

The Jungle Book Kids - SCRIPT
SONG: Jungle Prologue

(After the song:)

Mowgli: Bagheera, today has been a great adventure, but I'm getting a little sleepy. Shouldn't we start back home to the wolf cave?

Bagheera: Mowgli, we're not going back. I'm taking you to the man village.

Mowgli: But why?

Bagheera: Because Shere Khan the tiger has returned to this part of the jungle, and he wants to hurt you.

Mowgli: Hurt me? I don't understand.

Bagheera: Mowgli, Shere Khan hates Man. Man makes fire and hunts tigers with guns.

Mowgli: Really? Well . . .we'll just explain to him that I'd never do that.

Bagheera: You can't explain things to tigers. Shere Khan is spreading fear of Man through the jungle.

Mowgli: But why be afraid of me? I don't even know him!

Bagheera: We often fear things we do not know. But the fact is that you are a man-cub and must now go to the Man village.

Mowgli: But I want to stay in the jungle! This is my home.

Bagheera: The jungle is not safe for a little Man-cub anymore.

Mowgli: Oh, Bagheera, I'm a big man-cub now. I can take care of myself!

Bagheera: Alone? I don't think so. (yawning) Now, come lie down next to me and get some rest. You are going to need it. (falls asleep)

Mowgli: The jungle not safe for me anymore. Ha!

SONG: Kaa the Snake

(After the song:)

Kaa: Ssss-say now. What have we here?

Coil 1: (giggles) Oh, it's a Man-cub.

Coil 2: A deliciousssss Man-cub.

Mowgli: Who are you?

Kaa/Coils: Why, I am Kaa.

Coil 3: Sssooooo nice to meet you.

Coil 4: I've been ssssoooooo hungry for visitors! (Coils circle around Mowgli)

Mowgli: Let me go! That hurts!

Coil 5: Ssssilly Man-cub!

Kaa/Coils: Don't you trust me?

Mowgli: No!

SONG: Trust in Me

(After the song:)

Bagheera: Hmm? What's going on? Kaa! Hold it, Kaa!

Kaa: Ooh. My ssssinusses.

Bagheera: Find your dinner somewhere else, you sniveling sneak!
Kaa/Coils: Sssoo sssorrrry. Ssstupid panther. Thinks you're sssooo sssmart.
Bagheera: (to Mowgli) Take care of yourself, can you?
Mowgli: Aw, Bagheera, I almost had him.
Bagheera: Of course you did, Man-cub. It's nearly dawn. Time to go. Stay close.

SONG: Night Into Day

(After the song:)

SONG: Colonel Hathi's March

(After the song:)

Hathi: Company! Halt! Inspection! (All stand at attention. Mowgli joins)
Well, a new recruit, eh? (pokes Mowgli's nose) I say, what happened to your trunk?
Mowgli: Hey! Stop that!
Hathi: (sputters) A Man-cub! This is treason! Sabotage! I'll have no Man-cub in my jungle!
Mowgli: It's not your jungle!
Bagheera (enters): There you are, Mowgli! Colonel Hathi, I can explain. I'm taking the Man-cub to the Man village.
Hathi: To stay?
Bagheera: You have my word.
Hathi: Good. That's where he belongs. (to Mowgli) And remember, an elephant never forgets! Forward...March! (they march off until - CRASH!)
Mowgli: I think he forgot to say "Halt!"
Elephants: (off stage) We're okay!
Jungle: Hee hee hee hee
Bagheera: Now, enough playing around! This is becoming a very dangerous place for a Man-cub. You're going to the Man village right now.
Mowgli: Am not!
Bagheera: Are too!
Mowgli: Am not!
Bagheera: Are too! That does it! Now, I am going to walk, and you are going to follow me. Make no mistake about it, you are going home.
Mowgli: I am home, you mean old cat! And who needs you? I can take care of myself!!! (pause) Can't I? (He sits on a rock)

SONG: Baloo the Bear

(After the song:)

Mowgli: Hey, you're not a rock!
Baloo: Easy, man...
Mowgli: (preparing to punch) Get outta my way! (He tries, but Baloo holds him back with one arm)
Baloo: (Laughing) Well, now. That's pretty big talk, little britches.
Mowgli: I'm warning you. You're asking for it!

Baloo: You want to fight like a bear? Go ahead, give me a big bear growl. Scare me.

Mowgli: Rrrr.

Baloo: Oh, boy. I'm talkin' about a big bear. Right from your toes.

Mowgli: Grrrrrrraaaaaaaah.

Baloo: No, silly. Like this:

GRRRRRRRRRRRAAH!!!

Jungle: Hee hee hee hee

Bagheera: Mowgli?? You were supposed to stay right behind me!!!!

Mowgli: I'm not hurt.

Baloo: Let me help you, there...

Mowgli: I'm a lot tougher than people think! (Suddenly he tickles Baloo mercilessly)

Baloo: Hey! That's not fair! (Giggles) No, no, now, that— (Laughs) Ooh, you win. You win! Hey, you're all right. What's your name, kid?

Mowgli: Mowgli.

Bagheera: And he's going to the Man village right now.

Baloo: Man village? They'll ruin him. They'll make a man out of him.

Mowgli: Oh, Baloo, I want to stay here with you.

Baloo: Of course you do.

Bagheera: And just how do you think he will survive?

Baloo: How will he survive? (to the jungle) How will he survive? Why, it's easy! All you need are the bare necessities, right?

SONG: The Bare Necessities

(DURING the song:)

Bagheera: Of all the ridiculous...Oh, no! Baloo, do you see these tiger tracks? Shere Khan is near and could be on our trail! I need to find out.

Baloo: Don't you worry, Baggy! Go on ahead. Little buddy's safe with me!

Bagheera: (to Mowgli) Don't move.

Baloo: We won't move...but we can groove! C'mon, little buddy...let's Show em how it's done!

(As the Song Continues, the Monkeys sneak up on Mowgli)

Grumpy Monkey: We've got you now, Man-Cub!

Mowgli: Hey, let go!

Baloo: Yeah, man—let go!

All: You! You! The bare necessities of life! Oh, yeah!

(After the song:)

Baloo: Beautiful! Beautiful! Now that's what I call some bouncing' jungle beat, eh, Mowgli? Mowgli? Mowgli?

Silly Monkey: Ha ha!

Sassy Monkey: Catch you later, grizzly bear!

Grumpy Monkey: He's King Louie's Man-cub now!

Baloo: Bagheeraaaa!

SONG: Monkey Business

(After the song:)

Old Monkey: Presenting...Louie...King of the Monkeys!!!

King Louie: So, you're the Man-cub. (Laughs) Crazy.

Mowgli: What do you want me for?

King Louie: Well, cousin, have a banana. How do we explain it, monkeys?

SONG: I Wan'na Be Like You

(DURING the song)

Baloo: Man, what a beat!

Bagheera: Will you stop that silly "beat" business and come here?

Baloo: Oh, yeah, yeah. (Baloo dances – Bagheera ties a grass skirt on him)

Bagheera: Now, you distract the monkeys, and I'll rescue Mowgli. Got that?

Baloo: You bet! Hey! Zomp boppa rony

(the SONG CONTINUES)

(After the song:)

Baloo: I gotta have some more of that swingin' jungle beat! Hit it!!!

SONG: I Wan'na Be Like You (Reprise)

(After the song:)

Baloo: Uh-oh.

Silly Monkey: It's Baloo the bear!

Grumpy Monkey: Yeah, that's him!

Sassy Monkey: How'd that square get in here?!

Baloo: YIKES!

Shere Khan: (Deadpan) Boo.

ALL: Aaaaaaaaah!!!

Shere Khan: So nice to see you, too.

SONG: Shere Khan the Tiger

(After the song:)

Shere Khan: Now...let's see. Where can that little Man-cub be? Could he be...here???

Could he be...here???. Surely someone saw something???. He can't hide forever, you know. And rest assured, Man-cub, I'll find you, wherever you are...

Baloo: Well, looks like he's finally asleep. That was close, Baggy!

Bagheera: Too close, Baloo! Too close!!! That's why we've got to get him to the Man village, where he'll be safe. (Mowgli wakes up)

Baloo: I promised he could stay here with me... But you're right, Bagheera. I'll tell him in the morning. We have no choice. He's got to leave the jungle.

Mowgli: But you promised! You promised!!!

Baloo: I know, little buddy, but you've gotta understand...

Bagheera: You must leave the jungle before it's too late! It's for your own good!

Mowgli: Noooooooooooo!!! (He runs off)

Bagheera: Well, don't just stand there! We've got to find him before Shere Khan does! (He runs off)

Baloo: Oh, if anything happens to that little guy, I'll never forgive myself. He doesn't know the danger he's in!

SONG: Mowgli Runs

(As the song ends, Mowgli collapses. 2 vultures enter)

Mowgli: Hey!

Dizzy Vulture: Oh, he's alive . .

Ziggy Vulture: Unfortunately. . .

Dizzy Vulture: But just look at him, scrawny thing. . .

Ziggy Vulture: He won't last long . . . (They laugh and walk off)

Mowgli: Go ahead, laugh. I don't care.

Jungle Thistle: Aw, come on.

Jungle Banyan: What's wrong?

Jungle Lotus: You know, you look like you haven't got a friend in the world.

Mowgli: I haven't.

Jungle Banyan: Hey...who protected you when Shere Khan came looking for you?

Jungle: We did!

Jungle Thistle: You have lots of friends in the jungle!

Mowgli: Really?

SONG: That's What Friends Are For

(After the song :)

Shere Khan: Hmm. To think he was here in the jungle all along. And no one said anything! Your friends are very loyal, little Man-cub.

ALL: Run, Mowgli, run!

Mowgli: You don't scare me. I don't run from anyone! (Baloo enters quietly)

Shere Khan: Ah, you have spirit for one so small. I'm going to close my eyes and count to ten. It makes the chase more interesting for me... One...Two...

Mowgli: Baloo!

Baloo: Shhhh!

Mowgli: (Whispering) Oh, Baloo . . . what should I do?

Baloo: Come on everybody! If we put our heads together, we can stand up to Shere Khan and keep Mowgli here in the jungle!

The Battle (That's What Friends Are For – Part 2)

(After the song :)

Bagheera: What happened here? Where is Shere Khan?

Baloo: We did it, little buddy! I'm pretty sure we won't see that tiger around here for a while.

Mowgli: And now I don't have to go to the Man village!

Shanti: Hello. (Jungle gasps)

Mowgli: Who are you?

Shanti: My name is Shanti. I live in the village over the river.

Mowgli: You mean... the Man village?

Shanti: Is that what you call it here? Well, it's not just a "Man" village. There are women and children just like me . . . and you.

Baloo: Hey, have you been here all this time?

Shanti: Sometimes I sneak into the jungle to have an adventure.

Shanti's Family: (offstage) Shanti! Shanti! Where are you? You know you aren't allowed to play in the jungle! It's not safe out there!

Shanti: Well, I'd better go.

Mowgli: What does the village look like?

Baloo: Nothing you need to know about—

Bagheera: Quiet, Baloo.

Shanti: Would you like to come with me and see?

Baloo: Don't go, little buddy!

Bagheera: Go ahead, Mowgli.

Mowgli: Don't worry, Baloo. I'll just going to go for a little while... okay?

Baloo: Okay, little buddy.

Bagheera: And Mowgli...

Mowgli: Yes?

Bagheera: You . . . you may belong in the village...

All: But you always have a home in the jungle!

SONG: The Bare Necessities (Finale)

(After the song:)

SONG: I Wan'na Be Like You (Bows)

The End