

SCRIPT EXCERPT - SCENE 8: THE GORGE



YOUNG SIMBA

Dad!

(Dust clears, revealing the form of MUFASA)

Dad.

(rushes to MUFASA and tries to be playful)

Dad...? Come on. Dad.

(panic at no response)

Come on, Dad. You gotta get up. Please. Help! Somebody! Anybody? Please! Help me!

(YOUNG SIMBA starts to sob and lies down beside MUFASA. SCAR enters.)

SCAR

Simba. What have you done?

YOUNG SIMBA

There were wildebeest...And he tried to save me...It was an accident. I didn't mean for—

SCAR

Of course. Of course you didn't. No one ever means for these things to happen. But the king is dead. And if it weren't for you, he'd still be alive. Oh, what will your mother think?

YOUNG SIMBA

(guilty panic)

What am I gonna do?

SCAR

Run! Run away, Simba. Run away and never return.

(YOUNG SIMBA gives his father a final hug, then runs off. SHENZI, BANZAI, and ED enter)

SCAR

Kill him.

(SCAR exits. The HYENAS look out in the distance toward YOUNG SIMBA.)

SHENZI

Hey! There he goes!

BANZAI

So go get him.



SESSION 1: INTRODUCTION

PRIDE B

I ain't going out there. You go out there!

SHENZI

I ain't going out there! Ed?

BANZAI

Hah!

ED

Yeah...he's as good as dead out there, anyway.

BANZAI

And if he comes back, we'll kill him.

SHENZI

Right...

BANZAI

(yelling to YOUNG SIMBA in distance)

You hear that? If you ever come back—she'll kill you!

SHENZI

What Scar don't know won't hurt him.

