

**Young Nala –** Hey Simba.

**Young Simba -** I just heard about this great place, Come On!

**Young Nala -** So where is it? It better not be a lame place.

**Young Simba –** No it’s really cool!

**Lioness 1 –** So where is this really cool place?

**SARABI –** Simba?

**Young Simba –** Oh hi mum…. Ehhh It’s just around the watering hole.

**Young Nala –** The waterhole? What’s so great about the waterhole?

**Young Simba –** (through gritted teeth) I’ll show you when we get there.

**Young Nala –** ooohhhh, Hey mum can I go with Simba?

**SARAFINA** – Sarabi what do you think?

**Young Simba and Young Nala -** Pllleeeeeeeasse

**SARABI –** It’s all right with me.

**Young Simba and Young Nala –** Yaaay!

**SARAFINA –** As long as Zazu goes with you to the watering hole**.**

(Zazu flaps in and Simba and Nala freeze in their tracks)

**Young Nala –** Not Zazu!

*\*\*Lioness exit. Zazu flaps ahead as young Simba and Nala travel\*\**

**ZAZU –** Step lively! The sooner we get to the watering hole the sooner we can leave!

**Young Nala –** So where are we really going?

**Young Simba –** An elephant graveyard!

**Young Nala –** (loudly) An elephant graveyard!

**Young Simba –** Shhhhhh! Zazu.

**Young Nala –** Right. So how are we gonna ditch the dodo? *(Simba and Nala huddle)*

**Zazu –** Oh, just look! Little seeds of romance blossoming in the Savannah! And one day you two will be married.

**Young Simba and Young Nala - Ewwwwww**

**Young Simba –** I can’t marry her! She’s my friend, that would be weird!

**Zazu –** Well sorry to burst your bubble but you have no choice, it is a tradition that goes back generations.

**Young Simba –** Well, when I’m king getting rid of *that* tradition is the first thing I’ll do.

**ZAZU –** Not as 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 future king!

**Young Simba –** Yeah so you have to do what I tell you!

**Song: I Just Can’t Wait to be King**

**Scene 6 : Elephant Graveyard**

**Young Simba –** Alright we lost him I’m a genius!

**Young Nala –** This is it, we made it! It’s *really* creepy.

**Young Simba –** Yeah, Isn’t it great?

**Young Nala –** We could get in big trouble.

**ZAZU –** Yes, big trouble!

**Simba & Nala –** ZAZU!

**ZAZU –** This is *waaay* beyond the boundary of the pridelands, it’s very dangerous we must leave!

**Young Simba –**Danger? Ha! I walk on the wild side. I laugh in the face of danger ha-ha-ha

**HYENAS –** heee-heeee-heee-heeeee-heee-heee

\*Hyenas creep in circling\*\*

**SHENZI –** Well, well, well, what do we have here?

**BANZAI –** Hmmmm, I don’t know Shenzi. What do you think Ed?

**ED –** Hee-hee-hee

**BANZAI –** Just what I was thinkin’ a trio of trespassers!

**ZAZU –** Oh a simple navigational error, let me assure you. We’ll be leaving now!

**SHENZI –** Woooaw wait! I know you, your Mufasa’s little stooge.

**Hyena 4 –** And that would make you…

**Young Simba –** The future king!

**Hyena 5 –** Do you know what we do to kings who step out of their kingdom?

**Young Simba –** You can’t do anything to me!

**ZAZU –** Ehhh *technically* they can, we *are* on their land.

**Young Simba –** But Zazu, you told me hyenas were nothing but slobbering, mangy, stupid poachers!

**Hyena 6 –** Slobbering?

**Hyena 7 –** Mangy?

**All Hyenas –** And stupid?

**ED – HUH?**

**ZAZU –** Oh my my, look at the sun, it’s time to go.*(Shenzi grabs zazu)*

**Hyena 8 –** Not so fast food. Time to chow down!

**Hyena 4 –** How about some take out?

**BANZAI –** Make mine a CUB sandwich*(grabs Nala)*

**Young Simba –** Rrrrrrrrr

**SHENZI –** That was it? Hahahahaha! Come on do it again!

**Young Simba –** Rrrrrrrrr

**All Hyenas –** laughing

**Young Simba –** Roooooar

\*Mufasa enters\*

**MUFASA** - ROOOOOAR

**BANZAI/ SHENZI –** Ow, Hey, Ouch, Stop, please, we’re sorry!

**MUFASA –** If you ever go near my son again…

**SHENZI –** Son? Oh that’s your son? Did you know that?

**Hyenas –** no, no, no, no

**Ed – (nods head) –** Yes.

**MUFASA** – ROOOOOAR

\*\*Hyenas scatter\*\*

**Young Simba –** Dad, I…

**MUFASA –** You deliberately disobeyed me!

**Young Simba –** Dad, I’m…I’m, I’m sorry!

**MUFASA –** Let’s go home.

\*\*They exit Simba looking ashamed\*\*

**BANZAI –** That lousy Mufasa, if it weren’t for those pushy lions we’d be runnin’ the joint!

**ED –** Heeee-heee-hee

\*\*Scar enter\*\*

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

**SHENZI –** Oh Scar, it’s just you, we were scared it was Mufasa.

**BANZAI –**Oh, I just hear the name and I shudder.

**SHENZI –** Mu-fa-sa

**Hyenas –** Mufasa, mufasa, mufasa, mufasa

**SCAR –** I’m surrounded by idiots!

**BANZAI –** Hey Scar did ya bring us something to eat, old buddy old pal?

**SCAR –** I don’t think you deserve this. I practically gift wrapped those cubs for you.*(tosses a leg)*

**SHENZI –** (full mouth)Well, we weren’t exactly alone.

 **BANZAI** I mean what did you want us to do… kill Mufasa? (hyena laugh)

**SCAR –** Precisely.

\*\*\*More Hyena enter\*\*\*

**Song: Be Prepared**

**Scene 7 : The Stampede**

**Young Simba:** Where are we going, Uncle Scar?

**SCAR –** Your father has a surprise for you down in the gorge.

**Young Simba –** What is it?

**SCAR –** Well if I told you it wouldn’t be a surprise now, would it? This is, you know, a sort of… father - son thing. You wait here and I’ll go get him.

**Young Simba:** Okay uncle Scar, will I like the surprise?

**SCAR –** Oh Simba, it’s to die for!

**The Stampede Chant**

**ZAZU –** Oh look sire the herd is on the move, that’s odd!

**SCAR –** Mufasa quick! Stampede! Simba’s down there!

**MUFASA –** Simba!

**MUFASA –** Scar, Brother help me

**SCAR –** (whispers) Long live the king!

**MUFASA -** Ahhhhhh

**Young Simba –** Dad?

**SCAR –** Oh Simba what have you done?

**Young Simba –** There were wildebeest….and he tried to save me… it was an accident. I didn’t mean it.

**SCAR –** Of course, you didn’t. No one ever*means* for these things to happen. But the king is gone. And if it weren’t for you he’d still be here. Oh, what will your mother think?

**Young Simba-** What am I gonna do?

**SCAR –** Run! Run away and never return!

**SCAR** - (Addressing the pride.) Mufasa’s death is a terrible tragedy but to lose Simba too. So it is with a heavy heart that I assume the throne. Let’s greet the dawning of a new era – in which lion and hyena come together in a great and glorious future!

**Scene 8 : The Jungle**

**TIMON & PUMBAA –** (Enter war whooping birds scatter.)

**TIMON –** Get out, get out, get out of here!

**PUMBAA –** Oh! Hey Timon. You better come and have a look at this, I think it’s still alive!

**TIMON-** YIKES! It’s a lion! Run Pumbaa! Move it!

**PUMBAA –** Aww Timon, look at him. He’s so cute and all alone. Can we keep him?

**TIMON –** Are you nuts? You’re talking about a LION! Lions eat guyslike us!

**PUMBAA –** But he’s so little.

**TIMON –** But he’ll 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 was on our side? Ya know, having a lion around may not be such a bad idea. – You okay kid? (poking simba)

**Young Simba –** I…I guess so.

**TIMON –** Geee. He looks blue.

**PUMBAA –** I’d say more a brownish gold.

**TIMON –** No,no no, I mean he’s sad!

**PUMBAA –** Oh, sooo what’s eatin ya kid?

**TIMON -** Nothin, coz he’s at the top of the food chain, ha-ha-ha. So… where ya from?

**Young Simba –** It doesn’t matter because I can’t go back.

**TIMON –** Ah, you’re an outcast? Well that’s great so are we!

**PUMBAA –** Whad’ya do kid?

**Young Simba –** Something terrible, I don’t wanna talk about it.

**PUMBAA –** Anything we can do?

**Young Simba –** Not unless you can change the past.

**PUMBAA –** You know in times like this, my buddy Timon here says: You gotta put your behind in the past

**TIMON -** No, no, no! It’s: You gotta put the past behind you!

**PUMBAA -** Oh!

**TIMON –** Look kid, when the world turns it’s back on you, you turn your back on the world! Repeat after me: *Hakuna Matata.*

**Young Simba –** What?

**PUMBAA** – Ha-ku-na Ma-ta-ta. It means no worries.

**Song: Hakuna Matata**

**Song: Grasslands**

**Scene 9 : The Jungle**

**TIMON:** Did you hear that?

**PUMBAA –** What?

**PUMBAA & TIMON –** Noises from the bushes, c-c-c-carnivore noises.

**TIMON -** We’re friends with a big strong lion now, where’s Simba when you need him? *(quivering in fear)*

**PUMBAA -** Ahhhhhhhh a Lion!

**PUMBAA & TIMON –** She’s gonna eat meeeee! Ahhhhh!(run about pursued by Nala)

\*Simba enters\*

**PUMBAA –** (hugging timon)Don’t worry buddy. I’m here for you, everything’s gonna be okay. *(cowering behind Simba)*  Right get her! Bite her head!

**SIMBA** *– (wrestles with Nala)* Nala is that really you?

**NALA –** Simba…..Simba?

**SIMBA –** What are you doing here?

**NALA –** What do you mean what am I doing here? What are you doing here? Simba we all thought you were dead!

**TIMON –** Hey, what’s going on here?

**SIMBA –** Guys, this is Nala, she’s my friend.

**PUMBAA –** Whoa whoa, whoa ! Time out! Let me get this straight. You know her? She knows you? Buuut she wants to eat us? And everybody’s okay with this?

**SIMBA –** Relax Pumbaa

**NALA –** Simba you’re alive! Do you know what this means, you’re the King! (Nala bows)

**TIMON –** The Kiiiing???

**PUMBAA –** Yoooour Majesty*(bowing)*

**TIMON –** He’s not the king Pumbaa. Are ya?

**SIMBA –** No!

**NALA –** Simba!! I’m sorry can you excuse us*(move away talking)*

**NALA** – I’ve missed you, you have to come back.

**SIMBA -** And I’ve missed you

**PUMBAA –** Uch, and it starts. Ya think ya know a guy. *(Spying on them)*

**TIMON –** I tell ya pumbaa this STINKS!

**PUMBAA –** (EMBARRASSED) Oh sorry!

**TIMON –** No not you….them….her….alooone

**PUMBAA –** What’s wrong with that?

**Song: Can you feel the Love tonight**

*(Rafiki enters half way through hearing the song signals to the audience)*

*(Simba and Nala holds hands, Rafiki smiles)*

**SIMBA –** This is a great place and there’s so much more you haven’t seen yet.

**NALA -** Simba! Scar and his Hyenas have taken over the pridelands, there is no food, no water!

**SIMBA –** what?

**NALA –** If we go back together we can do something about it.

**SIMBA –** I can’t go back**!**

**NALA -** What’s happened to you? You’re not the Simba I remember!

**SIMBA -** Nala give me a break you’re beginning to sound like my father**!**

**NALA –** Well at least one of us does!*(Nala exits)*

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

***\*\*Rafiki enters chanting and dancing round Simba\*\****

**SIMBA –** Will ya cut it out? Who are you?

**RAFIKI –** The question is… who are you?

**SIMBA –** I thought I knew who I was but now I’m not so sure.

**RAFIKI - I** know who you are, you’re Mufasa’s boy!

**SIMBA –** *You knew my father?*

**RAFIKI –** Correction my friend, I know your father!

**SIMBA –** I hate to tell you this but my father is dead. He died a long time ago.

**RAFIKI –** NOPE! Wrong again! He’s alive! I’ll show him to you. Shhhh Look down there**.**

**SIMBA -** That’s not my father, that’s just my reflection.

**RAFIKI-** No…. look harder…

**Song: He lives in you**

**NALA –** Hey guys!

**PUMBAA & TIMON –** Ahhhhhhhhhhhhh!!

**NALA –** It’s okay it’s me! Have you seen Simba?

**RAFIKI-** Ha ha! You won’t find him here the king has returned!

**TIMON –** Who’s the Monkey?

**NALA –** I can’t believe it! He’s returned to challenge Scar!

**PUMBAA -** Who’s got a scar?

**NALA –**Come on!

**Scene 11 : Pride Rock**

**NALA –** Simba!

**SIMBA –** Nala! I finally got some sense knocked into me! This is my kingdom and if I don’t fight for it, who will?

**TIMON –** Count us in too!

**PUMBAA –** At your service your majesty!

**SIMBA –** shhh! Follow me!

**TIMON –** Hyenas! I hate Hyenas! So what’s the plan for getting past those guys?

**SIMBA -** You gather the lionesses, you guys create a distraction and I’ll deal with Scar!

**PUMBAA -** Create a distraction? What does he mean? Like put on a dress and do a dance?*(Both laugh)*

*(Hyenas approach, they pull out a grass skirt and start to dance)*

**Hawaiian music**

\*\*Pumbaa Timon and hyenas exit. Scar enters with hyenas and climbs pride rock.

**SCAR –** Sarabi where are your hunting party? They are not doing their job.

**SARABI –** Scar there is no food

**Lioness 1 –** The heards have moved on

**Lioness2 –** We must leave pride rock.

**SCAR –** We are not going anywhere.

**Lioness 3 –** Well then we will all die!

**SCAR –** Then so be it!

**Lioness 4 –** If only you were half the king Mufasa was!

**SCAR –** I am ten times the king Mufasa was!

**SIMBA –** No you are not Scar!

**SARABI –** Mufasa?

**SCAR -** Mufasa? No it can’t be you! I killed you!

**SIMBA –** No mum, it’s me!

**SARABI –** Simba? You’re alive but how can that be?

**SIMBA –** It doesn’t matter now, I’m home!

**SCAR –** Simba (nervous laugh) Oh my boy, I’m very happy to see you… alive and well.

**SIMBA** – Give me one good reason why I shouldn’t pounce on you scar?

**SCAR –** Simba, Simba there’s one little problem. You see them? *(pointing to hyenas)* They think I am king!

**SIMBA –** You have one chance Scar, step down or fight!

**SCAR –** Oh I’d hate to be responsible for the death of another family member.

**SARABI –** So you admit it, you killed Mufasa. Get him! *(hyenas scatter lionesses grab scar)*

**SCAR –** Oh Simba, it was all the hyenas idea. You wouldn’t kill your own uncle would you?

**SIMBA –** No, I am not like you. Run away Scar. Run away and never return!

\*\*Scar runs away hyenas chasing him**\*\***

*\*\*\*\* Sarabi runs and hugs Simba. Timon and Pumba enter and greet them with a bow. Nala embraces Simba. Rafiki blesses them with his staff. and Zazu enters. They take their place on pride rock. All animal return and face pride rock. \*\*\*\**

**ZAZU –** *(Bows)* **Your Majesty**

**RAFIKI - It is time.**

**Finale song**