Audition Materials For

SHENZI, BANZAI, ED



About the Characters: Scar's hyenas who plot to take over the Pridelands. Shenzi 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 is a slick, yet childish, hyena who works for Scar. He would be the leader of the group if hyenas weren't so lazy. We're looking for an outgoing and confident actor who can portray nastiness and gruffness. Ed is the third member of Scar's trio of lackeys. He has a loud, cackling laugh that is his only form of communication. We're looking for an actor who can laugh unabashedly and communicate through physicality and facial expressions rather than words. This role can be played by a boy or girl.

Gender: Female, Male, Either

Grade: 4th or 5th

Vocal range: F3-C#5

Total Lines: 3-34 Solos: 1 Audition Song: Be Prepared Pages: Scene 6 pgs 43-44

YOUNG NALA

(to YOUNG SIMBA)

I thought you were very brave.

(SHENZI, BANZAI, and ED emerge, licking their wounds.)

BANZAI

That lousy Mufasa. I won't be able to sit for a week!

SHENZI

If it weren't for those pushy lions, we'd be running the joint!

ED

Hee-hee-hee....

(#10 SCAR ENTERS. SCAR emerges from the shadows with a scrap of carrion.)

SCAR

Oh, surely we lions are not all that bad.

(The HYENAS gasp... until they recognize SCAR and heave sighs of relief.)

BANZAI

Oh, Scar. It's just you.

SHENZI

Yeah, we were afraid it was somebody important.

BANZAI

Yeah, you know – like Mufasa.

SHENZI

Oh, I just hear that name and I shudder.

BANZAI

Mufasa Mufasa Mufasa Mufasa...

(SHENZI shudders as BANZAI and ED laugh uncontrollably.)

SCAR

I'm surrounded by idiots.

BANZAI

Hey, did'ja bring us anything to eat, Scar old buddy, old pal? Huh?

SHENZI, BANZAI

Did'ja-did'ja-did'ja?

SCAR

I don't think you really <u>deserve</u> this. I practically gift-wrapped those cubs for you!

(SCAR tosses his carrion to the HYENAS, who dive in and eat voraciously, speaking with their mouths full.)

SHENZI

Well, ya know, it wasn't like they were exactly alone, Scar.

BANZAI

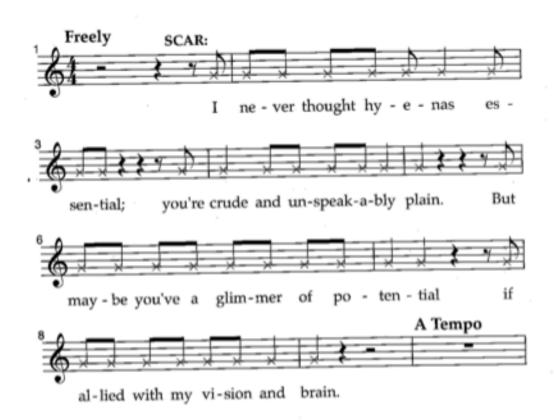
Yeah, what were we supposed to do, kill Mufasa?

SCAR

Precisely.

(#11 BE PREPARED. SCAR approaches ED, SHENZI, and BANZAI. During the song, more HYENAS enter.)

BE PREPARED

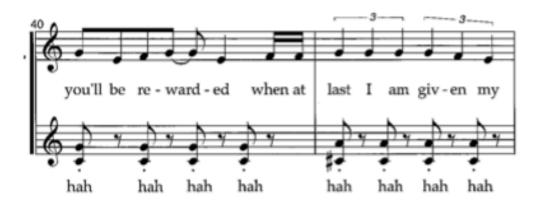
















BANZAI

Yeah! Be prepared. We'll be prepared! (confused)

For what?

SCAR

For the death of the king.

BANZAI

Is he sick?

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SCAR

No, fool! We are going to kill him. And Simba, too.

SHENZI

Great idea! Who needs a king?

SHENZI, BANZAI

(chanting)

No king, no king! La la la la la la!

SCAR

Idiots! There will be a king!