

Character Breakdown

Rafiki

A wise mandrill who acts as healer of the Pridelands and guides Simba on his journey home. 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. Mufasa should command respect onstage and also show tenderness with his son, Simba.



Sarabi

A featured lioness, Mufasa's mate, and Simba's mother. Sarabi has a few key speaking lines for an actor who can deliver the care and command of a queen.



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, and the role can be played by a boy or girl.



Scar

The antagonist of the show, overcome with jealousy of his brother, Mufasa, and nephew, Simba. Coldhearted, sarcastic, 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.



Wildebeasts

Charging animals that stampede, causing Mufasa's death.

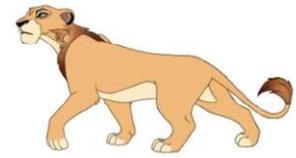


Lionesses

The fierce hunters of the Pridelands and featured in "The Lioness Hunt," "The Mourning," and "Shadowland." These actors should be strong singers and dancers.

Sarafina

A featured lioness and Nala's mother.



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.



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."

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.

Banzai

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

Ed

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



Timon

An outcast meerkat who lives in the jungle with Pumbaa. Timone is one of the funniest characters in the show and has charisma and comic timing. He is afraid of his own shadow, but pretends to be the confident, relaxed leader of the duo.



Pumbaa

A kindhearted, sensitive warthog who enjoys his simple life of grubs and relaxation. A loveable and loyal friend to Timon and Simba with deadpan humor.

