

THE LION KING JR. SYNOPSIS



Rafiki gathers the animals of the Pridelands to welcome Simba, Mufasa's newborn cub, and future king. Simba's jealous uncle Scar, who wishes he were king, encourages the young cub to disobey his father by visiting the forbidden Elephant Graveyard. Simba and Nala sneak into the dark Elephant Graveyard, where they encounter three hungry hyenas who want to eat the cubs for lunch. Luckily, Mufasa arrives in time to save them, scaring the cackling hyenas away.

Later, Scar leaves Simba alone in the gorge. He signals the hyenas to start a stampede of wildebeests in Simba's direction. Though Mufasa rescues his son, he is trampled to death by wildebeests when Scar pushes him from a ledge. After the stampede, a distraught Simba finds his father dead and, tricked by Scar, believes he is guilty and must leave the Pridelands forever. Scar takes over as King of the Pridelands.

Timon and Pumbaa find Simba and offer him their friendship, helping Simba leave his troubled past behind him.

Time passes, and the Pridelands wither under Scar's rule. Nala leaves her home to find help, hoping to save it from total devastation. To her surprise, Nala finds Simba in the jungle living with Timon and Pumbaa, and the two quickly become reacquainted. Nala urges Simba to come back to the Pridelands to take his rightful place as king, but Simba refuses. Rafiki appears, helping Simba to see Mufasa within himself. With his newfound courage, Simba agrees to return home.

When Simba and his friends arrive in the Pridelands, Scar is forced to admit to everyone that he was responsible for Mufasa's death. Simba banishes Scar from the Pridelands and the hyenas chase him off the land. With peace restored, the Pridelands return to its original state of beauty and prosperity, and Simba takes his rightful place as king. The animals of the Pridelands gather as Simba and Nala welcome their newborn cub on the top of Pride Rock. *THE END.*

