

THE LION KING: BLOOPER REEL

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EXT. AFRICA (THE PRIDE LANDS) - DAY

MUFASA, King of the Pride Lands, stands atop PRIDE ROCK as RAFIKI, a mandrill, climbs up top to meet him. This all unfolds while the song CIRCLE OF LIFE plays over the scene.

SINGER (O.S.)
(singing)
On the path unwinding.

The two old friends smile at each other, then embrace.

SINGER (O.S.) (CONT'D)
(singing)
In the circle...

Mufasa leads Rafiki over to SARABI, Mufasa's mate--

SINGER (O.S.) (CONT'D)
(singing)
...the circle of life.

--who is cradling their newborn son, and heir to the throne, SIMBA, in her front legs.

Sarabi licks Simba on the top of his head. He stirs, then turns around and looks up at Rafiki.

Rafiki smiles at Simba, then RATTLES his staff above the young cub's head. Entranced by the object, Simba paws at it.

Rafiki raises a melon over his head and CRACKS it in half. He dips a thumb into the fruit's juices, then streaks it across Simba's head in a line. Simba looks up in wide-eyed wonder.

Rafiki then scoops a handful of earth into his palm and sprinkles it over Simba's head, causing him to SNEEZE.

Mufasa and Sarabi nuzzle against each other.

Rafiki lifts Simba out of Sarabi's embrace, as Mufasa and Sarabi turn to each other and share a loving glance.

Rafiki carries Simba out toward the edge of Pride Rock as all of the ANIMALS of the Pride Lands — ELEPHANTS, GIRAFFES, ZEBRA, etc. — look up in amazement from below.

As Rafiki nears the edge, he lifts Simba high above his head--

SINGER (O.S.) (CONT'D)
(singing)
In the circle, the circle of--

*--AND THEN LOSES HIS GRIP ON THE NEWBORN AND DROPS HIM,
CAUSING HIM TO PLUMMET TO HIS DEATH ON THE ROCKS BELOW.*

Rafiki peers over the cliff's edge to find the HYENAS —
SHENZI, BANZAI, and ED — tearing apart Simba's corpse.

RAFIKI
(to himself, quietly)
Well, shit.

THE END