

SCIENCE SCRIPT EXCERPT – Scene 10: Scar’s Cave from *The Lion King JR.*

(SCAR reclines, gnawing on a bone. A bedraggled ZAZU perches nearby, speaking dramatically.)

ZAZU

(Shakespearean)

To be, or not to be, that is the question:
Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to—

SCAR

Oh, Zazu – do lighten up. How about something a little less depressing!

ZAZU

(singing, with cheery gusto)

IT'S A SMALL WORLD AFTER ALL! IT'S A SMA—

SCAR

No! No! No! Anything but that!

(sighs deeply)

Oh, Zazu... here I am at the pinnacle... yet the view is bleak. What is wrong with this picture?

ZAZU

You're in it, Sire.

(SCARS scowls. SHENZI, BANZAI, and ED enter.)

BANZAI

Hey, boss!

SCAR

Oh, what is it?

BANZAI

We got a bone to pick with you.

SHENZI

There's no food, no water—

BANZAI

Yeah. It's dinner time, and there ain't no stinkin' entrees!

ED

(indicates empty stomach)
Uuuuuhhhhhh....

SCAR

Are you blaming me?!?

BANZAI, SHENZI

Oh no, it's the lionesses!

(An older NALA enters.)

NALA

Scar.

SCAR

Ah, Nala... your timing couldn't be more perfect.

(SCAR paces and doesn't listen to what NALA is saying.)

NALA

Scar, you have to do something. We're being forced to overhunt.

(stares resentfully at SHENZI, BANZAI, and ED)
Control the hyenas – they're destroying the Pridelands.

SCAR

Why would I, The King, take advice from you?

NALA

I'm not a kid anymore, Scar. Someone needs to take responsibility for what is happening here.

SCAR

(dismissively)

Run along now.

NALA

We'll find a way to stop you, Scar.

(NALA exits.)

SCAR

Nobody loved me. Not even as a cub. What did my brother have that I don't have?

ZAZU

Do you want the short list or the long?

(SCAR growls and exits, followed by ZAZU.)