

THE LION KING KIDS

Character Breakdown



Rafiki: A wise mandrill who acts as healer of the Pridelands and guides Simba on his journey home. She is an omniscient character, evincing an air of mystery. Rafiki has significant solos in "Circle of Life" and "He Lives in You," and leads the African chants throughout the show.

Mufasa: The strong, honorable, and wise lion who leads the Pridelands. **Sarabi:** A featured lioness, Mufasa's mate, and Simba's mother.

Zazu: The anxious yet loyal assistant to Mufasa who is always busy trying to do his duty. Zazu's lyrics are spoken rather than sung.

Scar: The antagonist of the show, overcome with jealousy of his brother, Mufasa, and nephew, Simba. Coldhearted and wickedly intelligent, he will stop at nothing to become king of the Pridelands.

Young Simba: The protagonist of the story, is an adventurous and endearing cub who can't wait to be king of the Pridelands. Simba is playful, energetic, and naive, but after his father Mufasa's death, Simba struggles with shame and his destiny.

Simba: Grows from a cub to lion in "Hakuna Matata." Older Simba has more complex moments as he reunites with Nala, mourns his father, and returns to confront Scar.

Lionesses: The fierce hunters of the Pridelands and featured in "The Lioness Hunt," "The Mourning," and "Shadowland." These actors should be strong singers, as the material can be challenging.

Young Nala: A courageous lion and Young Simba's best friend. She is not afraid to speak her mind.

Nala: Grows from a cub to a lioness before she confronts Scar.

Sarafina: A featured lioness and Nala's mother. She has one short, spoken line.

Shenzi: One of Scar's hyenas who plot to take over the Pridelands. She is the sassy one of the trio and is always looking out for herself. With Banzai and Ed, she should be able to laugh loudly and long, as well as be menacing to Young Simba and Young Nala.

Banzai: A slick yet childish hyena who works for Scar. He would be the leader of the group if hyenas weren't so lazy.

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Ed: The third member of Scar's trio of lackeys. He has a loud, cackling laugh that is his only form of communication.

Hyenas: Scar's army, helping carry out his evil plot to take over the Pridelands. Hyenas are mangy, mindless creatures who sing in "Be Prepared."

Timon: An outcast meerkat who lives in the jungle with Pumbaa. He is afraid of his own shadow, but pretends to be the confident, relaxed leader of the duo. Timon is one of the funniest characters in the show.

Pumbaa: A kindhearted, sensitive warthog who enjoys his simple life of grubs and relaxation.

Ensemble: The ensemble plays various inhabitants of the Pridelands, such as giraffes, elephants, antelopes, wildebeest, and other creatures you choose to include.