

ACTING AUDITION #1

Madagascar pgs. 20-23

ALEX
Surprise!

MARTY
Aaaagh! Alex, don't interrupt me when I'm daydreaming. When the zebra's in the zone, leave 'em alone.

ALEX
C'mon Marty! Can't a guy drop by to see his best friend? His best buddy? Say hi? Maybe even say, oh I don't know...
(Gloria, Melman, the Lionesses and Mason the chimpanzee enter with a cake.)

GLORIA, MELMAN, LIONESSES, MASON
Happy Birthday!

MARTY
Aw, you guys...

(The group recites their clearly planned birthday greeting.)

GLORIA
Happy birthday Marty! We made you something sweet.

ALEX
It's covered in frosting and it's so good to eat.

MELMAN
Ooh, it's your tenth birthday, this party is for you.

GLORIA, MELMAN, LIONESSES
Because you act like a monkey and smell like one too!

MASON
Smell like a monkey?! I say! Stop perpetuating that loathsome stereotype! Uncivilized barbarians!

(Mason screeches like a monkey and exits.)

MARTY
I can't believe you remembered.

ALEX
Ten years old! A decade! Double digits! The big One-O!

GLORIA

Let's go. Make a wish, babycakes.

(Marty closes his eyes and blows out the candles.)

ALEX

What'd ya wish for?

MARTY

Nope! I can't tell ya that. It's bad luck.

GLORIA

C'mon, tell.

MARTY

You want some bad luck?

(The ZOOSTERS and LIONESSES gang up on MARTY and speak all at the same time.)

GLORIA

Oh, for crying out loud, Marty. Would you just tell us? Tell us.

LIONESSES

Oh, Marty, it's us. You can tell us.

MELMAN

C'mon, tell us!

ALEX

It's one wish. Tell us your wish.

MARTY

Okay! *(stops them)* I wished I could go to the wild.

ZOOSTERS, LIONESSES

The Wild?!

ALEX

Are you nuts? That is the worst idea I've ever heard.

MELMAN

It's unsanitary.

MARTY

C'mon. Just imagine going back to nature. Clean air, wide open spaces...

GLORIA

I hear they have wide open spaces in Connecticut.

MARTY
Connecticut?

LIONESSE #1
Sure. I think you can take a train there.

MELMAN
I wouldn't take trains in this city. People are animals.

MARTY
But one could take the train...? Just hypothetically.

(Alex holds up a thick, juicy, cut of steak.)

ALEX
You're not gonna find any of this in the wild. Steak is a highly refined...type of food...thing. That you do not find in the wild.

MARTY
You ever thought there might be more to life than steak, Alex?

ALEX
(Comforting the steak) He didn't mean that, baby. No, no, no.

MARTY
Doesn't it bother you guys that you don't know anything about life outside the zoo?

ZOOSTERS, LIONESSES
(Except Marty) Nuh-uh. No. Nope.

MARTY
Well, thanks for the party, guys. It was really great. Really.

(Marty walks away from the group.)

MELMAN
What's eating him?

GLORIA
(To Alex)
Maybe you should talk to him, Alex. Cheer him up.
(Yells to Marty)
'Night Marty!

LIONESSES
Good night, Mary! Happy birthday etc

MELMAN

Don't let the bedbugs bite! Seriously. There's an outbreak.

(GLORIA, MELMAN, and the LIONESSES exit.)

ALEX

Marty! Buddy! Everyone has days when they think the grass might be greener somewhere else.

MARTY

Alex, look at me. I'm ten years old, my life is half over. I don't even know if I'm black with white stripes, or white with black stripes.

ALEX

So, you're having a midlife crisis. I'm here for you pal. I always am, aren't I?

MARTY

Sure.

ALEX

Then cheer up! What are you gonna do? Just go running off to the wild by yourself?

MARTY

No.

ALEX

Good.

MARTY

You and me, let's go!

ALEX

WHAT??