

THE LOST TIGER CUBS

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Characters

1. Tiger Parent 1 // Stampede Animal 5- Zebra
2. Tiger Parent 2 // Stampede Animal 6- Lion
3. Tiger Cub 1 (*follows the rules, is persistent that others do the same*)
4. Tiger Cub 2 (*the wanderer, curious*)
5. Tiger Cub 3 (*always ready for a vacation, likes to enjoy life*)
6. Giraffe 1
7. Giraffe 2
8. Giraffe 3*
9. Stampede Animal 1 - Elephant
10. Stampede Animal 2 - Buffalo
11. Stampede Animal 3 - Rhino
12. Stampede Animal 4 - Leopard*

Note: Kids can pick their character names!

Setting: Tanzania/Sub-Saharan Africa

DRAW A PICTURE OF YOUR CHARACTER BELOW!

SCENE 1 -- WELCOME TO SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

Setting: A gift shop

(The Tiger Family travel from India all the way to Tanzania for their annual family trip.)

SONG 1

Our Beautiful Africa

IT'S TIME FOR A VACATION
OUR FAMILY TRIP WE TAKE EACH YEAR
SOON IS OUR DESTINATION
I'M SO EXCITED TO BE HERE

BACK TO OUR NATIVE AFRICA
WHERE THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE US LIVED
BACK TO OUR BEAUTIFUL AFRICA
TO OUR BELOVED HOMELAND

BACK WHERE THE WATER TUMBLES
BACK WHERE THE MOUNTAINS TOUCH THE SKY
THERE WHERE THE LANDSCAPE RUMBLES
WHEN ELEPHANTS ARE RUNNING BY

BACK TO OUR NATIVE AFRICA
SUN, WIND AND STARS WILL GREET US THERE
BACK TO OUR BEAUTIFUL AFRICA
TO OUR BELOVED HOMELAND

BACK TO OUR NATIVE AFRICA
RUGGED AND WILD AND FIERCE AND FREE
BACK TO OUR BEAUTIFUL AFRICA
TO OUR BELOVED HOMELAND



(They arrive at the local gift shop and await DAD's arrival. They are greeted by the Stampede Animals who inhabit the land and also work at the gift shop. The kids determine what items they see in the gift shop.)

RHINO: Welcome to Tanzania, a part of Sub-Saharan Africa!

BUFFALO: (overly dramatic) Where the weather is warm, the landscape is lush, and the animals are friendly!

ELEPHANT: (nervous, spent all week learning their lines:) Feel free to uhh.. look around!
(ELEPHANT feels proud of remembering those words, smiles) But please do not... please do not... aw shucks. LINE!

ALL (STAMPEDE ANIMALS): Touch.

ELEPHANT: Yes! That's it! Please do not touch.

BABY CUBS: (admiring the chachkies and trinkets) Ooooooh!

(The Animals leave. CUB 2 sees something shiny in the corner and wanders towards it, quickly moving away from the family.)

CUB 1: (MOM is putting sunscreen on CUB 1's face and they can barely stand still from the excitement) Woo-hoo!! Family vacation time!!!!

CUB 3: (with those tanning foil looking things around the neck and sunscreen on their nose)
My favorite time of the year! (basks in the sunlight; takes a long, slurpy sip of a very cool looking Tanzanian juice box) ahhhhh!! So refreshing!

(CUB 2 reaches their paw out to touch the shiny object, but just before they do, MOM sees this and interjects.)

MOM: Ah ah ah! Not so fast, my little curious one. Make sure to stay close!

CUB 1: Plus the animals who live here specifically told us NOT TO TOUCH. At least I know how to follow rules. (rolls eyes)

(CUB 2 sticks out their tongue to mock their sibling. This makes CUB 1 upset. They bicker as siblings do.)

MOM: Now now... (the CUBS are apologetic) besides, CUB 1 is right. Those animals live here so we must abide by their rules. No touching, my sweetness.

CUB 3: (looks around) Where is dad?

CUB 1: Yeah, I thought he was meeting us here...

(DAD enters, CUB 2 is overly excited.)

DAD: Well if it isn't my three favorite baby cubs!

CUBS: DAD!!!!!!! (They embrace, MOM smiles warmly.)

DAD: I've missed you all so much!

MOM: (to DAD, with a big smile) There you are!

DAD: Now, you know I would never miss our yearly family vacation! Spending time with all of you is my favorite thing to do.

(CUB 2 holds on to DAD for a few extra seconds.)

CUB 2: I wish we could see you all the time, not just on holidays and vacations.

DAD: I know, little one. Divorce can be tough, but this is why we must make the most of our time together!

MOM: And what better way to spend it than to go to the very land where DAD grew up!

CUB 1: So this is where dad is from? It's so different from our home in Tunisia.

DAD: It is, my little cubbies! (points in one direction) I went to school over there when I was a baby cub like you. (points in another direction) That restaurant has the best Ugali and chickpea stew I've ever had!

CUB 3: Yuck...

DAD: (Points in the third and final direction, towards a cave village) And do you see those caves alllll the way over there in the distance? That is Eye of the Tiger Village. That's where I grew up!

CUB 2: (to self) Wow...

MOM: (looks at travel itinerary) Good thing we added these locations to our list of places to visit! (To dad) Dad, would you mind quickly looking over this itinerary with me? I'd like to get this party started.

DAD: Of course!

(The parents look over the travel itinerary. CUB 2, still fixated on the caves, starts to quickly wander towards them and leaves MOM and DAD behind. The parents are distracted and the other cubs run after CUB 2. CUB 3 drops the juicebox and the sunning/foil thingy during the chase.)

CUB 1 and 3: WAIT UP!!!

SCENE 2 -- LOST IN THE VILLAGE

Setting: Eye of the Tiger Village

(They end up in a cave, just the 3 Cubs. They are in Dad's old bedroom.)

CUB 3: (panting) Wow, I forgot how fast you are!

CUB 1: Why'd you take off like that?

CUB 2: (anxious, realizing they made a big mistake) ...I wanted to see where Dad grew up! It looks ancient.

(CUB 3 picks up a cassette tape.)

CUB 3: What is this thing?!

CUB 1: Oh my gosh! Mom and Dad!! We left them at the gift shop! They must be so worried!

CUB 2: Umm... (referring to cell phones) does anyone have service?

They all check their cell phones at the same time.

CUB 3. Not a single bar. Does this cave have wifi?

CUB 1: (very upset) Great. Now we're lost and we have no wifi, (to CUB 2) and it's all your fault! Thanks a lot.

(This makes CUB 2 feel very sad, starts to cry.)

CUB 3: (comforts CUB 2) Don't worry. We'll find our way out of here. Everything is going to be A-OK.

(Suddenly there is an earthquake and everything starts to shake. The door of the cave closes and traps them inside! It suddenly gets very dark. The Cubs panic!)

CUBS: Oh no!!!! We're trapped!! (Shouting) SOMEBODY HELP US!!!

SONG 2

WE'RE THROUGH

SOLO 1 - IT'S DARK

SOLO 2- IT'S SCARY
SOLO 3 - AH!! WAS THAT A BAT?
SOLO 1 - YOU NERVOUS?
SOLO 2- VERY
ALL 3 - GUESS I'M JUST A SCAREDY CAT
WE'RE LOST AND ALONE AND WE DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO
EVEN IF WE MAKE IT OUT
WE'RE THROUGH

WE'RE THROUGH, WE'RE THROUGH
MOM AND DAD WILL SEND US TO THE ZOO

WE'LL EITHER GET EATEN OR BEATEN
WE'RE THROUGH

PERHAPS WE SHOULDN'T
HAVE LEFT OUR MOM AND DAD
WE'VE LEARNED OUR LESSON
AND WE FEEL BAD
THIS CAVE IS MUSTY AND DUSTY
SOLO 3- HACHOO!
ALL 3 - WE HAVE ISSUES
SOLO 3 - AND NO TISSUES
ALL 3 - WE'RE THROUGH

WE'RE THROUGH, WE'RE THROUGH
AND NOW WE'RE IN A STEW
WE'LL EITHER GET EATEN OR BEATEN
IT BEARS REPEATIN'
WE'RE THROUGH



(The Giraffes enter.)

***NOTE: it is up to whoever is playing the giraffes to establish their relationship to one another. Are they friends? Or are they siblings, cousins, mom/dad and children, etc? We see a moment of an activity they are partaking in that clearly shows the audience what their relationship is. For example, if it's friends or siblings, maybe they are playing; for a parent/child relationship, perhaps the parent is feeding the child, etc. Again, the kids should determine this.**

GIRAFFE 2: (referencing the screaming happening from inside the cave) Do you hear that? I think it's coming from that cave.

GIRAFFE 1: Hello? Can you hear us?! Who's in there?

GIRAFFE 2: We're friendly giraffes just trying to lend a hand!

GIRAFFE 1: And a neck!

CUBS: HELP US!!

CUB 1: We are tiger cubs and the earthquake trapped us inside.

CUB 2: It's very dark and we're scared!

CUB 3: Can you help us get out?

GIRAFFE 2: What do you think we should do, _____? (Insert who they are to one another, i.e. cousin, brother, sister, mom, dad, friend, etc.)

GIRAFFE 1: Maybe we can work together and remove the roof from the cave!

GIRAFFE 2: Great idea!

GIRAFFES: One... Two... Three!

(They use their long necks to remove the roof.)

CUBS: You did it!!! (They cheer!)

CUB 1: Now we just have to find our Mom and Dad.

GIRAFFE 1: Would you like a lift? Hop on our necks, we can give you a cool view of the land.

GIRAFFE 2: Yeah! It might help you to spot your parents, Sub-Saharan Africa is quite large...

CUB 2: Could you?! Thank you! That would be so kind!

GIRAFFE 1: Hakuna Shida! (pronounced "she-duh" with "duh" as a shwa)

GIRAFFE 2: That means "no problem" in Swahili, our native tongue.

SCENE 3 -- THE REHEARSAL THAT GOT INTERRUPTED

Setting: Tanzanian Plains

(All the animals gather on the plains to rehearse for an upcoming gig.)

BUFFALO: "To be, or not to be: that is the question."

RHINO: "Make sure to take your probiotics, perfect for digestion."

LEOPARD: "Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?"

ZEBRA: "What would you like for dinner? My vote's for fish fillet."

LION: "Uneasy lies the head, the one that wears the crown."

ELEPHANT: (still nervous) "We're here to make you laugh and hope to never see you... (forgets the line) and hope to never see you... ay-yi-yi. LINE!"

ALL: Frown.

ELEPHANT: Ah, yes! (Picks up from there they left off) "We're here to make you laugh and hope to never see you frown."

LEOPARD: "Zebras, Lions, Elephants, lend us your ears."

"Our day job's at the gift shop, come buy some souvenirs!"

BUFFALO: And scene!

ZEBRA: I thought that was pretty good!

LION: Yup! I think we're in great shape.

ELEPHANT: I'm a big ball of nerves, this is my first show!

RHINO: (To ELEPHANT) And you will be wonderful! (To ALL) Alright everyone, let's take five.

ALL: Thank you, five!

BUFFALO: Whoa, whoa, whoa... we don't have time for a break, we have to rehearse. Our gig is at *THE* Kilimanjaro Theater, this is the big time!

ZEBRA: BUFFALO is right, we need to prepare.

ALL: (*disappointed and kind of hungry*) ...OK.

BUFFALO: Great! Let's take it from the top of scene two.

(*The Animals hear a twig snap, and they freeze.*)

LEOPARD: Don't move. You all heard that, right?

LION: I smell humans. Someone's here.

RHINO: Um.. could that be them? Those people with spears and arrows who look like they're about to hunt us?

ELEPHANT: Looks like it.

ALL: RUN!!!!

SCENE 4: THE MASTER PLAN

Setting: Eye of the Tiger Village

(The Cubs hop on and elevate to the skies, they are amongst the clouds. CUB 1 and CUB 2 actively search for the gift shop, while CUB 3 relaxes and takes it easy. It is a vacation, after all.)

CUB 3: (Puts on sunglasses) The view up here is spectacular!

CUB 2: Look! There's the gift shop!

CUB 1: What are those animals doing? Are they... dancing?

GIRAFFE 2: Uh oh.. I think it's a...

GIRAFFES: STAMPEDE!!!!

(The animals are frenzied!)

SONG 3

RUN, RUN, RUN!

ANIMALS - RUN, RUN, RUN, RUN



RUN WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT!
RUN, RUN, RUN
TIL THE DANGER'S OUT OF SIGHT
FOLLOW, FOLLOW
WHERE WE DO NOT KNOW
FOLLOW, FOLLOW
WE'RE JUST ON THE GO
DON'T SLOW DOWN
JUST RUN, RUN, RUN!

THE HUMANS, WITH THEIR ARROWS AND SPEARS
BRING ONLY SORROW AND TEARS
BUT WE'LL OUTSMART THEM
RUNNING OUR FEARS AWAY
WE RUN!

RUN, RUN, RUN, RUN
RUN WITH ALL YOUR SPEED!
RUN, RUN, RUN, RUN
FROM THE HUMAN'S GREED
FOLLOW, FOLLOW
WHERE WE DO NOT KNOW
FOLLOW, FOLLOW
WE'RE JUST ON THE GO
DON'T SLOW DOWN
JUST RUN, RUN...

SOLO - WHY ARE WE RUNNING?

OTHERS -JUST RUN, RUN...

SOLO - DON'T LOOK BACK

OTHERS -JUST RUN, RUN, RUN!

GIRAFFE 1: They look angry... and they're coming this way.

CUB 1: (to CUB 2, seething) We wouldn't be in this predicament if it wasn't for you!

(This makes CUB 2 feel guilty.)

CUB 3: Can we please focus on being nicer to each other and working together to find a way out of this? No need for all the blaming, sis (or bro)!

CUB 2: (determined to come up with a solution) Hmm.. maybe we can run, or hide?

GIRAFFE 1: I don't think that's going to work. They will outrun you.

GIRAFFE 2: And crush you. Plus, it's better to face your problems head on.

(Cub 2 thinks quietly for a few seconds...)

CUB 2: I know! What if we join them instead. Maybe they will let us ride them, and they can bring us back to Mom and Dad?

CUB 1: I'll admit, that is a half decent idea. OK let's do it.

CUBS AND GIRAFFES: Deal!

SCENE 5 -- THE REUNION (Part 1)

Setting: Eye of the Tiger Village; the gift shop

GIRAFFE 2: Do you see the animals?

CUB 1: Yup, they're getting closer...

CUB 3: And It looks like they are heading towards the gift shop!

CUB 2: Even better! Ok, is everyone ready to jump?

GIRAFFE 1: You should ask them first. It's the polite thing to do.

CUB 2: You're right! (*Asks animals*) Hey everyone!! You mind if we hop on?

ANIMALS: No problem! But ya gotta be quick, danger's lurking!

CUB 3: You herd em. Pun intended.

CUB 2: On 3.

ALL: 1... 2... 3!

SONG 4

RUN RUN RUN (REPRISE)

ANIMALS -

RUN, RUN, RUN, RUN
RUN WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT!
RUN, RUN, RUN
TIL THE DANGER'S OUT OF SIGHT
FOLLOW, FOLLOW
WHERE WE DO NOT KNOW
FOLLOW, FOLLOW
WE'RE JUST ON THE GO
DON'T SLOW DOWN
JUST RUN, RUN, RUN!



(They jump and land on the Animals, and they ride through plains, grasslands, mountains and waterfalls. When they arrive at the gift shop, they jump off and let the Animals and Giraffes know how much their help was appreciated.)

CUBS: (To Animals) Thank you!!!

SCENE 5 -- THE REUNION (Part 2)

(MOM and DAD enter.)

MOM: Cubbies!!!

DAD: Thank goodness that you are safe! Where were you?

CUB 1: Well let's see... we were caught in an earthquake, trapped in a cave...

(MOM and DAD are horrified.)

CUB 3: But these cool Giraffe's gave us a sky high view *and* we got a five-star Lyft from the Animals. Best vacation ever!

(CUB 2 is silently sulking.)

DAD: (to CUB 2) How are you feeling, little one?

CUB 2: Not great. I wanted to see what your cave looked like and I left the group. It was all my fault that we got in this mess to begin with. I feel guilty and sad about putting my siblings in danger...

CUB 3: I hear you. Your feelings are valid.

CUB 1: But we are fine! And, you ended up saving the day... remember? You came up with a master plan to get us back to the fam. I'm impressed! You definitely earned your stripes, kid.

(Cub 2 instantly feels better.)

CUB 2: Thanks!

MOM: Well, I'm just happy that we are together again.

DAD: And I bet you tiger cubs are hungry! We have some Mandazi for you!
(Mandazi = doughnuts.)

(We hear stomachs rumble, followed by reactions of embarrassment, laughter, etc. The CUBS cheer and eat the yummy fried snacks!)

MOM: How is your Mandazi?

CUBS: They're greeeeaaaatt! (shoutout to Tony The Tiger)

It's ok to feel your feelings.

SONG 5

BEAUTIFUL AFRICA (REPRISE)

WE LOVE OUR NATIVE AFRICA
RUGGED AND WILD AND FIERCE AND FREE
WE LOVE OUR BEAUTIFUL AFRICA
OUR TRUE BELOVED HOMELAND
OUR TRUE BELOVED HOMELAND
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THE END!