THE OPENING BEGINS IN DARKNESS.

Large clouds swarm over Mountains, moving as if they were alive.

A cricket sits on a blade of grass. As the scene pans out, we see a gorgeous huge grassy plain. Butterflies enter the frame and carry into the sky, exposing a tribe of goats. There, the Goats are scattered round a large tree.

A Kid(infant goat) is eating grass, chewing, expressing boredom. The Kid takes a look at the other goats, they were busy eating and gossiping. The kid gets really curious and decides to go peek over the edge of the mountain. He sneaks away, very cartoon like. At the edge, the kid looks up and sees bright thunders and lighting flashing at the top of the mountain, he gulps. The Kid looks down and sees the huge horizon below and gets double visioned, he gulps again. The scene pans over the kid's shoulder and displays the Himalayas.

Reveal Main title: A Father's Stripes

## EXT. THE HIMALAYAS-DAY

The sun shines high over the mountains, permeating over the windy trees. The rivers split the mountains. Schools of fish are jumping out of the water to go up and down the streams.

A bear's paw snatches one of the fish. The bear looks up, the sun's light blinds the frame. A silhouette of another fish jumps into the frame and it drops back into the water.

## EXT. THE HIMALAYAS-UNDERWATER-DAY

The Fish, a Mahseer, (the silhouette) joins a school of Mahseers and others as it crashes in the water. The same Mahseer continues to swim down the stream. We see different types of fish swimming in the same direction. The sun light cascading the river. The Mahseer does multiple leaps out of the water. With every leap, we see different parts of the Himalayas; we see animals like a herd of Musks deer running, wolves chasing a tribe of Tahrs sheep. Packs of Asian black bears are scratching their backs against trees. Gray and Golden Langurs (monkeys) swinging and hanging in bamboos.

# EXT.UNDERWATER-DAY

The Mahseer dodges Pebbles, flowers and branches, as it heads for a waterfall. As the Mahseer reaches the drop point of the waterfall, it makes a final leap.

As the Mahseer is in mid air, something crashes against it. The Mahseer and the object crashes into the bottom of the waterfall. The Mahseer wiggles off the object. The object floats up, it reveals to be a tiger cub, unconscious floating on a piece of wood.

EXT. KING'S RIVER-DAY-SOME TIMES LATER

Cricket noises in the background.

The tiger Cub is unconscious, floating down the river on a piece of wood.

We see moving bushes off in the distance. Two voices are heard having an argument.

VOICE #1 (O.S.)

I'm telling you, you're one chromosome shy of being a sheep! There doesn't seem to be much going on up there!

VOICE#2 (O.S.)

Ha-ha, very funny. I guess that
mouth is good for more than eating
Junk!

VOICE #1 (O.S.)

Well this mouth needs a drink, and I think the river is this way.

VOICE#2 (O.S.)

Hope you're right, I'm tired of all this walking!

VOICE #1 (0.S.)

And I'm tired of chasing you! And! This dirty mouth is trying to keep you from doing something stupid, like getting yourself killed!

They are; GRIFF, a middle aged, mid-life crisis, Himalayan Griffon Vulture. He likes to talk, alot. Griff Knows more than he lets on(voice #1) and TAK; a Tahr and Takin Goat who is a rebellious drama queen, trying to prove he's all grown-up and can handle big responsibilities(voice #2).

GRIFF

Tak, when are you gonna realize, you can't just run away because of your daddy issues. Seriously, you wouldn't survive out here, your dad knows this.

(MORE)

GRIFF (CONT'D)

I mean, I'm looking at you right now and I gotta tell you, you look good, like deliciously good. When I found you, I was expecting to do a Post Mortem!

TAK

Are you saying you want to eat me?!

GRIFF

The thought crossed my mind, but that's a bridge too far to even think about crossing huh?

TAK

Mmmmm, I wonder about you Griff

GRIFF

What's to wonder? I am a friend who's willing to do the hardest thing!

TAK

Which is?!

GRIFF

(whispers in Tak's Ears)
To eat a dead friend in the darkest
of times. I promise, I'll be
gentle!

Tak stares frozen shock, trying to say something.

GRIFF (CONT'D)

What?! For crying out loud, the last part was a joke, you're not gonna tell your dad are you! I'll deny it, with your track record, it'll be easy! Sheesh kids be "all in dem feels" these days!

Tak grabs Griff by the beak, and turns his head around. They scream and run around in circles. They then hide behind some bushes and stared the face of evil, the unconscious tiger cub.

GRIFF (CONT'D)

How long?

TAK

What?!

GRIFF

Shh, how long was I looking like a complete Idiot! I mean of all the things!

(MORE)

GRIFF (CONT'D)

While I was giving you some shpeel about friendships! I could have been the meal! Oh sweet Shiva!

TAK

I knew you were lying!

GRIFF

I'm here to get your butt back to your dad, this is no time to be pointing Horns!

TAK

Or dirty beaks!

GRIFF

Touche! No pointing in any form! Got it?! Not until we figure out what's going on here!

TAK

It looks like it's asleep, it's
kinda cute!

GRIFF

Yeah, it's taking a nice nap while tanning by the water. That's not the Point!

TAK

What's the point? And you're the one Yelling?

GRIFF

Tak, haven't you noticed that The little thing is too small to be alone, roaming about, taking naps while tanning! Out in the Open!

TAK

What are you getting at?!

GRIFF

On it's own, it's out, in the open, how do you not get this?

TAK

Well, how else would he Tan, he's brown all around!

(shocked)

I can only assume that the mother has not crossed your mind, since I'm the only one here who seems to be scared for his life! And who's grasped the gravity of this situation!

TAK

(fear)

I don't wanna die! I am too handsome too die! I haven't had my horns rubbed in yet! Why me?!

GRIFF

Will you be quiet! It won't be hard for her to find us. She's built for that sort of thing. She doesn't need any help from us!

Some minutes pass, everyone is calm.

GRIFF (CONT'D)

So here's what we're gonna do; you're going to go over there, and check to see if it's still alive, or, my next meal

As Griff and Tak argue, the current begins to sweep the cub away, they didn't notice.

TAK

What will you be doing while I am out there risking my coat? Shouldn't we be running and flying off?

GRIFF

This is no time to debate! If I go there It's going to be a bite first, ask questions later. Our kind is not good with that sorta thing, very passive aggressive I know! We're working on it, slowly but surely!

TAK

With you, it's hard to tell which end is talking!

GRIFF

(grabs Tak)
Oh is that so?!

TAK

Ohh here goes that breath! See it's not your attitude that's between us, oh no. It's that involuntary Co2 you're Making! Coming out the wrong end!, Oh that's right I went there!

GRIFF

That's a personal problem! Never Trust goats with your problems!

As Griff is yelling. Tak notices that the current is moving the tiger cubs body slowly.

TAK

(taps on Griff's shoulder)

Grr, Griff

GRIFF

Ohhhh no! Save it for when we're all together. I would like to hear what your father has to say about this level of disrespect, to an elder mind you! Violating Griffon-Goat confidentiality is a crime against nature!

The cub's unconscious cub began slipping way with every seconds. Tak bolts out of the bushes. The cub's body slipped off the piece of wood and Tak managed to grab him right before the cub slipped too far.

TAK

(mouthful)

Not so fast!

Tak drags the cub slowly out of the river. Griff comes out of the bush screaming like a wild turkey.

GRIFF

Don't you dare runaway from me, and earn my respect at the same time! If it wasn't for you, I would have flown half way around the world by now, safe in a nest sipping on coconuts!

TAK

I can't believe I just did that!

Griff is rambling on about something in the background.

TAK (CONT'D)

I really did it! Now remind me again why?!

GRIFF

We never discussed it! You ran off!

TAK

So, you don't know? I mean, I know you'll eat anything?

GRIFF

(sigh)

If the kid came down the river that means it's owner is somewhere up the mountains. This is the king's River. All we gotta do is figure out which mountains, bring it back and we'll have the big one on our good side, we can go, eat anything we want!

GRIFF (CONT'D)

Oh yeah, I gotta take you back to pops too, can't for get that!

TAK

I don't know Griff. What makes you think you can trust the big one? If we were just freaking out about a small passed out one?!

GRIFF

Listen, Tak, I bet you, whoever lost this kid is freaking out right now. I've had my share of experiences with them, They can surprise you, when they're not trying to kill you.

GRIFF (CONT'D)

You did a good thing here Tak, if you hadn't caught him, he would have ended past the King's river, in the Beyond, an nobody goes there for scary reasons.

GRIFF (CONT'D)

I have someone who can help us out with this. I am sure he'll find this very interesting.

While Griff Looks away, Tak pokes the unconscious cub with a stick like it's a dead body.

GRIFF (CONT'D)

This can't be a coincidence, We need to speak with him, Something is wrong here Tak, I can feel it!

Tak hits the cub in the head, it wakes up, then tak hits it again, it passed out.

TAK

Griff, it definitely ain't no meal!
It's waken up!

Griffs runs to check.

GRIFF

I never said it was a meal!

TAK

Yeh yeh, someone is having second thoughts, just incase he ain't so friendly.

GRIFF

Well, let's find out!

The cub squirms around trying to wake up. They stare at it, and they accidentally look at each other and had a moment, they look away.

TAK

(clears throat)
I'll go first, hi my-

GRIFF

(shakes the cub)
Hey kid wake up! We need answers!

CUB

Huh? Who?

TAK

Nice nest side manners, you wonder I'm your only friend

GRIFF

I've got plenty, as a matter of fact, he sort of run things around here.

TAK

I'd love to see how you're gonna convince anyone to help us. "He's cute with fangs, and claws", you can't trust those kinds of combination!

Tak, something is seriously wrong here, I need to go find him, don't worry, I'll be back soon.

Griffs starts to flap his wings and hovers in mid air.

TAK

Don't you leave me here Griff! This was your idea!

GRIFF

(hovers)

There's nothing to worry about! I'll be back before he can come to his senses, just watch him while I get some help!

TAK

And what if he decides to eat me Griff?!

GRIFF

Well, just tell him to save me some left overs!

TAK

That's not funny GRIIIF!

EXT- SKY-DAY-TIME LAPSE

Griff hits his face through montage of obstacles before he realized it's smarter to fly higher to avoid getting beatin by mother nature.

GRIFF

(rubs head)

Oh boy, I think I've been spending too much time with Tak!

EXT. KING'S SWAMP, SUNSET

Griff rest on a tree branch. Mists flows slowly over the swamp water. Area is dark green thick with branches and vines, He Looks around. An alligator, from the back of its scale, sinks in the swamp water. Griff just got the chills.

GRIFF

Eww, love what you've done with the place, bachelor life must be tough.

Griff flies to the ground and inspects the swamp, until he heard a noise that scared him, he flew to a tree to hide.

GRIFF (CONT'D)

Get a hold of yourself Griff, you know this!

He hears a noise off the distance sounded like a Growl. This one he recognized.

GRIFF (CONT'D)

I was wondering when you'd show up!

Griff flies through a tunnel of trees towards the sound.

EXT. KING'S SWAMP, SUNSET

Griff sits on a tree branch. He stares at his friend who walks in from a high cliff that faces the branch. Enter to reveal:

NAFU, king of the Rivers and Swamps.

Nafu stands strong; proud, emotionally distant, majestic and wise with a sense of humor. He is a strong large built Tiger. You never feel threaten around him, unless he wanted you to.

GRIFF

You look a little bigger than usual, thought you lost your appetite?

NAFU

(Lays down)

Are you here to help? You don't look like you've ever missed a meal either

Nafu begins to play with a piece of rock in between his paws(fingers).

NAFU (CONT'D)

With my returned appetite, I have been in the mood for birds

GRIFF

You didn't eat me then, you're not going eat me now, and I assure you, this bird will be safe from all of your future potential relapse!

NAFU

(laughs)

Is that so?

NAFU (CONT'D)

I definitely couldn't eat you! Plus the after taste, I wouldn't be able to handle it!

Griff flies to the cliff, grabs Nafu by the collar.

GRIFF

So this is the thanks I get for trying to raise you right?! Step dads, we get no trophies!

NAFU

Okay, okay, I'll try to remember that during my potential future relapses!

GRIFF

(Pats Nafu on the cheeks twice)

That's all I ask

NAFU

So what's up, I haven't seen you in a while, why the visit?

Griff relaxes his shoulder, sits back on a nearby rock.

GRIFF

So, how is it being king? I missed out on the inauguration, sorry about that.

NAFU

Not easy when those you protect are disappearing.

GRIFF

Well, that's why I'm here, I think I found something that might help get you some information on that!

NAFU

What exactly?

GRIFF

Well Tak and I were stopping for a drink.

NAFU

Tak Who?

Well the Great ILAhKI is not only the Guardian of all the Mountains, , but he's also a Dada, imagine that?!

NAFU

Sorry, I can't

GRIFF

Right, forgot

GRIFF (CONT'D)

Any who, we found this thing

NAFU

(confused)

I can't help you if you can't tell me what this is about.

GRIFF

We found a cub, except it's not just any Cub he's kind of cute and it's not just any cub, did I say that already? I went to take a good look and I was like; I thought I saw pussy cat, then yep, I did, I did see pussy cat!

Silence filled the air. Grif was nervous for the first time.

NAFU

Sorry, can't help you, I'm busy looking for those that are actually missing, not replacements.

Nafu walks to a Cave that was hidden deep on the cliff.

GRIFF

I knew you'd say that

NAFU (O.S.)

And I am not changing my mind, so you can forget it.

Griff walks towards the cave, pauses at the door. He looks back at the sky, rain is coming.

GRIFF

If this has anything to do with your people and others going missing, then you will

GRIFF (CONT'D)

I'm sorry Tak, just hang in there, I'll be back as soon as I can

Griff turns and faces the cave, thunder lightning Flashes.

GRIFF (CONT'D)

Well, they're dead

Griff enters the cave.

#### EXT. KING'S RIVER-THUNDERSTORM-NIGHT

Tak and the unconscious cub are drenched wet. Tak looks around notices a small cave by the river. He drags the cub there. The cub starts to wake up again, Tak thumps it in the head again with his hoof, the cub passes out. It was effective.

TAK

(crying)

I cannot believe that featherwannabe-guru left me behind. "I'll be right baaack".Last time I volunteer to be a full coarse meal! I'll have him explain to my dad why he left me to Dieee!

## INT. KING'S RIVER-CAVE-NIGHT

Fireflies light the roof the cave, Tak rest the cub on a patch of grass, falls on his back. He sees a higher edge that looks like a balcony.

TAK

(out of breath)

I get the top bunk! I always wanted the top bunk, hey kid, you don't mind right? Oh, I'm gonna die!

## INT. KING'S RIVER-CAVE-MORNING

The sound of crickets filled the air. Small beams of sunlight shines through the cave. Tak is bothered by the light, he turns his body away. Tak has a tendency to sleep talk.

TAK

(in his sleep)

Yeah, check these horns, oh be careful, they special, they special, especially when you...

As Tak is talking in his sleep, the dream was short lived.

CUB (O.S.)

Is someone there?

Tak springs his red veiny eyes open. He did not respond or move, he just looked around.

CUB (O.S.) (CONT'D)

Please, If someone's there, my mom and I were attacked, it all happened so fast. Now I don't know where I am.

Tak crawls on his stomach and peaks down from the ledge.

Reveal: Prince AHMYOH, the mystery tiger cub who is brave at the face of danger, likes to ask alot of questions. Being a kid, makes him easily impressionable.

ПΔК

What's your name kid?

HOYMHA

Someone is here!, Please, I need to get back to my mom, we were on our way up the mountains to see someone.

TAK

Slow down kid, your mouth is moving faster than your brain! I'm guessing you're not a morning person. Let's start with a name, I'm Tak

HOYMHA

I'm Ahmyoh.

TAK

I'd say it's nice to meet you, but it hasn't been all that nice, I'm cold, I'm hungry, and...

Ahmyoh's stomachs growls interrupts Tak.

TAK (CONT'D)

And THAT is why I am, up here!

**AHMYOH** 

(rubs head)

Ouch!, My head feels like it was kicked by a rock!

TAK

(guilty)

Oh is that so?, You should be more careful

TAK (CONT'D)

I'd I love to help, but I need to be sure I can trust you, since you consider me a delicacy and all. I don't blame you though, I'd eat me too!

Ahmyoh laughs.

TAK (CONT'D)

That's better, see! Now that smile, even with those scary sharp teeth!, Let's me know, we can be friends!

HOYMHA

How did you get up there anyway? I don't see any path.

Tak takes a silly karate stance.

TAK

Ohhh.so you wanna know about my super awesome hooves of levitation!

Tak hops down on very small ledges in a zig zag form, to meet Ahmyoh.

HOYMHA

Woooow! That, that was amazing! It was like you were floating in mid Air!

TAK

(bowing)

Thank you, thank you

HOYMHA

Can you teach me how to do that?!

TAK

Sure, why not kid, first, let's get you back, make sure your mom is okay. We'll take floating lessons After!

HOYMHA

Okay

TAK

So, you said something about going up the mountains?

AHMYOH

Yeah, it's where we were going when we were attacked

TAK

Do you remember what attacked you guys?

Ahmyoh has flashes of his mom. She Pushes Ahmyoh down a waterfall.

HOYMHA

It all happened so fast, there were so many, it had to be the wolves.

TAK

Those guys are scary! So many!

HOYMHA

They never liked my mom, so they attacked us, that has to be it!

TAK

Well, you're safe here. It just so happens that I know the Mountains like the back of my hooves, so you're lucky.

HOYMHA

You're going to help me?! Thanks!

TAK

No Problem, we're pals now. My friend Griff, he's the crazy bird who went to get help, as soon as he is back, we will head out!

**AHMYOH** 

Awesome! We have to go to a place call Destiny!

TAK

Aww man, I just left that place! Well alright, Griff and I were heading there anyway.

Ahmyoh walks around Tak.

TAK (CONT'D)

(chuckle)

Stop that, you making me nervous

As they are about to head out of the cave, Tak hears a recognizable voice.

GRIFF (O.S.)

I swear, they were right here!, I told him to stay put.
(MORE)

GRIFF (O.S.) (CONT'D)

When I get my hands on that oversize bunny!, I'm gonna take those horns of his and shove em...

TAK

Griiiff!

GRIFF (O.S.)

(lady's voice)

Tak?! Where the heck are you! I've brought the cavalier!

Tak and Ahmyoh race each other outside of the cave, Tak exit first.

EXT. KING'S RIVER-CAVE-MORNING

(Slow motion ) Ahmyoh comes running out, Tak tries to run back to the cave after being scared by Nafu. Ahmoyh bumps into Nafu, Griff is holding on to Tak's tail to keep him from running away. Ahmyoh runs and hide in some nearby bushes.

EXT. KING'S RIVER-CAVE-MORNING-SOME TIMES LATER

Nafu, Griff and Tak in the distance chatting up, while Ahmyoh hides in the bushes.

TAK (AT GRIFF)

So, You decide to bring a bigger one, great! Here I thought I was the weirdest friend you had!

Griff elbows tak in the stomach.

GRIFF

Shut it will ya, let's leave it to em to get know each other! This is getting weird enough with these two!

Griff and Tak start to slowly back away.

GRIFF (CONT'D)

(at Nafu)

We'll let you guys have some privacy huh, well be over here, I'll fill Tak in on the Plan. I wanted to make a proper introduction, but what are you going to do?

NAFU

You didn't mention his color

Yellow, white, brown what's the difference?! You all look alike, growl alike

TAK

Even Eat alike too!

NAFU

I'd say you guys still breathing is a testament to my diet.

GRIFF

Great, great! Let's make sure that this diet stays tiger cub free okay buddy!

TAK

Make that goats too! You sure we can talk to him like this? I need to know this now!

GRIFF

We? Just kidding, we're fine, he looks up to me

TAK

Riiiight!

NAFU

We don't have time to baby-sit, just remember the Deal Griff, no empty leads.

GRIFF

Of Corse, soon as the kid gets his reunion, you'll get your information! We'll stop by to see Tak's old man, I scrath your back, and, huh, you potential kill me by scratching mines. I'd say that's a win win huh?

TAK

Let's go in the cave before you give you him any more meal plans?

Griff and Tak walk inside cave. Nafu tries to talk to Ahmyoh.

NAFU (AT AHMYOH)

It must have been difficult for your mom to protect you, wolves can smell you a mile away!

NAFU (CONT'D)

This isn't working, I am King Nafu, those guys found you in my kingdom, normally I would be aware, but I am sure you noticed alot of my locals are missing.

Ahmyoh exits the bushes, and slowly approaches Nafu.

HOYMHA

You're not very good at this! You sound like a jerk.

NAFU

This isn't something I'm supposed to be good at kid, what am I good at would scare you. Fortunately for you, that's why I'm here!

Ahmyoh smiles a little.

NAFU (CONT'D)

Let's not make this weird, So why don't you start telling me the last thing you remember and well go from there

Ahmoyh has the same flashback of his mom.

NAFU (CONT'D)

Well, do you remember anything important? Now is the time

**AHMYOH** 

My mom is queen of the Jungles near the mountains. She noticed that the locals started to disappear and she got scared.

NAFU

A tiger has managed to reclaim the Jungles over the wolves, I'd love to see their faces. That makes you Royalty, I never met a prince, I can scratch this off the bucket list

**AHMYOH** 

She fought them all the time, sometimes she'd be gone for days. When she finally became queen, things weren't good.

(MORE)

AHMYOH (CONT'D)

The kingdom was practically empty, almost everyone was gone.

NAFU

Did your mom know what happened to them?

HOYMHA

No, but she said there was someone, at the top of mountain Destiny called the Wise one. He was going to help us

NAFU

Wise one huh? Well, you call him Ilahki, He's the Guardian of all the Mountains

NAFU (CONT'D)

(to himself)

So Tak's dad knows something, looks like things are getting interesting.

NAFU (AT GRIFF AND TAK) (CONT'D) Well, did you guys catch all that, our trip just became more fun!

Griff and Tak comes out of some bushes that they were hiding.

GRIFF

That nose!, It never fails, this is why I don't throw you surprise parties, you spoil everything!

ТΔК

Why don't you ever come to mines?!

GRIFF

Let's not do this!

NAFU

Hey Tak, did your dad ever mention meeting any of this, his mom?

TAK

I sort of ran away from home, found a place and live, until Griff found me, saying Dad needs to see me. But I'm like, I am grown, you know what I mean, yeah you know

NAFU

No, I don't, so if you don't mind, we're planning on asking some questions on your family reunion.

TAK

Fine by me, I got some stuff that I need to get off my chest too!

NAFU

Yours can wait, in the mean time, let's head out, we have a long journey ahead of us.

GRIFF

Alright, let the journey begin!

TAK

My hooves are still killing me!

Nafu walks ahead through some bushes, Ahmyoh noticed something odd about his stripes, he wanted ask but Griff stopped him.

GRIFF

Best we do what the King Sais, stick with me and Tak! Don't worry he'll warm up in no time, we're the best pals! I know this!

TAK

Yeah kid, stick with us, we'll make sure he gets you, to your mommy!

TAK (CONT'D)

(karate stance)

Or he'll have to face these sweet hooves ,remember these kid?!

NAFU (O.S.)

These bushes are very thin!

TAK

Maybe it be best, if I was in the back of the line!

GRIFF

HOYMHA

Agreed

Agreed

AHMYOH (CONT'D)

Hey Griff, is something wrong with nafus stripes?, It looks like some are disappearing.

In all the years, he never talks about them, I'm not sure kid, said it was personal, he said it to me! Of all birds!

GRIFF (CONT'D)

Whatever it is, it seems hard on him, but let's move. We don't want to keep him waiting. I'll tell you all about how I rescued the King Nafu, back then he was just a kid, like you!

TAK

If you two are done, I'd like to stay on his good side, please!

GRIFF

(walking off)

Aright, let's move! So kid, it all started on day like today, I was flying around looking for dead meats. You see I was what you'd call a loner back then, well, I was flying around, boom, who do I find passed out?!

(voice fades)

## EXT. BAMBOO FOREST-DAY-SOME TIMES LATER

Nafu and the Gang are walking between endless rows of bamboos. Fog spreads all over the bamboo trees. He notices, there are no sound of birds or any other animals around this area.

GRIFF (AT AHMYOH)

Like I told you kid, nobody knows too much about you guys, especially Kings, you guys have the whole solo machismo thing worked out!

**AHMYOH** 

So, I'm meant to be alone?!

GRIFF

Whoa kid!, Slow down, one depressing question at a time!

TAK (0.S.)

Booo!

Before you start coughing up hair balls, what I mean to say is, life is not as simple as you think. When I found him, his mother had already moved on

AHMYOH

So everyone thinks she left?

GRIFF

They all do, even mines, it's part of how things work, believe it or not kid, things have a way of making sure we're ready.

GRIFF (CONT'D)

But, he wasn't ready, and he looked for her, nothing.

**AHMYOH** 

Why wasn't he ready

GRIFF

I'm not sure kid, even after he became king, his people thought their king had gone mad, He hardly left his cave.

GRIFF (CONT'D)

Luckily I was there, or else he'd gone crazy or dead, probably eat everyone. Maybe that's what happen to everyone huh?

AHMYOH

Do you think my mom is waiting for me?

GRIFF

We'll find her, and in the mean time, we'll look out for you! And this time it'll be different!

TAK

I don't think you should be setting his hopes up Griff, Not even Guardians came out to help!

Those good for nothings!
They're never around when you need them, only in time of certain death, whole new meaning to being fashionably late!

**AHMYOH** 

Guardians?

GRIFF

Short version is kid, they are the chosen Animals who watches over and guide us in times of crisis. They're such a mystery, no one knows how many exists.

HOYMHA

Soo, they're not real?

GRIFF

Oh they're real alright, They just don't care enough to show up. The part about keepin us safe and balanced, that I ain't buying

TAK

It just so happens Guardians runs in my family, one of the reasons I didn't want to go back, tough job.

GRIFF

Yeah, yeah, Believe me kid, if I were you, I wouldn't put my eggs in one basket for these guys, you'll just end up hurt

The thick fog moves around the bamboo trees, swallowing some branches under the thickness. Langur monkeys swings by and startled them, not nafu.

TAK

Anybody else notice the excess amount of fog around here, I mean, it's not just foggy, it's Foggy Foggy!

NAFU

(looking around)

Hey, everybody stay close, the Fog is getting worse

AHMYOH

Griff, I can't see, what's going
on?

I'm not too sure kid, best we stay close to the big fellah

TAK

(whisper )

Griff, I'm scared, I don't wanna die, I didn't even grow my horns all the way in yet, I didn't even settle down yeeet!

GRIFF

(whisper)

It's gonna be find Tak, just shut it, I'm working on a plan B that may involve us tailing it out of here! The Cats can take care of themselves

NAFU

Guys, we're not alone

The Fog gets so thick that everyone had to stop walking to look around.

VOICE (O.S.)

My my, here I thought I was being quite the sneaky little thing, how I hate to be an uninvited guess. Especially with our poor reputation.

The fog looms around the bamboos, A figure starts to take shape amongst the fog.

Reveal: THE RED PANDA. A new Guardian on the block with his own way of running things; Cunning, devil's advocate, will do what ever it takes to support natures agenda, his origin is a mystery.

THE RED PANDA

Please don't mind me, I'm just a spectator, I don't like to get involved in inevitable situations. Too depressing, what's there to look forward to really?

TAK

(whisper)

I don't think this is just a regular Fog, I'm seeing things, and I'm getting really hungry!

So we're all going crazy at the same time! Great!

NAFU

No, you guys are not going crazy, I see him too, it looks like we have guess

THE RED PANDA (moves around bamboo slowly)

Sorry, I couldn't help but overhear your conversations about us no good guardians. Well, it was absolutely dreadful!

NAFU (AT THE RED PANDA) My friend has a big dirty mouth, runs in the family, sure you know that already!

GRIFF (AT THE RED PANDA)
You must be new, well your old pals
didn't leave you behind a great
Reputation, sorry you're disappointed!

NAFU

Again, what my friend meant to say was that, no one has seen another Guardian in a very long time, besides the old geezer goat. We were just wondering, why the sudden visit?

THE RED PANDA

HIM! He hasn't done much to help with the immediate Crisis, so much so, I have been given the opportunity to change management!

NAFU

Everybody's a critic

THE RED PANDA

The confidence we have behind safe walls. Better be careful my friends, one never knows who can be outside these walls, waiting, for these walls to fall!

GRIFF

Thank you for that wonderful, yet very threatening, very, very threatening advice.

THE RED PAND

And who are the rest of the party?, They have been awfully quiet, I can understand, I can be overwhelming!

Nafu stops them from talking.

TAK (AT NAFU)

Are you lonely and Nuts! This is a guardian, We can't just ignore him! Who knows what he'll do. Did any body else see him appear from the fog?! That is top notch "don't mess me" spooky!

NAFU (AT TAK)

Guardians are forbidden to directly harm those that are part of forest and mountains. Still, this meeting isn't an accident

TAK (AT NAFU)

So why ask us who we are, if he already knows?

GRIFF (AT TAK)

(grabs Tak)

He's toying with us, you mindless Sheep!

NAFU

I would have put it nicer, but yes, griff is right.

**AHMYOH** 

Maybe he wants to help us!

NAFU

I don't think he's going to help us out

GRIFF

Well then, let's tail it, I'm starting to lose feathers in all the wrong places

NAFU

Not so fast, they have other ways of making themselves dangerous! This conversation isn't over

THE RED PANDA (AT NAFU)
Oh dear!, What wonderful use of
information you have stored in that
big furry little head of yours.

(MORE)

THE RED PANDA (AT NAFU) (CONT'D) Now how exactly did you come across such a secret?!

NAFU

I'm a king, You'd be surprise how much you can learn to pick up the truth, once you stop eating everyone. Maybe it's a cat thing

THE RED PANDA
Oh I'm sure it's all you!

THE RED PANDA (CONT'D) Since we are dishing out dirty little secrets, I think it's my turn to help someone get the cat out of the bag.

THE RED PANDA (CONT'D) You speak of truth, yet it is the very thing that is being hidden amongst you as we peak.

THE RED PANDA (CONT'D)
Lies hold you strong together,
makes the whooole world go round.
Yet. With a single utter of the
truth, You all would crumble and
would cease to be nothing more than
what you already are, nothing

AHMYOH (AT NAFU) What does he mean Nafu? Are we going to be okay, are we going to be able to see my mom?

NAFU

Don't listen to him, he's just trying to scare us, he knows he can't hurt us!

THE RED PANDA Well, that maybe true, but I'm just here to say hi to the gang and wish you all luck on your journey

NAFU So you do know?

THE RED PANDA

Listen Close, All of you, What you are attempting to do will have major consequences, unlike any you have ever seen! Empty promises will not stop from what's to come!

The red panda's turns into fog, and the fog cleared up. Nafu and the Gang stand confused silence. Well, so much for the silence part.

TAK

What, was, that?!

GRIFF

That! Was probably THE scariest thing that I have ever seen, and I eat everything!

NAFU

He's gone, for now, at least we know he's out there. We just have to be more careful.

GRIFF

So you're telling me that word got around about this little field trip?

(to himself)

What did you get me into old man!

NAFU

The Guardians have taken interest, This is definitely getting interesting

GRIFF

Let's hurry and get to the mountains, we need get there before anymore of these guys shows up.

HOYMHA

Are we in trouble because of me?

GRIFF

No kid, we just got a friendly reminder that danger is everywhere, and we all want to get you back safe

HOYMHA

Thanks guys, for risking your lives for me! If another one shows up, I'll make sure to teach it a lesson for you guys!

(arm around Ahmyoh)
Think nothing of it!, Yeah sure
we're scared, and can be eaten at
any moment. As long we got each
other, nothing we can't handle.

TAK

I don't Know, That guardian didn't look too happy when he left!

GRIFF

Like I said, smooth sailing!

As they begin to walk, we see something hiding in the bamboo trees, watching them. A Bird hidden in the shadows.

GRIFF (CONT'D)

I mean, we're with King Nafu here! I mean look around, they all bow to him! Who else do we do gotta worry about huh?, Besides the obvious!

The bird flies off.

EXT. BEAR QUEEN'S FOREST-DAY-SOME TIMES LATER

Nafu, griff, Ahmyoh, and Tak exit the mystic bamboo wood. Everyone is pretty quiet, and Ahmyoh stomach growls, Nafu missed it.

GRIFF

So things just keeps getting interesting.

TAK (AT GRIFF)

(whisper)

Is this the moment where this decision became a bad idea?!

NAFU

It's safe here, we're near king's River, I run things pretty well here, safe to hang around, just stay close. What's going guys?

GRIFF

We're not sure how to put this, With everything goin on, it's easy to forget things, like feeding the kid. Hehehe.

NAFU (AT GRIFF)

When were you planing to tell me This?

Griff Grabs Nafu and walks away to talk in private.

GRIFF

Swear it was going to come up, but look, Tak and I would love to help the kid but we wouldn't know where to begin! Have you ever seen food teach a mouth how to eat? I tried with you! By the way, how did that turn out?!

NAFU

Good point, But this is forbidden, A king must never interact with a child. I mean, we've known to develope a taste for them.

GRIFF

Let's makes this an exemption, huh? I know it's alot to ask, but he needs your help.

NAFU

I don't want the kid getting attached, He doesn't seem to realize that I am here for other reasons. He's already young as it is, asking alot of question too!

GRIFF

Just pretend it's like me and you, like old times

NAFU

This is different Griff

GRIFF

There's the magical word, different. As far as I'm concern, different has been more good than bad in my life, so different is good. That's how you and I met.

NAFU

Griiiff, what if it doesn't work? This has never happened before, A king and a Cub, How do I teach him?

GRIFF

Just have him follow you around, we're in a forest near your river, show him how to catch a fish, and have him try it, should be easy enough. I haven't worked out you guys and your situations with swimming

NAFU

We do it if it's necessary

GRIFF

Sure sure, drowning could be genetic in some species, it's not your fault!

NAFU

Maybe you'd like to swim with the fishes

GRIFF

I'm more of an aerial lover, you see, but I'm sure if I slimmed down a feather or two, I'd be able to keep up with the next best eel. Shocking huh? Soo, While you and Ahmyoh bond, I mean while you teach him how to hunt, Tak and I well be looking to get a bite to eat, preferably dead.

NAFU

I really hope this information is worth all this trouble. I'm not making any promises, if he doesn't learn soon, we're moving.

GRIFF

Deal deal, kid sucks at hunting, we move, just come find us after

NAFU

Alright, make sure he knows this was your idea

GRIFF

I'm sure the kid's smart, he'll figure it out

Nafu and Griff head towards Ahmyoh. Tak is nearby.

NAFU (AT AHMYOH)

Looks like you're coming with me kid, Griff said you're not going to make this trip on an empty stomach. Since our dear friends are off the menu, I thought we'd start with the basics

GRIFF (AT AHMYOH)

Tak and I will be looking for something to eat, maybe look for a short cut by crossing the river.

Ahmyoh walks towards Nafu, Ahmyoh hesitates.

GRIFF (CONT'D)

It's alright kid, he's not gonna bite, just try not to ask stupid questions

TAK

Yeah kid, that's my job

NAFU

Come on, it'll be alot harder to catch a fish if it gets too dark.

Nafu and Ahmyoh walk towards the River, together.

GRIFF (AT TAK)

Awww, isn't that cute, well let's get going before he changes his mind, let's look over there! I can already smell the deliciously rotten!

TAK

(walking off)

Sounds good to me! Not the rotten part, that part was nasty. By the way, why did good old dad want me home, he never sent someone to get me before.

Griff and Tak walk towards the forest as they talk.

TAK (CONT'D)

I know we're going back but, I'm not sure I'll get a welcoming committee.

GRIFF

You have responsibilities and one day the entire Forest will depend on it! As sad as I am to say that, believe me!

EXT. QUEEN BEAR'S FOREST-RIVER-MINUTES LATER

We see a montage of Nafu teaching Ahmyoh how to catch a fish in the river. Nafu catches a fish wish his mouth, ahmyoh tries, fails, then succeeds. Then Nafu teaches ahmyoh how to climb trees, He even gives him a nose boose when Ahmyoh starts to fall. Nafu teaches him how to pounce on a local monkey, the monkey fought ahmyoh back and more monkeys showed up chased both of them. They grab some fruits on trees and head towards the jungle.

EXT. BEAR QUEEN'S FOREST-DAY-TIME LAPSE

Grif and tak are walking and talking.

TAK

Look, I am all for helping the kid, but I ain't talking to my dad

GRIFF

You don't have to, Nafu and I will do all the talking, you can go see the family, they're probably worried sick! With others going missing it's not time to be wandering out alone

Griff and Tak do not notice, they are being watched.

TAK

They say I'm going to watch over mountains one day, I can't handle that kind of pressure! I see what's doing to my dad, he's already going bald!

GRIFF

Is that why you ran off? To see if big daddy will follow you and come rescue you and say, you can do-it!

TAK

(lying)

Noo! Instead he sends someone who was hoping to find me rotting away!

GRIFF

Oh tak, now that hurts my feelings, here I thought we were always close. I thought I was the uncle you never had. Maybe I should have taken you out more

Griff and tak come into a center open area, with trees mixing into one another as if it makes a colosseum. Someone else wants to join their conversation.

GRIFF (CONT'D)

We can finish this conversation later, but right now there doesn't seem to be any food around here, sheesh, new meaning to NO-BODY around, we might have to find another place to get food, and a way across that river. This is why I love flying, life is much simpler!

TAK

Well don't you think about leaving me again, last time I was stuck with the kid, now I know how single moms feel

GRIFF

You will never know how they feel. Well, Can't show up to your father empty handed anyway, what would he say?

TAK

He'd be like in majestic voice "open your mouth and let me check if he's in there!

GRIFF

Now that was funny, I can only imagine the look on his face, if he saw a piece of cotton stickin out of my beak!, I'd say, "it had to be done and burp right in his face!"

TAK

See, now you're just getting disrespectful

They both start to laugh hysterically, even the bear that was standing behind them had to join in.

Reveal: Selene, an Asian Black Bear, Queen of the forests, wise with a nurturing old soul.

SELENE

(laughs)

Man you guys are a trip together, I could listen to guys you all day!

They turn around slowly to discover Selene behind them. They are terrified is an understatement.

GRIFF

We, we don't want any trouble now! We're just passing through, in fact we can be out of here yesterday!

SELENE

(giggles)

Aww, no need to be afraid, I ain't gon bite you, you guys are too funny. It's been a while since I had outside visitors, everyone is upping and leaving. My people are scared, so they scare everyone off!

And you're not like them, the other bears, I can safely assume?!

Selene circles around them as they cower and talk. Tak faints.

SELENE

I have to be! After all I am the Queen! Having a clear head helps with the job!

GRIFF

The Queen! So is it safe to assume we're not gonna die right here?!

**SELENE** 

No, now as a matter of fact I couldn't help but over hear that you needed some help

Tak is wakes up, sees the bear, runs behind griff.

TAK

Stay back!, We're warning you!

SELENE

(smile)

Oh Tak, I ain't gon eat you, Your father would never forgive me, He did make me Queen, tell him I said thanks for that

TAK

You Know my dad? Did he send you, well you can tell Him I said I'm fine

**SELENE** 

Oh hush child, I'm the queen of the forest, your in my kingdom, I was inspecting the area when I heard you guys, thought you were the reasons everyone has been so afraid lately.

Nafu comes walking in.

NAFU (AT SELENE)

Congratulations, I knew you'd make a queen one Day, sorry it came at the worst time, trust me I understand

SELENE

King Nafu it is good to see you! How are things at the lower ends of the mountains? The rivers do end at your doors.

NAFU

Things haven't been that great, My people have gone missing, the locals have abandoned their homes, so being King hasn't been all that great.

SELENE

So you too, that makes all three of us then!

NAFU

All three? You mean the queen of the Jungle

SELENE

That's right, you and I are two of the three Rulers of all the mountains. You at the bottom, watching over the rivers, I in the forest, and the Queen of the jungle.

NAFU

So you knew that she was having trouble?

SELENE

When Ilahki had chosen me to Lead the forest, she was there to honor me, but more importantly she was there to talk about the unknown evil that has caused all the three kingdoms much chaos.

NAFU

Do you remember if anyone was there with her?

SELENE

Like who? She was alone, she was in a hurry, she said someone was waiting for her so they had to speak in haste.

NAFU

(himself)

So the kid was telling the truth, she did meet with Ilahki.

NAFU (CONT'D)

Were you able to discover anything while searching?

SELENE

No, nothing, it drives me crazy, whatever it is, it's something no animals have ever faced.

TAK

(griff holds him back)
Hello, don't you ignore us while
you want to play detective, I
matter here, I don't know about
Griff, but I do, especially since I
heard my dads name, a man is
sensitive when he hears his daddy's
name! You lucky it ain't my mama!

NAFU

It's alright, your father made her Queen of the forest, we're lucky to run into her.

GRIFF (AT NAFU)

Well, good to know, now if you don't mind me asking, and do please take your time to answer this question. Where the heck is the kid!

NAFU

Kid? What kid? Oh yeah, if I'm
correct, he should be here in a few

GRIFF (AT NAFU)

Few what? Hours days, it matters here!

NAFU

Relax, I made sure I left him a trail, it would be easy to follow, he'll be here, shortly

GRIFF

That's good, that's good, now back to mama bear over here!

NAFU

Griff!

GRIFF (AT SELENE)

Sorry, excuse me your, highness, we wanted to apologize for giving you a scare, won't happen again.

Selene sits back on her butt like a bear does, she picks a fruit out of a tree and eats it in one bite. Griff gulps.

GRIFF (CONT'D)

Definitely won't happen again

SELENE

Oh No worries, I'm nice once you get to know me. Now I'm not the one to judge but you all stick out like a sore thumb, what's with the team up?

GRIFF

It's sort of complicated. Tak here ran away we're bringing him back. Ungrateful kids right? King nafu here is along for the ride, for some information

Selene looks confused, Nafu shakes his head.

SELENE

Okay, seems like we got a mystery here, I love mysteries!

NAFU

It's not a mystery Selene, these two found a kid and they hired me to help bring the kid back, it's that simple

SELENE

Told you 100 times, to call me Sese, never listen, A kid?, What Kid?

NAFU

Griff told me Ilahki knows something about the disappearances, and you just confirmed that so thanks

GRIFF

Told you my information was good

NAFU

There's more, a guardian appeared

SELENE

A guardian! A new one has not been seen in a long time, things must be really screwed up if the Gods have summoned another.

Well it wasn't a pleasant chat.

TAK

Yeah, I'd say, it was creepy, it had fogs and everything, I wonder if Dad can do that!

NAFU

We need to get to the mountains fast, time feels like it's running out, and the sooner we deliver the kid back to the Queen, we can figure out what is going on.

SELENE

The Queen! As in queen of the jungle?!

NAFU

The one and only, these guys found her kid flowing down my river, he ended my up near my swamp, like everything else that doesn't want to be found

SELENE

Why on earth did you guys not mention this before, didn't you know? She is missing!

NAFU

What?!

**SELENE** 

Ilahki summoned me not too long ago and asked if I had seen her, it was then they spoke about some danger. Thy were to meet again, but she never showed up! No wonder

NAFU

If she is missing, Then I fear the worse, she told the kid that she was waiting at Destiny

SELENE

Then go and make sure, we must be sure! Because there is something else you need to know, If the Queen is indeed gone, then the child is the Prince of Jungle, he will have to re-claim the throne

The voice of Ahmyoh is heard running in.

AHMYOH (O.S.)

I told you, you we're going too fast, I almost lost you, if it wasn't for your stupid pee!

Ahmyoh comes running and pulls a sudden break.

AHMYOH (CONT'D)

Hi, I'm, I am Ahmyoh, Nafu left me his scent behind so I can follow him, it was pee

TAK

TMI! KID! TMI!

AHMYOH (AT SELENE)

Sure was, who are you?

SELENE (AT AHMYOH)

How friendly, you can call me Sese, and I guess I you are Prince Ahmyoh, is that it?

Ahmyoh runs to selene and sits in front of her.

HOYMHA

Wooooow, you're Huuuuge!

SELENE

Here I thought I was watching my womanly figure, always takes a kid to tell you the truth!

NAFU

Yeah he asks the tough the questions, kid says the darnedest things, never knows when to give up

SELENE

Sort of like you, maybe you're rubbing off on him, or is it the other way around?

NAFU

That's not funny selene. Things are very bad right now for all of us, I want to make sure that as King, I was able to protect my kingdoms. The answer is up the mountains, and he is the way there

SELENE

Destiny, that's a long way to go, kid's got to eat!

By the way what did you mean by the kid would have to reclaim the thrones?.

HOYMHA

Nafu thought me how to hunt and climb trees, it was awesome!

Selene surprised, picks up ahmyoh and throws him in the air like a baby, and places him back down.

SELENE

That's wonderful! Now would you mind and go play with Tak and Griff over there, I need to talk to Nafu for a minute

Ahmyoh runs to Tak and Griff

**AHMYOH** 

Sure, hey Tak, want to smell something weird?!

TAK

What did I just say about TMI kid?!

NAFU

Why would he have to reclaim his Kingdom? It already belongs to his mother

SELENE (AT NAFU)

The Wolves, They have begun to take over the Jungle again, seeing the kid here, everything makes sense. The leader of the wolf has claimed himself king of the Jungle. Any animal that opposed him have met deadly ends. Aside from tigers, Ilahki is the only one who can name kings, but the wolf has been a thorn!

NAFU

I don't have time to deal with Wolves, they are nothing but pests.

SELENE

I think you're the one who's missing the importance. They are creating chaos amongst the kingdoms, hunting where they shouldn't. As if the animals weren't scared enough!

Once I return the Kid, the queen will take care of it, it is her responsibility

SELENE

If the worse comes to past, what will your responsibilities be? If the King of the wolves learn the child is still alive while he sits at the throne, I can only fear the worse. What will you do then?

Nafu has a serious look on his face.

GRIFF (AT NAFU)

You have the same look on your face that you do when you see your live meals, it's kind of unsettling!
Knock it Off!

TAK (AT NAFU)

What he meant to say is, thanks for looking out for the kid, please don't hurt us, and protect the kid

NAFU

Guys, shut up

GRIFF

TAK

We'll do

We'll do

Griff and tak, and Ahmyoh walk towards the river.

SELENE

So, about the wolves?

NAFU

I am not sure , it's a long way before we reach them, If what you say is true then, I will have to change coarse, The jungle is no longer safe to cut through to get to the mountains.

SELENE

Stay in my forests then, and whatever you do, do not let anyone find out that the Prince is still alive, it is too dangerous, there are eyes and ears everywhere.

Selene looks up at a tree, and a shadow figure of a bird took off.

So you noticed it too

SELENE

So you haven't lost your touch!

NAFU

It helps with the job

SELENE

That's what I said!

Selene gets on her bear feet(pun intended) and shakes herself to stretch, and she lets out a big yawn that exposes her teeth.

HOYMHA

Whoooah, she can eat griff and tak all in one bite!

GRIFF (O.S.)

Stop with the recommendations kid! Sheesh tigers, all they think about is eating their friends, psh! And they wonder why they're alone.

Selene places Ahmyoh on her shoulder and heads towards the River.

SELENE (AT AHMYOH)

(walking off)

Come with me little prince, I'll get you across, just hang on tight

**AHMYOH** 

But what about Nafu, who's gonna carry him?

SELENE

Him? He's a big kitty, he may not like swimming but he will if he has to, but I guess with him being really fast it won't take him long to get to other side, just hang with me for a bit.

NAFU

Sese wait

**SELENE** 

What, you're not missing him already are you?

NAFU

Just be careful, I need him

SELENE

(walking off)

Sure, whatever you say big boy, come on kid, let's go for a swim, mama bear style

As Nafu heads towards the forest, The others head towards the River, the same bird flies over them heading over the river.

EXT. SKY-DAY

The scene opens with a series of montage of a bird flying. He flies overs tress, then dry river beds, then he arrives at a rocky cave area.

EXT. CAVE OF WOLVES-DAY-MINUTES LATER

This area is full of cave holes that work as entrances. Bones scattered all over the area, it's not very inviting. The Bird rest on a skeleton of an alligator, leaned up against a tree stump. Wind blows some dirt over the some skeletons, revealing other skeletons.

The bird looks at the cave holes from a distance, he sees a main entrance, and flies over to enter the cave.

INT. CAVE OF WOLVES-DAY

All the holes come into one colosseum like room, filled with wolves sleeping, some were talking, others chewing bones and picking fights with another; it looked like a rough Bar. The bird finds a high edge rock to rest on, some wolves take notice.

A wolf amongst those chewing on the bones, saw the Bird who is revealed as: Nico, a Nicobar lone Pigeon who serves the Wolf leader Tanis, wise guy attitude, always demanding respect.

A wolf pops its head chewing a bone, and walks towards Nico.

NICO

Where's King TANIS, I need to speak with him.

VOICE

(mouthful)

"Oh, it's good to see you too Sid!, How are the ladies treatin you?"!

The wolf continues to chew as he stares at Nico. He is revealed as: SID the wolf, loves the ladies of all types, laid back attitude, always looking to settle down, so he hits on everyone.

SID

(mouthful)

Oh not bad, you know me, heartbreaker over here!

NICO

(annoyed)

Sid, I don't have time for your lady jokes, I need to speak to Tanis at once!

SID

(mouthful)

What's got your feathers in a twist?

Another wolf from the pack decided to enter the conversation.

VOICE (O.S.)(AT SID)

Aww, he looks like a little blue

SID (AT VOICE)

(mouthful)

Nah, he has a earthy green look, bet it's to woo the ladies right Nico?

The other wolf enters the scene, he watches Sid gnawing at his bone in disgust, and throws his away. The Wolf is revealed as: ARRYL, The second in command of the Wolf pack. He tries to be serious but looks funny trying. He looks up to Tanis like a fan boy, deep down, he's not all bad.

NICO (AT ARRYL)

It's good to see you too Arryl, I see that charm hasn't lost you

ARRYL

What I can say, I'm a charming fella, isn't that right Sid, I hold my pinky claw when I ever drink!

(picky out)

Sid burst out laughing, spiting his food out his mouth when he saw Arryl's pose.

NICO (AT ARRYL)

Real funny, where is the third stooge?

ARRYL (AT NICO) (points at a corner)
The big guy's taking a nap,

A heavy wolf is amongst the others, laying on the rocks, like he's on a couch spread all over. Snoring, turning and scratching. Reveal; OME, the lazy wolf, Not so bright but very courageous. Life has been easy lately for the wolves, Ome especially.

NICO

I see, not much reasons to run around these days huh?

ARRYL (AT NICO)

Not when we are running things around here

NICO (AT ARRYL)

Well, you're little reign of terror will be coming to an end, I can assure you

ARRYL (AT NICO)

Now your talking crazy,

NICO (AT ARRYL)

It means I need to see Tanis, right away or your fat friend may not have anything to eat any time soon!

SID (RE: OME)

Whoa whoa, let's leave the Big guy out of this okay, he's taking his beauty sleep!

We See Ome rolling and then farting.

SID (CONT'D)

It's a long, long, beauty sleep, and Tanis is in his Room up there. I'd knock first, but what Do I know!

ARRYL

He's not kidding about knocking, last guy that didn't, let's just say poor, poor timmy.

SID

(laugh)

Just got Nico, Arryl just woke up, he's probably in a good mood to mess with you!

NICO

Well, we'll see who's laughing soon! Maybe then you guys will show me a little more respect!

Nico flies to a room, at the top. He can still hear Arryl and Sid laughing their tails off. He Rests in front of the Door.

NICO (CONT'D)

(stutters)

S..sire, Ta..ta..tanis!, It's me Nico! I have some urgent news!

TANIS (O.S.)

Grrrh..must you shout, I was really begining to enjoy this sleep! Oh well

Nico begins to walk towards the cave and Alligator bone fragments comes flying out the room, Tanis threw it, and Nico had to had take cover or get hit.

NICO

What was that !

TANIS (O.S.)

That was bad security from the jungle who thought it could stop me. Also, it's a warning that this news better be urgent, I'm pretty cranky when I don't sleep

Nico enters the Room. Tanis lies on bedrocks facing away. Reveal: Tanis, Very large, leader of the wolves. He would do or kill anything to make sure he stays king. He sees himself as royalty, self proclaim royalty.

NICO

Love what you've done with the place, it is a lovely room of death

TANIS

What's this urgent news that you'd be willing to get ridiculed by my, what did you call them, stooges?, That was quite funny

Nico walks a little closer, Tanis still faced the Wall.

TANIS (CONT'D)

That's far enough, now talk

NICO

Sire, we have a problem, someone out there poses a threat to your, um, recent success, and the kingdom you captured, ofcorse.

TANIS

(Gets up and turns) Captured?!

NICO

I mean, taken the responsibility to protect your highness! While they were left unattended!

TANIS

Right!, Quite so, well thanks to your wonderful bird's eye view, all of this was possible. So feel good about that

NICO

I was doing one of those regular routine surveillance of our, um, your kingdom, to make sure there's no problem. For a second, I thought I was going crazy, I thought I saw a pussy cat! But I got a closer look, and I was like yap, I did, I did see a pussy Cat! A big tiger too

TANIS

(faces Nico)

Those wretched Cats, they can claim a kingdom and become king while the rest of us must wait on some blasted Goat! No matter, as long as he poses no threat, the cat does not concern me!

NICO

That's what I thought, until I realized it wasn't alone. I mean I never pegged them to have friends

TANIS

Yes, they're the loners in the bunch, big groups are not for them, no social skills, unfortunate really how...

NICO

(interrupts)..he

Before he can even finish his statement, Tanis leaps so fast and pins Nico against a wall, his immense paw size almost covers Nico completely.

TANIS

Tsk tsk, now now Nico, I told you many times, it is not polite to interrupt a king during his speech. I mean, I was nice, I listen to you Now, why can't you be nice to me!

NICO

(chocking)

My bad sire, the thing is , This cat, he has a younger cat with him, he looks kind of familiar

TANIS

A child, that's absurd, they are forbidden to interact with them! You said the child look familiar how so?

NICO

(choking)

I believe it is the child of the Queen jungle.

TANIS

Impossible, we fought constantly, she had no child!

NICO

That's what I thought too, then I followed em, get this, he's trying to deliver the kid, isn't that nuts!

Tanis applies more pressure on Nico's throat.

NICO (CONT'D)

(choking)

Uncle, uncle, sire, you're killing me

TANIS

Where are they delivering the child to!

NICO

(choking)

I think they mentioned Ilahki, said she might be with him, couldn't get close enough, I think thy might have noticed, crap TANIS

They saw you! What good is this information?!

Tanis throws Nico across the room, Nico, gets up gasping for air, and dusts himself.

NICO

I think I said too much

TANIS

No, no, you've said more than enough! I thought I had rid of her for good! Her! But she has a child! HOW?! Why does she hide?!

NICO

I wouldn't lie to you Tanis

TANTS

It is king Tanis! Something is strange though, if she is alive, why hasn't she returned to reclaim her kingdom? Unless, come on nico, we have work to do!

Tanis walks away and exit the cave, Nico follows still rubbing his throat. Tanis and Nico looks down over the other wolves, Tanis likes this room.

TANIS (CONT'D)

Attention everyone

The room went silence.

TANIS (CONT'D)

Thank you, our dear friend Nico has some troubling news he would like to share with us, they were so scary, I thought it'd be best if they came from him

TANIS (CONT'D)

Go on Nickie, tell them the sad news

Nico walks close to the edge to face the wolves. This is going to sound Crazy.

NICO

Well, Oy, oh boy, Oh boy

ARRYL (O.S.)

Yeah "nickiiiie, what's the sad news?! Come on Nickieeee!

SID

Hey Nickie you so fine, you so fine you blow my mind, Hey Nickieeeee!

NICO

For crying out loud!

TANIS

The longer you take, the more jokes these guys will enjoy out of your expense, as much as I am enjoying this right, you'd better start talking Nickie!

NICO

Alright!, I'm just gonna come out and say it

The Room went silent.

NICO (CONT'D)

(clears throat)

On my way here, I ran into a group, it's not your ordinary group, of that I'm sure. I know we, and by we I mean you fine established uh..

As Nico is speaking, Ome still in deep sleep rolls over, and farts, everyone starts to laugh hysterically.

SID (0.S.)

That is classic!

NICO

Like I was saying, there is a group heading towards you, and one of them is a tiger, not just any tiger, A king too! I think

SID (AT NICO)

What's the big deal? There's not many of those guys around anyway. We can take care of one single kitty

ARRYL (AT NICO)

Yeah, I thought it was something scary like, Ome losing his appetite!

SID

Ooooh, that is scary!

NICO

That's not all you imbeciles! The tiger is carrying a child, and it's A maaan!

The Room went Quite Again, then everyone started to laugh in to tears. Some wolves were smacking the ground with their fists, some were holding their stomachs. Well, Arryl and sid did more than laugh.

STD

How far along was he?! Did he look like he was due any time soon?!

All the wolves cracked harder under the joke.

ARRYL

Wait, wait, did he just say that the guys is having a baby?

NICO (V.O.)

Nooo, you bolts, this child is the prince of the jungle, as in son of the queen of the jungle!

ARRYL (AT NICO)

That's impossible, everyone knows Kings don't like Cubs, and king tanis said she's gone, he got rid of her and took over! Isn't that right king Tanis!

TANIS

Absolutely, king's honor

NICO

Yes, we all know how the story goes, but someone is out there changing the story, which could change everything, including your diets!

ARRYL

How so? I don't see how a whole pack of wolves can't handle a tiger and a kitten

NICO

Well let me paint you a picture, if the this guy manages to deliver the prince to the queen, she will be grateful, this could mean alliances forming. It's bad enough Lions do it, now there's a bear and a tiger involved! ARRYL

Lions and tigers and Bears?

SID

Oh my!

The wolves were laughing once again.

TANIS (AT NICO)

You walked right into the one, especially with those two

NICO (AT TANIS)

Sire, why are you letting them mock this situation ?!

TANIS (AT NICO)

You've known me too long to know I don't Panic, upset yes. That was your previous master's downfall. That is why I am sending them out there to verify what you say is true. Which I hope is, for your sake nico is.

NICO

They're walking along the King's river, which crosses into the Bear queens forest, she already provided them safe passage into her kingdom. All we need to do is set a trap. That should be easy enough for you fellas

TANIS

A tiger king for those stooges, I highly doubt, but let's see what the Tiger king can do, shall we?

TANIS (CONT'D)

Arryl, Sid, and will someone Wake him up please!

Sid throws a rock at Ome's head, and he starts to wake up and scratches his butt, yawns.

SIL

There, all done, he'll join later, go on Boss

TANIS (AT SID AND ARRYL)

Effective, it seems we need to play a little confirmation game boys, I'd like to see if this is all true.

ARRYL

Okay boss, now what do you want us to do once we find, um, these tough kitties

Ome comes next to sid still rubbing his eyes, half asleep, typical Ome. Sid is too busy chuckling to notice

TANIS (AT ARRYL)

I don't know, be creative, as long as they don't reach where they're going, it makes no different to me on how they do not reach it. If it's too much to handle, I'll send more stooges. Boys, Arryl, let me remind you your success is very important, do not fail me.

ARRYL

Understood sir, this is so exciting

NICO

I'm so happy for the three of you. I'd take it you'd wanna be waiting up ahead before they cross into Tanis's kingdom. As they would expect a welcoming party! So they'll try and run a detour, make sure it doesn't happen.

ARRYT

Got it, set it before they can it expect it, and forget it, oooh, how evil!, I like it!

Tanis was in deep thoughts of the potential threat of losing his throne .

TANIS (AT THE THREE STOOGES)

Well now then, you have your information, best get going. Nico and I are dying to know what will happen when you get back, isn't that right Nico

NICO

Dying, right!

Arryl, Sid, and Ome get ready to leave, they stretch their legs, Ome is still half asleep, Sid elbows him in the guts, that worked, for now.

OME

(sleepy)

What's going, on, we didn't get any briefings, someone say something about bears?

ARRYL (AT OME)

Uhhh, Sid will fill you in on the way,

SID (AT ARRYL)

Why me?

ARRYL (AT SID)

Because you have more patience for him than I do, I'll kill him if he falls asleep while I'm talking, I swear I'll kill him. How do you sleep while the boss is talking?!

SID (AT ARRYL)

Exactly! You know he's a lady killer! How am I suppose to find the love of my life when I'm the one baby-sitting?!

ARRYL (AT SID)

I thought the ladies love kids

SID

Yes! Not man babies!

Arryl and Sid run out of the cave arguing, as their voices fade.

SID (CONT'D)

So much you don't know, that's why you're still single.

Tanis and Nico walk back towards his room entrance, Nico was about to take off and Tanis places a Paw on his white Tail.

TANIS

And where do you think you're going?

NICO

Well I thought they would need my help

TANIS

You have done more than enough. Sure you understood me when I said "we were dying to know" was a threat".

NICO

It, it was?

Tanis pins him on the ground.

TANIS

Listen to me! You have no Idea what it took for me get here! What! WHO! I sacrificed, you have no Idea. If what you say is true, then something bigger is going on. They are trying to see the goat so he can claim his mothers throne! I will not allow anyone to take this from me! I am king now!

As the tanis stands pinned over Nico, fogs began to appear around the entrance of Tanis's cave room, this fog was similar to the one the bamboo area, someone was listening.

VOICE

My my, the fire that drives us, why is it the one that blinds us as well?

TANIS

What is the meaning of this? Nico, is this your doing?

NICO

No Sire!

The Red Panda comes out of the fog, and sits on a high rock ledge they cant reach.

THE RED PANDA(AT TANIS) What do you know about sacrifice?

TANIS

Who are you!, This a king's Domain,

THE RED PANDA(AT TANIS)
Oh your highness, I think you have
me wrong, I am actually here FOR
you, to help you keep whats
rightfully yours.

TANTS

How so? I managed to rid myself of the queen of the jungle

THE RED PANDA

Did you now? Last time I checked a certain child was on his way to his mother to claim the throne like a happy family!

He lets Nico get off the ground, slightly holding on to his white Tail.

TANIS (AT NICO)

Why don't you take a vacation Nico, I think you've work hard enough. Just don't fly too far now

Nico Quickly flies out and exits the Cave.

THE RED PANDA

Well, I heard your passionate statements about being a king, and being in my new position line of work, I'd like to introduce myself

THE RED PANDA (CONT'D)
I am a Guardian, born from all the chaos that has recently risen in the mountains. I am here to make sure you stay the king that you deserve!

TANIS

What a wonderful surprise! I am honored by your presence, there are tales of your kind, that Darn goat is proof of that. Well! And what exactly do you get out of all this? You know, besides a good conscience and heart?

The Red Panda swishes around like smoke and lands on another rock ledge and lays on it.

THE RED PANDA

I just want to make sure Nature is as intended. Someone out there is going to great lengths to make things complicated, for all of us

TANIS

Well I couldn't agree more, the last thing we need are oversize kittens teaming up. I mean, one is enough to deal with, wouldn't you say!

RED PANDA

Those are nature's decision, and the true Gods of the mountains to decide.

RED PANDA (CONT'D)

And like they chose me, I think it is their decision, that you should be King of the jungle, for Now

TANIS

What do you propose?

RED PANDA

Oh just a few words of advice

## EXT. BEAR QUEEN'S-RIVER-DAY-SOME TIME LATER

2 little dots moving across a huge body of water. Closer shot reveals Selene with Ahmyoh on top of her head and shoulder while she swims across. Meanwhile, Tak is doing back strokes to display his swimming prowess.

SELENE (AT AHMYOH)

That's why with so many mountains, it needs kings and queens, to rule different parts, to keep it safe, from scary tigers tryin to eat you, arrrg!

AHMYOH

(chuckles)

You're funny Sese, Nafu doesn't want to eat me! He wants to help me find my mom, and then we'll all be friends after! Griff said so!

SELENE

Is that the bird that says too much? Nafu told me all about him, he wasn't around when I met Nafu

AHMYOH

Yup, that's Griff!

As Selene swims, Tak swims around, teasing them and doing back strokes. Tak is in the background swimming in the sun.

SELENE

(swimming)

I like you kid, I really do, but you have to understand, you and Nafu being friends, it ain't that simple, ever. What you have is a miracle, and I want you to enjoy it as long as you can!

**AHMYOH** 

What's going to happen? Will Nafu not want to be friends?

SELENE

It may not be up to him, nature is strong, so are the gods that rule it. The old saying that "Tigers can't change its stripes" ain't no joke.

Fishes start to nimble around Selene, tickling her side stomach.

SELENE (CONT'D)

(chuckling)

Ooooh, that tickles, go on shoot!

HOYMHA

Why not? It is because of me?

SELENE

Oh no, no child, the answer lies in his stipes, A tiger's stripes has mysteries hidden in them.

HOYMHA

Oh yeah, Griff mentioned something about them, but I was scared to ask Nafu, he doesn't want to talk about them, looks like some are fading, he love

SELENE

That's right, sometimes what we are and who we decide to be, can be a challenge. No one wants to be alone

**AHMYOH** 

Is Nafu, um, alone? He has the guys right?

TAK (V.O.)

Oooooh yeaaa, this is nice, this is nice, get out of here you dang fish!, Oh yeah, this is niiiiice!

**AHMYOH** 

They're his friends, I think?

SELENE

I think it's the kind of loneliness we can't fix. Having to wander forever alone, never know what it means to have a family, it's sad.

HOYMHA

Well maybe it doesn't have to be this way, maybe we can change things, For Nafu! SELENE

Now we're on the same page little prince. That's why I want you to do me a favor; if you do, I promise to teach you how to scratch your back against a tree, to get rid of a nasty itch!, You know, hard to reach places!

AHMYOH

What is it! What is it?!

SELENE

I want you to ask him about the Stripes, it's important that you understand them, it will help you understand him too.

HOYMHA

What if he gets mad?

SELENE

I have a feeling, he's been waiting for you to ask, he is a shy kitty like that. At least, not in the way others normally think of.

**AHMYOH** 

Oh ok, if you say it's important. I like you Sese, you remind me of my mom!

SELENE

Oh that's the sweetest thing a tiger has ever said to me, Won't forget it!

Selene, Ahmyoh and Griff arrive at the other side of King's river. Nafu was already there waiting.

SELENE (AT AHMYOH) (CONT'D)

Happy to see a certain someone huh? I'm happy to see him too.

Nafu approaches the water waiting for them to get out. Tak gets out first, shakes the water off his coat, selene and Ahmyoh exit last. Griff is lying on a tree branch waiting for everyone to get out of the water.

SELENE (AT NAFU) (CONT'D) Hello there, we missed you, you should have came to swim with us, looks like you ran instead.

No thanks, I needed the running exercise

SELENE

Well, here we are safe and sound on the other side, no one got eaten. That's one way the grass is greener

TAK

Eaten! What do you mean no one got eaten?

Nafu approaches Tak, he turns Tak's face around to look back at the river. Two eyes of a crock, peeping out of the water, then it disappeared under the water.

NAFU

Oh, didn't you notice, these waters are filled with crocks

TAK

We're alive!

Selene shakes the water off her fur, Ahmyoh tries to imitate. They both look puffy, they look at each other and laugh, Nafu smiled at that.

NAFU

(snaps out of it)

Come on, we better get going, it's going to get dark pretty soon, I'd like to make good time.

**SELENE** 

Well, this is where my part of the journey splits.

HOYMHA

Aww, can't you come with us? You can keep us safe

SELENE

I think Nafu has got it all covered. Besides, I have been off too long, the other bears and animals will get worried about their new Queen. That's why I like to have my little getaways like this!

Selene nudges Ahmyoh with her nose to give him a kiss goodbye.

AHMYOH (AT SELENE)

I'm gonna miss you

SELENE

Me too little prince, now remember our deal, or no butt scratching tips for you!

HOYMHA

Deal!

Tak is still dealing with facts about the crocodile.

TAK

(shocked)

I almost got eatin by a crocodile, my life flashed before my eyes,

SELENE

You still crying about that? Oh, that was just Joe, running security, A queen can't be out alone too long. Every ruler has one, even nafu

SELENE (CONT'D)

(teasing)

This is exactly why we didn't tell you! We didn't want you to get all worried. Besides, I'm the queen around here last time I checked.

GRIFF (O.S.)

What a crock... yeah I went there!

Tak faints, Griff flies off the tree branch and checks on him.

GRIFF (CONT'D)

Get it?!, Wake up! You missed a funny, it's rare for me!

Tak talks in his sleep while waking up.

TAK

(sleep talking)

I told you not to touch my horns like that baby, look ma no hands!

GRIFF

Whoa! Again with the horns!

SELENE

I think it's getting hot in here, I have seen enough of this tale, time for me to get going!

Selene dives back into the water and starts swimming back across.

SELENE (CONT'D)

Good luck everyone! Especially you Ahmyoh! I'm sure we'll see each other again!

NAFU (AT SELENE)

(whisper)

Thank you

Nafu and the gang march ahead, Selene swims back.

GRIFF

You can forget about watching my kids. What is with you and these horns!

Nafu and the gang travel through a series a terrains. They stop for drinks at lake. Monkeys chase Tak and griff for trying to touch their food. Nafu and Ahmyoh go swimming for fish. They see unusual migrations of animals abandoning the forests.

EXT. QUEEN'S BEAR FOREST-SUNSET-SOME TIMES LATER

The wolves arrive at an area where they plan to confirm and set a trap for Nafu and the Gang. They set up behind some bushes.

OME

Soo? A tiger man is running around with a tiger baby, how long was I asleep?

ARRYL

Long enough that tigers are making friends.

SID

If it was a Queen, well, you know me, it don't matter what species you are, no lady can escape this charm!

ARRYL

Right! Charm her all the way to her stomach,

OME

Food?

ARRYL

Us Food Ome, not good! See? He's upsetting me!

OME

Ohh, that's not good! I think just lost my appetite, wait it's back, that was a scary moment for me!

SID (AT ARRYL)

See, now you have the big guy freaking out over here!

OME (AT SID)

I'm good

ARRYL(AT SID)

See? He's good, now let's get back to watching our post. I am sure these guys will be here anytime soon, Kings River is near by here

OME

Just wish we brought some snack you know, like a half chicken, or those guys that looks like beavers, something light

ARRYL

Like your brain for instance?

OME

Yeah, exactly, but not as light, no diets for me man!

ARRYL

We'll keep that in mind for our next stake out. Look at the bright side, we might be having delivery soon, if that stool pigeon was telling the truth.

SID

You think he was telling the truth, I mean Tanis said he got rid of queen of the jungle, so how can she have a kid?

ARRYL

I am not sure, I am sure Tanis thought they were dead, or else he would not have taken over her kingdom. Now they just want it back, not our watch

Suddenly, a fog starts to appear and surrounds them.

OME

Okay, Who just got light headed and hungry at the same time?

ARRYL

You're always hungry, now can it, this is getting weird.

The fog starts to take shape . They all grab each other, look around trying to see what's in the fog. The red Panda appears.

THE RED PANDA

You're never going to a catch a tiger hiding in the bushes, let alone A king. What you boys need is a different strategy

ARRYL

(scared)

Who, who are you and what do you know about this? You a friend of Nico, I knew this was a set up!

OME

How did he do that? That's pretty cool, but creepy.

ARRYL (AT THE RED PANDA) Why don't you come down here, and

huh we'll talk, yeah talk.

THE RED PANDA

Bite first ask questions later are we? Well I wonder what Tanis will have to say about this?

ARRYL

Tanis sent you! Why didn't you say so

THE RED PANDA

Well I volunteered, I'm not keen on being told what to do, besides, I leave a bad after taste!

SID (AT ARRYL)

Are we really going to listen to some smokey, trippy Panda who appears out of no where?!

ARRYL

(deep thoughts)

SID

Arrrryyyyl, Arrrryl, you listening there bud?

ARRYL

Do you want to be the one to tell Tanis why we didn't listen his orders, remember what happened to poor timmy?!

SID

What?! I thought that you was only messing with Nickie

ARRYL

No, Timmy's real alright, was real, poor Timmy, may he rest in peace, multiple, multiple pieces, I wasn't there, but I heard.

STE

Well, I'm convinced

ARRYL

Good, now let's hear what the Raccoon has to say

THE RED PANDA

Ohhh that hurts, truely, I mean have you ever seen a raccoon? I'd like to think I was better looking!

ARRYL (AT THE RED PANDA) Look, we're not sure who or what you are, if Tanis sent you, you must be one his lackeys, so quit wasting our time and tell what we gotta do or beat it!

SID (AT ARRYL)
Oh! Tough guy ova hear, whoa!

ARRYL (AT SID)

Thank you ,thank you

THE RED PANDA

Lackey! Boys you have no Idea, how, wrong, you, are! Lord Tanis has sent me to tell you that there has been a slight change of plans

EXT. QUEEN'S BEAR-NEAR BY-DAY-SOME TIMES LATER

Nafu and the Gang are in a dry forest area, the sun cascades over the moving trees. They move deeper in the Bear Queen's forest.

TAK

I don't understand why you came to look for me, I, am grown.

GRIFF

We're not doing this again, and besides, you're not the only one your father needs to see, so quit whining and be quiet.

TAK

Psh, you be quiet

GRIFF

Real mature!

Ahmyoh tries to approach Nafu, Griff noticed. Griff throws a rock at Ahmyoh's head to gesture him to talk to Nafu. Ahmyoh walk towards Nafu.

NAFU

I thought I told you to stay with the others

AHMYOH

(rubbing his head in pain)

I wanted to ask you something

NAFU

What is it? Haven't I thought you enough? What else do you wanna know?

HOYMHA

Well, Griff and selene wouldn't answer me, they wanted me to ask, you

NAFU

About what?

Ahmyoh rushes by Nafu's side

HOYMHA

Well, I noticed that some of your stripes are fading, why is that?

The air was now tense,

So, it's safe say that your mother the queen, never told you about them

HOYMHA

What's there to know? I thought they were there to make us look pretty!

(bats eyes), and scary!

NAFU

(shakes head)

There's more to them than that!

AHMYOH

Like what?

NAFU

It's a little complicated to explain to a kid, you probably should wait and ask your mom. Explaining this isn't like hunting or climbing, It has to do the way you feel.

**AHMYOH** 

Oohhkay, I don't get it

NAFU

That much is obvious

AHMYOH

Hey! It's not my fault, my mom didn't get a chance to teach me all this okay. I am sure she would have, if she had the chance!

The sun is setting, Nafu notices a ledge in the near distance. There's a small cave near the ledge. The ledge stares directly into the sky.

NAFU

I know kid! Look, there's a place over the trees, that's where we can rest for the night, it's getting dark.

**AHMYOH** 

Okay

NAFU

And it just so happen to be a good time to give you, your first lesson about the stripes HOYMHA

Really! Wow, you mean it!

NAFU

Let's calm down now, unless you want me to change my mind.

HOYMHA

Yup! Gotcha!

NAFU

You're a curious one aren't you! I guess Selene must have seen that too! She must have seen this coming!

HOYMHA

Wait, you knew she would ask me?

NAFU

I am king for reason

Nafu turns around to talk to Griff and Talk.

NAFU (CONT'D)

Hey guys, we're stopping for the night. These are part of Selene's Domain, there's a ledge not too far from here. There should be a place to crash,

Griff and tak approach Nafu and Ahmyoh.

TAK

Alright! So we're gonna have a slumber party?! I know where the special grass is growing, just let me know, and we can make this whole night interesting!

Ahmoyh is confused.

TAK (AT AHMYOH) (CONT'D)

(clears throat)

Well, this is awkward, kid, when adults need to Melooow out, they...

GRIFF

Okay that's enough of your first failed attempt at parenting

Griff starts to shove tak away towards the cave near the ledge in the distance.

TAK

(confused)

What did I say?, What did I do?

GRIFF

We'll be inside, but we'll take a look around to make sure the coast is clear around here, mingle with the locals, we'll let you guys do your kitty things.

Griff and tak exit through some bushes.

NAFU

Alright kid, let's get there, there's something I want to show you. Still remember how I thought you how to climb?

HOYMHA

Of course, I am going to be as strong as you one day, and a king too!

NAFU

Is that so?

NAFU (CONT'D)

You got confidence that's for sure, let's see if you will understand what I am about to teach you

HOYMHA

What's such a big deal, they're just stripes

NAFU

Well come on then, let's if what you say is true, or if there's more.

Nafu and Ahmyoh walk towards the ledge.

EXT. BEAR QUEEN'S FOREST-THE LEDGE-NIGHT

Nafu and ahmyoh approach the ledge, looking at the horizon, the mountains are always in the distance. The sky is filled with stars.

AHMYOH

Don't tell me, we're here to count the stars

Funny, I remember you asking about stripes

AHMYOH Oh yeah, funny

NAFU

This a great place for me to show you. You wanted to know what else the stripes do. Well it depends. Once a king or Queen, they change, they allow you to protect those fall under your kingdom and be able to reach them.

HOYMHA

Well I'm not a king yet, what do they do for twerps like me?

NAFU

They hold you to your mother, until you are ready to become a king, though the journey is tough, it is great honor to become king.

Nafu closes his eyes, takes a deep breath, the wind starts to pick up. The trees sway left and right. Ahmyoh backs away. Ahmyoh noticed the stripes were moving, all over Nafu's body swimming around like snakes. Nafu stood there claws dug deep in the ground.

THE MIND OF NAFU.

Nafu is running in a pitch black world.

NAFU (O.S.)

For a King the stripes bare honor to those who swear loyalty to the kingdom. Our kind is the only creature that can Proclaim itself Royalty with the respect of those that reside in the kingdom. They're hopes is for you maintain balance.

AHMYOH (O.S.)

Whooaaa! That's awesome, and mines have to do with my moms?

NAFU (O.S.)

When I was your age, my mother taught me how to use them, it is a knowledge passed down from mother to child.

(MORE)

NAFU (O.S.) (CONT'D)

Once the child is out on his own, he will seek to become king,

HOYMHA

What happens if we don't become king?

NAFU (O.S.)

We wander until our ends, the stripes of our mothers will linger and we will not be able to move on to become what we are destined to be. Trust me kid, I know

Nafu continues to run in the pitch black world.

NAFU (O.S.) (CONT'D)

To become king is to have purpose. To protect and rule over those who gives you purpose, never forget that.

AHMYOH (O.S.)

Do you get lonely, do you miss your family?

NAFU (O.S.)

Unfortunately, that is not something that kings will ever be able to have. The Gods desired long ago that we must walk alone. Only when we become king, will we find purpose, and that is what a king desires the most.

AHMYOH (O.S.)

When I become King, will I be alone?

NAFU (O.S.)

You will never be alone, fortunately the gods were not all that cruel. They made it so that kings and queens could connect with one another through the powers of our stripes, so that they never overstep each others kingdoms

AHMYOH (O.S.)

Where all the kings and queens, and everyone else?

NAFU (O.S.)

That is the mystery. Once upon a time, The mountains and forest were full of our kind in search of their destiny, but something has gone horribly wrong, not just to our kind

AHMYOH (O.S.)

What happened

NAFU (O.S.)

Before I was king, I searched everywhere for those who went missing, nothing, I decided to set my kingdom upon bottom of the rivers and swamp, I figured anything lost would cross path at the rivers, but no one, until you

NAFU (0.S.) (CONT'D)
I tried to use the power of the stripes to find them, I failed.
Even now, As I run in this black world, searching, I can feel them. All of my kind, in pain, agony, lost, and confused. The more I lose them, the more of my stripes fade. That is the sign of a failed king

Nafu stops trying to use his stripes, the Wind calms down.

HOYMHA

So, you really are alone?

NAFU (O.S.)

As of right now, yes, and it is unbearable

HOYMHA

I am so sorry

NAFU

Do not pity me prince, I am king. It was my responsibility to protect, not just my kind but my people, it still is, so do not pity me Prince

**AHMYOH** 

You said I was connected to my mom right?

NAFU

Yes, you can search for your mother by using your stripes, it's the gift she helped passed on to you. As for me, I'm no help

**AHMYOH** 

Why didn't you tell me this before?

NAFU

It Was not my place, and our interactions is forbidden by nature, you need to understand this

**AHMYOH** 

But we're different, we have Griff and Tak, I say good riddance to those stupid laws!

NAFU

Griff was there for me, it showed me a way to be, that I never knew, when I could not find the others he was there, even when it seem like he though I was going crazy, we became friends, or something like that.

HOYMHA

Now he wants help you find them, with me?

NAFU

That is right, whatever attacked the queen of the jungle, is what's behind all the disappearance, I can feel it

HOYMHA

I think understand what's going now, I see why Sese wanted me to ask, thanks

NAFU

Sure kid, I'd like to think we're on the same team

AHMYOH

Awesome, same team!

NAFU

Before you try to use your stripes, I just want to tell you regardless what happens, what you see, may not always be what you find later on okay? HOYMHA

I don't get it

NAFU

It means be careful

HOYMHA

Well, if it helps find me my mom, I'm willing to try it! So go ahead show me Nafu please

NAFU

Alright, let's begin

Nafu takes a stance, and Ahmyoh copies.

NAFU (CONT'D)

Now, close your eyes

Ahmyoh closes his eyes.

NAFU (CONT'D)

Now take a deep breath, imagine you running, surrounded by darkness, there is no up, no down, left right, but you are running

The wind starts to pick up, ahmyoh's dark stripes starts to move.

NAFU (CONT'D)

Good Ahmyoh, your doing it! Keep it up! Keep running, now think of your mother, and you will see, somehow you will run to her

AHMYOH'S MIND.

Ahmyoh is running in the pitch dark world.

AHMYOH (O.S.)

I don't understand, I'm thinking of her, but it doesn't look like my mom, it's eyes are black, and why can't I hear her, I know what she's saying but I can't hear her!

NAFU (O.S.)

Just what I was afraid of. What did you say about her eyes?

AHMYOH (O.S.)

She looks hurt, she needs me, I can't get closer.
(MORE)

AHMYOH (O.S.) (CONT'D)

She's too far to tell, why can't I get closer, I can feel her, how?

NAFU (O.S.)

You can stop now, that will be all for tonight

Ahmyoh stops using the power of his stripes. The area calms down.

**AHMYOH** 

(crying)

But she looks like she's hurt she needs me, I need to find her!

NAFU

We will, we will find her

HOYMHA

Promise?

NAFU

Sure kid

HOYMHA

Nafu, what were the other shadowy things that were running behind me they were fast but could not catch me

Nafu grabs Ahmyoh by the shoulder.

NAFU

Kid, what did these shadows look
like?!

**AHMYOH** 

I can't remember!

NAFU

Think!, This is important, I'm not gonna hurt you, but it's important that you remember this, please!

HOYMHA

They just look like us, except they have scary grins on their faces. They ran like us, but their faces, it was so creepy, like a scary dream, I never want to see that again!

NAFU

That was no dream kid, that was whatever that attacked the queen. (MORE)

NAFU (CONT'D)

She managed to leave a warning for you through your stripes, another useful gift.

**AHMYOH** 

Maybe it was the wolves, they hated my mom as queen of the jungle

NAFU

We naturally don't see eye to eye, and they don't like our kind. We sort of eat them if we get the chance.

HOYMHA

(laughs)

I forget what we are sometimes because Griff and tak

NAFU

If the wolves are behind all this, then they are more dangerous and cunning than I gave them credit, I underestimated them.

HOYMHA

Now that we are on the same team, the wolves can't stop us!

NAFU

That's what they are afraid of. We need to make sure that's the case, which means our dear friend Griff has some answering to do.

АНМУОН

Alright! Now we can really kick butt!

Nafu and Ahmyoh to walk towards the cave.

NAFU

(walking)

You know kid, you're no so bad

HOYMHA

(walking)

You too, still grumpy, but cool!

EXT. BEAR QUEEN'S FOREST- THE LEDGE-CAVE-MINUTES LATER

A cave entrance hidden and surrounded by vines and other sorts earthy greens. Nafu and Ahmyoh walk towards the entrance.

NAFU

Hey guys we're back, Ahmyoh and I are ready to get some shut eye!

HOYMHA

Maybe they're asleep already!

Nafu and Ahmyoh walks into the cave.

INT. BEAR QUEEN'S FOREST-CAVE-NIGHT

Nafu and Amyoh enter and look around the cave. Griff and Tak have not made it back yet, And then.

TAK (O.S.)(AT NAFU)

HEY FUUUUU! Where are you?!

AHMYOH

Tak!

EXT. BEAR QUEEN'S FOREST-NIGHT

Tak is running, dodging bushes and rocks, branches, voices are laughing as he is being chased.

INT. BEAR QUEEN'S FOREST-CAVE-NIGHT

NAFU

Stay here! I'll go get them!

HOYMHA

But I wanna help!

NAFU

Stay here! You'll be safe here,
I'll go get them,

HOYMHA

Where's Griff!

NAFU

I said I'll bring them back, now stay here and don't move!

Nafu runs out of the cave.

EXT. BEAR QUEEN'S FOREST-CAVE-NIGHT

Nafu runs and leaps off the ledge Majestically.

EXT. BEAR QUEEN'S FOREST-NIGHT

Tak is running away from something, the voices laughing are getting closer. He runs faster dodging trees, branches and rocks. A giant ditch is coming, Tak tries to jump over it.

As he jumps, a shadow fast and swift picks up Tak in mid air and crashes with him into some bushes. It was Nafu to the rescue.

NAFU

(whisper)

Who are you calling a fool!

TAK

(crying)

You trying to scare me to death?! Oh thank goodness, I'm sorry, I'm so glad to see you. I'm scared, Griff, they got him, he can't fly! I'm thirsty, I'm hungry, oh my horns, oh wait they're still here!

NAFU

(disgusted)

What happened! Where's Griff! And What's that smell?!

TAK

Wooooolves happened! They came out of nowhere and attacked us while Griff and I were securing. They Made me my poooop all over my Coat, it was an accident!

NAFU

Wellirst, don't tell anybody that, ever! So much for security, head back to the cave! Amyoh should be there, what ever you do, don't leave, or touch anything!

TAK

What about you, there's too many of them!

NAFU

I can take care of myself

Voices if wolves are heard running in.

WOLF #1 (O.S.)

I think he went this way! Guess that oversize raccoon was right to send more of us to take care of these pests!

WOLF#2 (O.S.)

Yeah, they didn't see us coming, Ha! The Jungle will always be ours! You think Arryl, and the bosses took care of business?

WOLF #1

Hope so! Or else Tanis is not gonna be happyyyy! Ome shouldn't sit on that bird too long, he might pop (chuckle)

Nafu lets go of Tak, tak gets up to run towards the cave.

NAFU

Time for me to introduce myself, now go.

TAK

Please save Griff, please

NAFU

Please wash

Tak grins at Nafu and runs and disappears behind some bushes. Nafu stalks the wolves through the bushes. They are not aware of his presence.

WOLF #1

Where do you think he went? Fast little guy huh?

WOLF #2

The bosses are expecting us to come back with a dead sheep! So we better make sure we find him , he can't be far!

Nafu slowly walks out of the bushes to introduce himself.

NAFU

Hello boys, can I help you?! This is The Bear queen's Domain, so you must be lost or stupid, or both

WOLF #2

Who's, who's there?

VOICE #1

It's the big Cat!

NAFU

So you've heard of me, now talk before I get angrier, where is my friend?

Wolf #1

We ain't gotta say nothing to no stinking Cat!

WOLF #2

Let's get back to the bosses!

The wolves take off. They are leading Nafu back to Griff.

NAFU

Well, that was easy

Nafu takes off after them.

EXT. BEAR QUEEN'S FOREST-NIGHT

The two wolves arrive the meeting spot where Sid and Ome are waiting. Ome has Griff Pinned down on the floor.

WOLF #1

Boss, he's coming, he's on our tail!

WOLF #2

And he's angry!

Nafu roars off screen.

VOICE #2

Really angry!

SID

Good job boys, looks like the Panda's Intel was correct after all. You guys can head back to the pack, we will be there shortly, Ome and I will take it from here! Tell Tanis, The raccoon's plan worked, He'll have the kid soon.

The two wolves take off.

GRIFF

When Nafu gets here! Looks like he's having dog meat for supper!

STD

Shut him up will you!

Ome punches Griff in the Head like he is using a mallet and Griff makes a weird face and knocks out.

OME

All done

SID

Whew! He wouldn't shut up, Thank goodness. Now, where were we?

Nafu leaps into the scene in a majestic fashion, all claws out, baring his fangs.

SID (CONT'D)

What took you so long?! We thought you'd never show up, don't tell me a tiger can't keep up with mere little wolves.

NAFU

I forgot how much I like to play with my food, old habits die hard I guess.

SID (AT NAFU)

So it is true, A tiger king grew a soft spot for his meals! And all because of this gluten feather Moocher!

GRIFF (AT SID)

Gluten! Moocher! That is very offensive to my people. I'll have you know; what we do, though lacking in dignity on how we do it, is necessary!

Ome shuts him up, again.

OME

Oops, guess he woke up

SID

Thank you for that Pal, back to hello kitty over here!

NAFU

I believe you two made the mistake of thinking you can stop me, and I don't smell your other two friends. I'm guessing you wanted my attention, you have it, now let him go!

SID

Oh him, you can have him back, Ome why don't you let our feathered friend go

OME

Sure, here you go!

Ome throws Griff hard against a tree.

SID

That should keep him grounded

Nafu rushes to Griff. As he prepares to Charge at Ome, Griff grabs Nafu by his tail.

GRIFF (AT NAFU)

(coughing)

No, don't, there's something you need to

STD

He's still alive!

OME

Maybe I should have eaten him, I think that Fog gave me the serious munchies bro!

SID (AT NAFU)

I think you should be more worried about someone else!

NAFU (AT GRIFF)

Don't worry Griff, Tak is fine

SID

Though I am disappointed those two couldn't finish the Job, I wasn't talking about your goat friend. By now Arryl should have found the cave by following your little goat friend, you're not the only One who's smart around here, you just lost!

Nafu began to panic, losing his cool. Sid and Ome Takes off Running.

SID (CONT'D)

Your friends are good as dead! The wolves are in charge here!

OME

Yeah, we rule! Whoa bro! Slow down I'm big bone!

Sid and Ome disappear into the forest.

GRIFF

(coughing)

Nafu, you gotta hurry back to Ahmyoh, they knew where we were, they let tak go so he can lead them to the kid. They knew you'd come for me! You gotta save the kid, these guys will kill him when they get the chance they know who he really is!

NAFU

(pacing and panicking)
It's already too late! The kid's a
goner, they won!, I was a fool,
this whole thing was mistake, I
should have never listened to you!

GRIFF

Maybe, but this kid, what happened to him and his mom, it's not a coincidence

NAFU

We should just head to Mountains and speak with Ilahki

GRIFF

You know you can't let him die, there's more you need to know. But he needs to live or you'll regret it for the rest of your life. So go and be a nice kitty, I'll catch up, my back is killing me!

NAFU

But what if it's too late!

GRIFF

Just gooooo! Ouch! The kid needs you!

Nafu takes off into the woods without hesitating, running Ferociously fast. Flashbacks of times with the kid, griff and tak are flooding his mind.

EXT. BEAR QUEEN'S FOREST-CAVE-NIGHT

Nafu scans the area, there are some moving bushes, he growls at it and random bird flies out of it. Nafu approaches the entrance, he hesitates to go inside, then he hears someone crying. Nafu enters the cave.

## INT. BEAR QUEEN'S FOREST-CAVE-NIGHT

Nafu looks around, the ground show signs of struggle, someone being dragged, wolf paws. Nafu sees Tak crouched up, bruised and hurt looking away, ashamed.

TAK

(crying)

I tried to stop him,

NAFU

Tak, what happened here? Where's Ahmyoh?

TAK

The kid, He tried to fight but the guy was too big, they took him.

NAFU

They took him, yet they didn't hurt yet?

TAK

He had a message

NAFU

What message?

TAK

King Tanis will kill him unless you bow to him as King, and surrender your Domain!

Nafu approaches Tak, places paws on his shoulder. Tak turns around.

NAFU

It's alright, I'll get him back,

TAK

I'm sorry I couldn't help. This is why I never wanted to go back home, How can I be guardians one day if I can't help my friends, I only make things worse.

NAFU

You and griff have given something to fight for, so, no you're not useless, all the time

TAK

(smiles)

You, you just saying that to make me feel better

NAFU

Do I look like I'd waste my time with such things? I am King after all

TAK

Yeah, but a nice one

NAFU

Are You sure you're gonna be okay, you look roughed up

TAK

I'm fine, us goats are stronger than we look or taste in your case!

NAFU

Look Tak, Thanks for your help, but I promise I will get Ahmyoh back

Griff arrives at the entrance.

GRIFF

No, we will get him back, together! They won't expect all of us, and I have bones to pick with a couple of disrespectful dogs.

NAFU

Alright, does anyone know where they are going?

GRIFF

They're heading back to Cave of wolves, their king is will be there waiting for us, this going to be tough back on their turf

NAFU

How did they find out about the kid?

GRIFF

Maybe the wolves know more than what we know

NAFU

That means they want answers from Ahmyoh, they'll torture him! They are trying to finish the job so they can rule the jungle!

TAK

My father should be able to help us once we get to em

NAFU

Haven't you realized yet, your Father didn't just send Griff to get you, He sent for me too, isn't that right Griff

GRIFF

I didn't mean to lie, I didn't think you'd help me with the kid if you knew, this isn't a normal request.

NAFU

Which means, you know who the kid was when you found him?

TAK

(disbelief)

No, that can't be, we stopped for a drink, we found him by accident. I was the one who saved him from drowning

NAFU

I'm sure griff would have caught him if he thought you couldn't handle it. Who's idea was it to stop by to get a drink at that spot?

TAK

Griff, but why didn't you just tell me?

GRIFF

You wanted to be a hero, and I loved how we made a team. I'm old, this doesn't happen often. And because Nafu's stubborn when it comes to letting others help.

TAK

So my father sent you to get me and the kid?! For What?! To get us all killed? To make me feel useful?!

GRIFF (AT TAK)

Look, you can all hate me later, but right now, The important thing is we need to get the kid be fore he gets killed. Once we get him back, we will meet your father and he can tell you himself what this is all about

NAFU (AT GRIFF)

I want answers Griff! Let's get the kid so I can get answers! Me Ilahki are overdue for a chat

TAK

What is going on?! Just when you think your father can't be anymore sneaky, he still pulling strings. Man that guy's too awesome, I hate that I love him so much!

NAFU

Enough talk let's go! Griff, can
you fly?

GRIFF

I got here didn't I

NAFU

Good, now let's go get the kid!

TAK (AT AHMYOH)

(Clint Eastwood)

We're coming to get you kid!, I promise this time, it's personal! (kungfu gestures).

## EXT. THE CAVE OF WOLVES-NIGHT

Griff located the wolf's hide out. The area is filled with bones, 5 wolves are napping outside. Nafu and Tak hide behind piles of Large rocks waiting for Griff to finish scanning the area.

Griff flies down and lands next to Nafu.

NAFU (AT GRIFF)

Notice anything?

GRIFF

Yeah, the place is low on security, but it's still best to go in quiet. The rest must have moved to the jungle to hold it off! This is perfect!

NAFU (AT GRIFF)

How many did you see?

GRIFF

There's 5 outside including those two idiots from earlier.
(MORE)

GRIFF (CONT'D)

I assume the one who took the kid is in there, asking all kinds of stupid questions! Sorry, I'm ranting.

TAK

This is so intense! I never thought I'd ever get to be the predator, watching them, deciding when to pounce and finish them off! No wonder you guys do it! I can get used to this!

Nafu and Griff give Tak a Concerned Look.

GRIFF

We need to get these guys away from that cave, but how?! They won't follow me because they know I'll Fly off, fooled em once.

Nafu and Griff looks at Tak at the same time.

TAK

Ohhhhh. Noo, these guys already kicked my butt

GRIFF

What about protecting the kid and all that?

Tak makes a wimpy sound, clears his throat.

TAK

(Clint Eastwood)

You're right

GRIFF

Good,

NAFU

I'll head inside, whatever happens don't come in, wait for me to come out with Ahmyoh. Once I do, grab him and do as best you can to fly him out of here!

GRIFF

Got it!

NAFU

Ok Tak, you're up, break a leg

TAK (AT NAFU)

If I break a leg, then I can't Run! I don't know about you sometimes FU! You be actin a FOO!

Griff pushes Tak out of hiding, The Wolves heard the noise.

NAFU (O.S.)

(whisper)

That worked, did he just call me A fool!

The 5 wolves all stare at Tak.

OME

Oh hey look it's the silence of the lamb!

SID

That doesn't make any sense

OME

Uhhh it doesn't have to, he's a lamb, and I'm hungry!

SID (AT TAK)

(shakes head)

Where's your feathered friend? MY friend Ome left quiet an impression on him, see? That was funny!

OME

I don't remember that, we never talked

SID

Ugh, just shut okay

The wolves start to move towards Tak.

GRIFF

I'm Right here! Come and get me!

SID

Looks like we get to have a late night supper boys! Get em!

Griff and Tak take off and the wolves follow. Nafu approaches the cave entrance, he hears noises of someone yelling .

INT. THE CAVE OF WOLVES

The cave has a hole on the roof that shines the moonlight inside.

Ahmyoh is being held by skeletal pieces, holding him to the ground by their bones. Tanis applies pressure as he interrogates.

TANIS (AT AHMYOH)

Tell me! Or I'll have Arryl here rip out your head!

ARRYL

Come on kid, make my day

**AHMYOH** 

You're gonna kill me Anyway!

TANTS

Ahh, true, but no need to make it for nothing. I'll remember your kind words. What Attacked you?!

HOYMHA

You should know!, It was you, you took my mom's kingdom and drove everyone away.

TANIS

Oh my what mouth! Your mother was a thorn at my side, Then she had the audacity to create life! Well, she' nit here and I stand as king!

EXT. BEAR QUEEN'S FOREST-NIGHT

The wolves are chasing Tak, Griff is flying close, making sure they don't Catch Tak.

GRIFF

(flying)

Run, faster! They're on that sweet soft tale!

TAK

(running)

Not helping!

INT. THE CAVE OF WOLVES-NIGHT

TANIS (AT AHMYOH)

You leave me no choice, Arryl didn't you say Sid had the bird friend of his?

ARRYL

Uhhh yeah, I believe Ome is babysittin it, pun intended

TANIS

Well why don't we have dinner right now, I'm getting exhausted with all these questions with no answer!

HOYMHA

No! I don't know what attacked us, I thought it was you guys, I just ran as fast as I could , then I fell at the bottom of a waterfall. I swear that's all I know , please let my friends go!

TANTS

Where?! Where did they attack you!

HOYMHA

On our way to the mountain of destiny. I think that's where she's waiting , OOPS!

TANIS

Now, was that so hard? I thank you for your cooperation, now I think it's time I get rid of you for good!

Tanis raises his paws to strike Ahmyoh, but a noise came from outside the cave, he stops.

TANIS (CONT'D)

Now, what are they doing out there? I hate being interrupted.
Arryl check on the other stooges, while I put an end to all of this pesky problem, once and for all!

ARRYL

Sure boss, Sid's probably hitting on one of the wolf girls, guy never stops

Arryl walks and exit the cave.

EXT. THE CAVE OF WOLVES-NIGHT

Arryl notices everyone is gone and Nafu swifts across the room like a shadow and pick up Arryl knock him into a bush. Nafu's Roar was heard loud and clear.

INT. THE CAVE OF WOLVES-NIGHT

TANIS

Looks like our company managed to get by security, though I should have known! Better make this quick!

Tanis raises his paw, with all claws out to make a deadly blow. Nafu runs in and knock Tanis against the wall. Tanis left a small scratch on his Ahmyoh's face. Nafu runs to check on ahmyoh.

EXT. BEAR QUEEN'S FOREST-ROCK CLIFF-NIGHT

Tak is standing on very, very, steep Cliff, looks like he is floating. Griff rest on rock near branch. They are taunt the wolves.

OME

How's he floating like that? It's making me dizzy bro!, I don't know how I feel about this weird JUJU man!

TAK

(shakin his booty)
That's right, Ya'll can't touch
this!

STD

He's not floating you bonehead, it's those dang feet of his!

GRIFF

Look at them! They're so salty! They look so hungry! I can't look, it's too pathetic!

OME

I'm going to eat that bird, I swear!

SID (AT TAK)

You can't stay there all night! That little ledge won't hold, you fat sheep!

GRIFF

Hey Tak!

TAK

What?

GRIFF

Sounds like they need a hug!

OME

Yeah, why don't you come over here and help us out huh! I got a nice, permanent hug for you!

SID

You're not Arryl bro!

OME

That's it Sid, I'm gonna jump, I'm taking him out!

SID

What? Haven't you notice, you haven't left ground in a while pal. You're not jumping anywhere anytime soon. This cliff, is steep, and I'm not sure if that water at the bottom can save you!

OME

(ignoring sid)

I'm gonna jump and get my meal, get my lamb. I refused to be ridiculed by food, not now, not ever!

SID

Oh boy, he's gonna jump!

Ome jumps on the cliff, lands on a tiny ledge, he tries to maintain balance by making ballerina poses, and falls. As Ome is falling he manages to grab on to a small branch with his two front paws. Griff loved it. Griff flies to the branch and lands in between Ome's Paws.

GRIFF

Well, well, well, look at what we have here, what a twist!

OME

Hey, hey there buddy, about all that thing about you being a meal, and me sitting on you. I was only kidding, you know, gotta do what the bosses ask, I was only kiddin, how about a little help huh?!

GRIFF

Ohh suuure buddy, I'll help you pal,

Griff Grabs Ome's two front paws, looks into Ome's eyes.

GRIFF (CONT'D)

Long lived, your meal!

OME

Huh?

Griff releases Ome's paw fingers and Ome falls in the water and gets carried away.

GRIFF

Enjoy the Trip you oversized jerk!

SID

Ome! You Idiot!

INT. THE CAVE OF WOLVES-NIGHT

Nafu approaches Ahmyoh to make sure he's okay.

NAFU (AT AHMYOH)

Kid, are you okay?! You look bad

**AHMYOH** 

Gee thanks, I'm fine, just get this thing off me please!

Nafu removes the skeletons, ahmyoh gets up and shakes himself up. Tanis takes that time to sneak towards the exit.

TANIS

Looks like I've overstayed my welcome here and this place

NAFU

You Don't get to leave!

TANIS

Ohh how scary, as much I'd love to stay and chat, I have an appointment with someone who's close by... mother, If you won't bow and give up your throne, I'll make sure My wolves devour the dear mother! Thanks for letting me know where she is!

Tanis bolts out of the Cave, giving Nafu barely anytime to React.

**AHMYOH** 

Noooooooo!

Nafu takes off after Tanis, the chase begins.

EXT. BEAR QUEEN'S FOREST-NIGHT

Nafu chases Tanis through the Woods. Tanis runs by The four who wolves who are holding Griff and Tak trapped at the cliff. Tanis howls and the wolves look at Tanis's direction.

SID (AT TANIS)

Boss, they killed Ome, these jerks killed Ome!

TANIS (AT SID)

You fools! The tiger's coming, you and the others hold him. I have to make sure I get somewhere before he catches up to me! Now go!

SID

Yes boss, lets move out guys!

GRIFF

Go get those jerks my boy!

TAK

Yeah! Eat them, Alive!

GRIFF

Sheesh! Calm down, let's go get the kid!

Nafu passes by, The wolves take off after him. Nafu notices the wolves have him surrounded. Two wolves, one on the left and right, leaped at him full fang and claws. In a matrix style, Nafu back flips above the two wolves uses his two front Paws to smack the two wolves's head together.

SID (AT NAFU)

Oh you cool freaking jerk, you're gonna pay for that!

Nafu and the two remaining wolves are running. Sid takes a jab at Nafu's back leg and lands a small blow, the other Wolf Blind-side Nafu with a paw punch. Nafu shakes of the punch and runs into thick forest path to separate them. Sid and the other wolf lost sight of Nafu.

SID (CONT'D)

Here kitty, kitty, you're not scared of two big bad wolves are you?

Nafu sneaks up behind sid and shove him right against a tree that he got tied up in vines. Nafu roared at Sid and he passes out.

NAFU

That's what I thought

The other wolf saw the whole thing.

NAFU (CONT'D)

Boo!

The other wolf takes off hysterically and disappears into the woods.

WOLF #3

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Nafu runs after Tanis. However, there was too much ground to cover.

EXT. MOUNTAIN OF DESTINY MOMENTS LATER

Nafu arrived at the mountain of Destiny. He hikes up and finds a section full of large rocks, laying in different directions. Some rocks lean together to form a triangle door that leads to a dark tunnel. There's blood marks on the rocks. Someone is coming out of the dark tunnel.

TANIS

My, looks like someone is a little too late, she's gone!

With rage, Nafu charges at Tanis, they trade punches, but Stanis falls. Nafu picks Tanis up and throws him again a large rock.

NAFU

What have you Done?! Where is she?

As Nafu looks away, Tanis bites at one Nafu's back leg, Nafu roared in Pain. Nafu flung Tanis at a rock, and stuns him. Nafu limps to Tanis.

NAFU (CONT'D)

You're going to tell me where she is?!

Tanis springs up and Throws dirt in Nafu's eyes, he can't see.

TANIS

Oh my, the king has gone blind with rage, not a very good look!

Tanis charges at Nafu throwing him against a rock, this hurt a rib or two. Then Tanis steps on Nafu's bitten back leg.

TANIS (CONT'D)

You come barging in, making accusations and yet no innocent until proven guilty?, Do you see a tiger queen around, because if you do I'd love to know!

NAFU

I'm gonna kill you!

TANIS

Yes , quite, as I was saying, it would seem like just as I predicted the Queen is no where to be found, she has disapeared, just like the rest of you, and the other lower life forms. The only thing in my way is you and that pesky little furball!

Nafu tries to get up, and Tanis strikes him back down.

TANIS (CONT'D)

Now be a good king kitty and don't interrupt me, I hate being interrupted! The Stupid Goat refused to make me King, no matter how much I pleaded. How can one Guardian decides? Now I make my rules!

Tanis paste back and forth, Nafu continues to try and get back up.

TANIS (CONT'D)

I must say, whoever did take her well I have never seen marks on the grounds like that before, or paw prints, it's fascinating!

Nafu is getting angrier, and he's waiting for his moment to strike at tanis, with a sore leg.

TANIS (CONT'D)

Your kind has been at the top for far too long, with less of you around, this is the perfect time to make myself king, can you believe it? Me? A surbodinate? I think not!

NAFU

So you're a traitor!

TANIS

No! I am King!, You take what you want, I do the Same, you have no one above you!, I will have it the same!

NAFU

A king knows There are rules! You know it! You took over the kingdoms and ran them to the ground. Animals that were already scared, had to flee their homes because of you!

TANIS

Well you and your little friend have proven to me that rules don't matter! We're alot alike, loners surrounded by idiots, kings among kings, nice ring to it!

NAFU

I'm nothing like you, I am a true king, because I was chosen and my people gave me purpose, you are nothing but a dog with a wish bone.

TANIS

No, you Are DEAD!

Tanis charges at nafu with full strength, fangs and claws, nafu leaps out of the way, bites on Tanis's tail and Flung him into the King's River. Sid And Arryl and arrived at the same time to witness this. Selene was peaking through a bush watching, waiting. Griff and tak arrive in just enough time to witness Nafu swing Tanis around with force and rage.

EXT. MOUNTAIN OF DESTINY, SUNRISE

Nafu peaks over the cliff and watches the current carry Tanis away. Nafu looks up at the sun rise, he closes his eyes and feel the breeze the sunlight. Everyone stares at him. Amyoh hops off Griff to walk around.

AHMYOH

Nafu!

NAFU

Hey kid, you're alive! I knew you had it in you!

HOYMHA

Hey guys I remember here! My mom brought me here once, said she came here to talk that wise one Ilahki right?

TAK

That would be my wise, guardian father, he watches over the forest at the high mountains, Hardly to be seen, yeah, yeah we all know!

GRIFF

Nobody asked!

TAK

Shut up!

HOYMHA

Mooooom! Where are you?!, I'm back just Like you told me to! I made friends too!, Even with a Tiger King, he didn't eat me! He's cool!

Everyone started to bow their heads, even Arryl and Sid felt bad. Selene comes out in the open to stand with everyone knew she was taken.

SID

I can't watch, it's too much,

ARRYL

Me too!

Ahmyoh turns to look his friends and Nafu

HOYMHA

What are they talking about? She's gotta be around here somewhere, where is she guys!

NAFU

I am so sorry Kid, your mom was taken, something took her, she's gone!

HOYMHA

No she can't be gone, she still out there! Let's go find her! You said whatever I saw took her, let's go them!

NAFU

Don't you think I've tried, but I have found nothing, no clue, they just vanished! I failed okay!

GRIFF

We all failed you kid, we're sorry

TAK

Maybe my father can help!

GRIFF

No you idiot, there's nothing anyone can do. Why do you think he sent me!

Arryl and Sid burst out Crying.

ARRYL

(crying)

This is the saddest moment I have ever been a part in, Tanis never loved us like this!

SID

(crying)

Yeah, goood riddance to that jerk!

GRIFF

So? What are gonna do with these two, if we let them go they might get reinforcements back in their no king domain. Seeing how we just killed their so called king.

STD

Now, wait a minute, we we're following orders, and If I remember correctly, you killed Ome the same way, you send him down the river!

GRIFF

He had it coming!

ARRYL

Poor Ome, poor fat Ome, All he wanted was to sleep and eat, and sleep, and eat, not necessarily in that order!

Selene walks closer to speak.

SELENE

You two wouldn't be talking about a big fat dog, floating down king's river would you!

Arryl and sid are shocked to finally notice Selene.

ARRYL

Bear! It was true! What kind of freak show is this?!

SELENE

On my way over here to land a hand, I saved the big fella, almost gotten eaten by a Gator too

SID

So he's, alive?

**SELENE** 

Yeah, he's fine. I threw him into a bush. Unfortunately for your king, He's not getting rescued anytime soon.

EXT. MOUNTAIN OF DESTINY, SUNRISE

At that moment, Sid fell in love with selene, love music is playing in his head. He makes his move.

SID (AT SELENE)

You know, I'm sure you get this alot, but You are one beautiful bear, can I call you mama bear?

SELENE

No, you may not, besides I'm spoken for

SID

I don't mind a challenge

SELENE

Well, I'd love to see you take on a bear king

SID

Let's not rush into things

Ahmyoh begins to walk towards the cave entrance.

HOYMHA

Maybe she in there?

NAFU

I don't think so, I was out here when I found Tanis

HOYMHA

So she might be hurt come on!

Ahmyoh runs towards the cave, winds starts to pick up. Fog began to surround the Area. A Large Goat with huge crown like Horns appeared at the entrance of the cave blocking it off.

NAFU

Finally, it's about time

The smoke clears and the Giant goat stands before them in a majestic pose. Reveal: ILAHKI the Wise, Chosen by the Mountain gods to serve as the Guardian of all the mountains, leader of all Guardians. The maker of kings and Queens, Tak's Dad.

TAK (AT ILAHKI)

You can't help yourself can you? Dramatic as always!

ILAHKI

Hello Son, Griff was able to bring you back, glad to see you! Please no more running away, you worry your everyone

TAK

Sure it is dad, looks like you missed the party! Maybe next time you can be the hero!

ILAHKI

I'll try to remember that next time

NAFU

Enough with the small talk, I want to know what's going on, now!

ILAHKI

So does the little one, I Believe we owe him an explanation and an apology.

NAFU

Then start talking!

ILAHKI (AT AHMYOH)

Hello little one! My name is Ilahki, and I believe we met before, though you were too young

Ahmyoh stares in wonder.

HOYMHA

My, my mom is in there! She's hurt and I gotta get to her!

Ilahki brings Ahmyoh closer to him, everyone is quiet.

ILAHKI

I must be to tell you that, although your mom the queen managed to save you from the evil, she was captured shortly after, it found her waiting near the mountains.

HOYMHA

But, she said she'd be waiting, she said we'd be together again, she wouldn't leave me!

ILAHKI

She did her best to wait, but the river carried you too far. But do not be afraid

TAK

"Don not be afraid, Psh" I can do that!

ILAHKI

For none of this was an accident

AHMYOH

How do you know?

ILAHKI

I was the last one to speak to her!

AHMYOH

What did she say!

ILAHKI

If anything happened to her, she does not want you to look for , she wants you to move on and be the king of the jungle that she knows you can be, and protect the creatures as great king.

AHMYOH

She did?!

ILAHKI

Ofcorse, she also wanted you to know that even though things don't seem okay, Everything will be okay. Because of her bravery to save you, your kind will have a king of the jungle once again, that is a wonderful thing.

NAFU

Now the kid knows what happen, who attacked her, and how do I find them?

ILAHKI

That is the reason why we are all here, every single one of us, to learn the truth.

NAFU

No, I'm here to bring back the kid so I can find out what happened to my people, it turns out that the wolves didn't hurt her, something else did. This thing is responsible for Every other animals!

ILAHKI

Like I said, none of us are here by accident, including you!

NAFU

I am here because Griff and I have a deal, and you have information, wise one, now tell me the truth!

ILAHKI

And the truth is bigger than you can possibly imagine

NAFU

I think I have a pretty big imagination

ILAHKI

The forest is in danger, many of us are missing, it is causing an imbalance, but however things are changing and we need to protect the forest so these changes can happen. When the Gods of the mountain chose me to see over the mountains, there were warnings of darkness coming!

NAFU

What is it?

ILAHKI

Come with me on to the higher mountains, and I will show you the truth, even I am at a loss.

The group began to walk up the mountain, and the wolves tried to sneak away, but Ilahki noticed it.

ILAHKI (AT ARRYL AND SID) (CONT'D)

This too concerns the wolves, though you had a false king and he caused much imbalance; if you do not see what I am about to show you, all of you will perish under the weight of your ignorance.

SID

When you put it like that, how can we not look at the bright side?

Everyone resumed marching towards the higher part of the mountain of destiny.

EXT. MOUNTAIN OF DESTINY-DAY-MINUTES LATER

The group arrive at a high altitude, they are amazed to see so many birds, animals. Life on the mountains seems more alive. They see animals scattered all over they have not seen or heard in a very long time. They all gathered at the mountains.

ILAHKI

There are many other creatures here, scared, looking for new homes, you'll meet them later, but that is not why I brought you all up here

Arryl start to salivate.

ARRYL

Look at those food, Ome cannot find out about this place

SID

Snap out of it, we're guest here!

ARRYL

I'm cool, I'm cool!.

The group walk past other animals like marmont families(beavers), different goats, birds, even bugs. They reach a private ledge where they all stand side by side to gaze in horror to what no one had an answer for.

ILAHKI

This is what I wanted you to see, I believe this is reason why the rest of your kind and Ahmyoh's mother is missing

GRIFF

This the reason for all our Pain, This is the true darkness

ILAHKI

I was afraid for my son, and I am trying to save everyone, they are in danger.

NAFU

What is that? It's coming from the ground! I have been there before, I have never seen that there!

ILAHKI

It appears and reappears, it has not one place, that is why it concerns me, it's getting closer to the mountains. Whenever it re appears, animals are afraid to go there, leaving the area empty.

NAFU

Well I'm going to find out

ILAHKI

The queen of the jungle said the same thing! When she saw it, she came to warn me

NAFU

I wonder if KOMONA was around for that

ILAHKI

You still have not figured it out!. Komona is Ahmyohs Mother!

Nafu was surprised to hear that Komona, his old love interest was Ahmyoh's Mother. Arryl and Sid watch like it's a soap Opera.

ARRYL (AT SID)

Oh I wish I had a bone to chew on right now, this is too good.

SID

I know, this is better than us picking on sweet Nickie!

NAFU

That's impossible! No! She was not a queen when we met, she was still looking for a kingdom, that's impossible.

ILAHKI

When you became obsess with looking for everyone, you disappeared into the swamps. She heard that you became king of the Rivers and swamps, so she set out to be queen of the jungle. She sent the prince down the river knowing it was his best chance, with you, she was smart queen

NAFU

Shut up!,

ILAHKI

Komona knew she was something was wrong, when you didn't comeback, she became worried. Komona called out to me, and I answered. She asked me to look after Ahmyoh and protect him. She knew Ahmyoh was about to lose her mother, they were coming for her.

NAFU

Great she got what she wanted, her kid is safe!

ILAHKI

She did not just want anyone, she wanted another tiger, not just any tiger, a tiger king,

Nafu begins to walk away.

NAFU

I have heard enough!

ILAHKI

Not just any tiger King, his father

Everyone is silent with their mouth dropped, expect Griff.

NAFU (AT GRIFF)

You knew about this!, Is this why you wanted me to rescue him!, You knew this whole time. He was the queen's son who was Komona, I told tell you about her.

Nafu jumps on Griff holding him down with a paw by the throat

NAFU (CONT'D)

Talk!

GRIFF

(choking)

Throat clogged! Can't

NAFU

Why didn't you tell me he was my SON!

GRIFF

Because I knew you wouldn't believe me, All you care about is finding your lost people you forget those right here! You would never go the gods, especially if it you knew it was your son, you would have said it was forbidden. But then I remembered, you were just like him when I failed to help you get over your mom leaving. This was my chance to fix everything for you, give you what you never had!

Nafu removes his paws.

GRIFF (CONT'D)

Thanks buddy

NAFU

I'm sorry griff, I didn't mean

GRIFF

What? Try to kill your best friend because he didn't tell you about your son, no biggie!

Ahmyoh approaches Nafu from the back, Nafu is afraid to turn around and face Ahmyoh as his son.

AHMYOH (AT NAFU)

Dad!

NAFU

Don't call me that! I am a king, not a father

Ahmyoh runs and hugs nafu's back.

HOYMHA

(crying)

Please dad, don't leave me, mom was taken, we gotta find her, I can't do it without you, just long enough I can be King like you, please dad!

Nafu was broken. He lets out a smile of relief.

NAFU

Okay son, stick with me, until we figure all this out, we'll find the queen, we'll find mom.

SELENE

Well ain't this the cutest thing you ever saw

SID ARRYL

(crying)
Yes it is!

(crying)
Yes it is!

Everyone turns back to look at the Horizon.

ILAHKI

Nafu you and your son are the last remaining of your kind in these mountains, both of you are going to face a tough challenge ahead.

ILAHKI (AT ARRYL AND SID) (CONT'D) The wolves are also in danger, I believe your kind will be next, so go and warn them, tell them to choose a King or Queen, and I will see to it later.

SID

Well, it was good to hang with you guys, thanks for the info wise one. We'll make sure to stay clear of whatever that it is. Let's go Arryl!

Arryl and Sid took off disappearing down the mountains.

ILAHKI

The other animals will stay here, until they feel it's safe to return

NAFU

Now, I'm going down there to check this thing out, I'm finally going to have answers

**AHMYOH** 

I'll come with you!

NAFU

No! It's too dangerous! As far as we know we are the last, If I'm gone , you will need to be king in my place.

HOYMHA

But what if they take you and you never come back like mom?

NAFU

I'll be back I promise, now stay with Griff and others, they'll take good care of you

SELENE

You know he's safe with me

NAFU

Thanks guys, for everything

Selene nods her head.

ILAHKI

This is going to challenge us all, Nothing will be the same

TAK

Yeah, yeah, I think I have had enough your feely talk for one day, this is why I ran away, you can't turn off

ILAHKI

Always ready to put smiles on everyone's face, you are my son!

TAK

Psh, I still don't have proof!

ILAHKI

How about we head back to he herd and see if your mother will agree

TAK

Don't you bring mommy into this! You think I missed you don't you!, That I missed the family! That I didn't really want to run away

Tak runs to Ilahki and hug him like a child.

TAK (CONT'D)

(crying)

You right daddy! It was so awful, I was scared, cold, hungry, wolves tried to eat me, Griff tried to eat me, Griff pooped a little!

GRIFF (O.S.)

Hey!

TAK

It's true! I'll never run away
again!, Oh daddy! It was so scary!

GRIFF

Geez, where's the man!

TAK

He's scared and hungry and wants his mommy

Everyone turns to look at the Horizon, we then see what everyone was looking at. BLACK SMOKE pumping into the sky. Everyone turns to walk away, nafu keeps staring.

GRIFF

You coming! It's not going anywhere or get here any faster!

NAFU

Go ahead, I'll catch up

Everyone begins to walk down and they all head towards the herd of Goats, Tak's family. Nafu heads down to go to visit the cave before setting off.

AHMYOH

Where's dad?

GRIFF

He'll be back kid, he went to check on something very important,

INT. MOUNTAIN OF DESTINY-CAVE-DAY

Nafu enters the cave and inspects the area. Nafu sees the sign of something being dragged, this time not by wolves. Nafu see paw prints he's never see, He grabs a scent and runs out of the cave.

EXT. MOUNTAIN OF DESTINY, DAY

Nafu runs towards the black smoke, with a smile.

EXT. FOREST- UNKNOWN AREA-DAY

The area is quite, no birds, no animals, no noise, nothing, just crickets. Tanis is near a riverbed. Badly bruised from the fight, he tries to get up and look around. A familiar voice calls to him.

VOICE

My my, someone has wandered way, way too far from their kingdom

TANIS

You! You tricked me!

THE RED PANDA

Did I? I merely gave you information, what you did with it was your own choice!

TANIS

You knew the mother was already taken, you set me up to look like I killed her!

THE RED PANDA

No, you were proud to take credit, until it failed. For killing the previous Wolf King, taking over domains with no objections, you wanted to take credit for everything

TANIS

You said you wanted to make sure things stay the way it was. You didn't tell me that what took the queen was still out there!

RED PANDA

Oh the irony of that statement. In nature, nothing stays the same. Changes is inevitable,

TANIS

You said you wanted me stay king!

RED PANDA

Ah yes, A Fallen One! Now, witness the most terrifying thing you will ever see in your life, for your time has come, and it has come for you!

A Loud noise is heard, Tanis stands there; frozen, then falls to the ground, still no sound, the Red Panda watches. Something made from vines gets thrown over Tanis. Something is dragging his body. Through Tanis's eyes, we see a figure of a creature. It's eyes white, Cold big and piercing. An evil smile pierced through the darkness, it was the last thing Stanis ever saw, and he screamed with terror.

TANTS

Nooooooooooo!

THE RED PANDA
Ohhhh, goodie, this is just the begining!

THE END.