

Baloo – Audition Sides

The Jungle Book Kids – Principle Role Auditions

SIDE 1

MOWGLI

(pushing away)
Hey! You're not a rock!

BALOO

(fending him off)
Easy, man...

MOWGLI

(preparing to punch)
Get outta my way!

(MOWGLI grunts and groans as he tries to punch and kick BALOO, to no effect.)

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

(gritting his teeth "ferociously")
Rrrr.

BALOO

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

MOWGLI

(trying again)

Grrrrrrraaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaah.

BALOO

No, silly. Like this:

GRRRRRRRRRRRAAAH!!!!

(BALOO sends out a roar that shakes the whole JUNGLE, sending MOWGLI reeling into the BUSHES. The JUNGLE laughs. BAGHEERA runs on.)

BAGHEERA

You were supposed to stay right behind me!!!!

MOWGLI

I'm not hurt.

BALOO

Let me help you, there ...

(BALOO helps MOWGLI up.)

MOWGLI

I'm a lot tougher than people think!

(Suddenly, MOWGLI jumps on BALOO's back, tickling him 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?

BAGHEERA

Mowgli. 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.

SIDE 2

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???

(The JUNGLE remains silent, still trembling.)

He can't hide forever, you know. And rest assured, man-cub,

I'll find you, wherever you are ...

(SHERE KHAN exits. BALOO and BAGHEERA enter from the opposite direction and put the sleepy MOWGLI down for a nap.)

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 out of the jungle.

(MOWGLI wakes up, overhearing.)

BALOO

But 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

Noooooooooooooooooooooooooooo!!!!!!

(MOWGLI runs off.)

BAGHEERA

Well, don't just stand there! We've got to find him before Shere Khan does!

(BAGHEERA 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!