



## SCENE 8: THE GORGE

(#14 INTO THE GORGE. Daytime. YOUNG SIMBA enters behind SCAR.)

YOUNG SIMBA

Where're we going, Uncle Scar?

SCAR

Your father has a marvelous surprise for you in the gorge.

YOUNG SIMBA

What is it?

SCAR

If I told you, it wouldn't be a surprise now, would it?

YOUNG SIMBA

Come on, Uncle Scar...

SCAR

No, no, no. This is just for you and your dad. You know, a sort of father-son... thing. Now, you sit here. I'll go get him.

YOUNG SIMBA

I'll go with you!

SCAR

No!

*(sweetly)*

No, no. Just stay on this ledge. You wouldn't want to end up in another mess like you did with those hyenas.

YOUNG SIMBA

You know about that?

SCAR

Simba – everyone knows about that.

YOUNG SIMBA

Really?!?

**SCAR**

Mmm-hmm. Lucky "Daddy" was there to save you. So you might want to work on that little roar of yours.

**YOUNG SIMBA**

Oh... okay... Hey, Uncle Scar – will I like the surprise?

**SCAR**

Simba, it's to die for.

(SCAR exits.)

**YOUNG SIMBA**

"Little roar." Huh. Rrrr... RRrr... RRRr...

(SHENZI, BANZAI, and ED enter further away and survey the situation.)

**BANZAI**

Look at all those wildebeest! I'm so hungry. I gotta have one!

**SHENZI**

No! Not yet.

**BANZAI**

Can't I just pick off one of the little sick ones?

**SHENZI**

You know the plan. We wait for the signal from Scar.  
(noticing SCAR offstage)

There he is! Let's go.

(The HYENAS slink away. YOUNG SIMBA continues to practice.)

**YOUNG SIMBA**

Rrroarr!

(louder)

Rrroarrrrrrrr!

(#15 THE STAMPEDE. YOUNG SIMBA's roar echoes off the canyon walls. He hears a rumbling – the thundering of hundreds of wildebeest hooves.)

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