

How Lions got their Roar

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THE CAST

THE CROWD WARMER
THE NARRATOR
THE ELEPHANT
THE MONKEY
THE TORTOISE
THE CROCODILE
THE LION
THE FLEA
THE ECHO

PROPS

A cave and a lake.

Music: I feel good by James Brown

(When the actors are ready, music off and stage lights on)

THE SCRIPT

SCENE I: The Lake (stage right).

BACKDROP: A lake in the savannah.

THE CROWD WARMER

(addressing the audience.)

Hello, everyone. Now, when I say, "How do you feel?", you have to say
"I feel good. Nah-na Nah-na nah nah."
Let's practise. How do you feel?

AUDIENCE

I feel good. Nah-na Nah-na nah nah.

THE CROWD WARMER

Now, one more thing. Listen. Lions go "Roar!"
What noise do lions make?

CAST AND AUDIENCE

Roaaar!

THE CROWD WARMER

Crocodiles. This story has a crocodile. Crocodiles go:
(with outstretched arms imitating a crocodile's snapping jaws)

"Snap, snap, snap!"

So, what noise do crocodiles make?

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CAST AND AUDIENCE

Snap! Snap! Snap!

THE NARRATOR

(addressing the audience and cast)

A long, long time ago lions did not roar. This is the story about how lions got their roar. What noise do lions make?

AUDIENCE

Roaaar!

THE NARRATOR

It is very hot and the animals are very thirsty so they go to the lake to drink some water.

(The animals go to the lakeside)

CROCODILE

Snap! Snap! Snap!

MONKEY

We are thirsty.

ELEPHANT

and we want to drink some water.

CROCODILE

No way!

THE ANIMALS

Yes, way!

CROCODILE

Snap! Snap! Snap!

TORTOISE

We need to speak to the Lion King.

MONKEY

Let's go.

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SCENE II: The Lion's Den (stage left).

BACKDROP: The Lion's den.

Enter the animals.

LION
Hello animals.

ANIMALS
Hello Lion King.

MONKEY
We are thirsty.

ELEPHANT
and we want to drink some water...

TORTOISE
but there is a crocodile in the lake.

LION
I will speak to this crocodile.

MONKEY
Let's go.

Exit right the animals and the Lion King.

SCENE III: The Lake (stage right).

BACKDROP: A lake in the savannah.

Enter the Lion King and the animals.

CROCODILE
Snap, snap, snap!

LION
Crocodile. The animals want to drink some water.

CROCODILE
No way!

LION
Yes way!

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CROCODILE
Snap! Snap! Snap!

LION
(tries to roar but no sound comes out)

CROCODILE
Go away, you silly lion.

Exit left the Lion King and the animals sadly.

SCENE IV: The Lion's den (stage left).
BACKDROP: The Lion's den.

Enter the flea.

FLEA
Hi, Lion King.

LION
Hello, Flea.

FLEA
What's the matter?

LION
I can't roar.

FLEA
(to the audience)
What noise do lions make?

AUDIENCE
"Roar!"

FLEA
Now you.

LION
(tries to roar but no sound comes out)

FLEA
Follow me, Lion King.

LION
Where are we going, Flea?

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FLEA

We are going to the Tinga tinga cave.

LION

Why?

FLEA

Ah hah. You will see.

SCENE V: The Tinga Tinga Cave.

BACKDROP: The Tinga Tinga Cave.

FLEA

We have arrived at the Tinga Tinga Cave. Repeat what I say.

I am the King!

LION

I am the King

ECHO

King king king!

FLEA

What noise do lions make?

LION

Roar!

ECHO

Roar!

FLEA

Lion King, how do you feel?

LION

I feel good. Nah-na Nah-na nah nah.

FLEA

(addressing the audience)

Everybody, how do you feel?

AUDIENCE

I feel good. Nah-na Nah-na nah nah.

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SCENE VI: The Lake (stage right).

BACKDROP: A lake in the savannah.

Enter the Lion King, the flea and all the animals.

CROCODILE

Snap, snap, snap.

LION

Roar!!!

CROCODILE

Oh no! It's time to go.

(The crocodile is very scared and runs away.)

Exit the crocodile stage right.

FLEA

How do you feel, everyone?

EVERYONE

I feel good. Nah-na Nah-na nah nah.

FLEA

What noise do lions make?

EVERYONE

ROAR!

TORTOISE

(very slowly)

Let's have a swim everybody.

MONKEY

Awesome!

(All the animals jump in the lake and have a great time.)

NARRATOR

And everyone lived happily ever after.

THE END

MUSIC: JAMES BROWN I feel good