

BAGHEERA. And what will be your part in it?

TABAQUI. I'll...I'll cheer him on. Go get him, Master. (*He shadow boxes behind SHERE KHAN.*)

SHERE KHAN. There'll be a time and place for that.

3RD WOLF. Come, Shere Khan, be a good sport. Join the feast which Bagheera has offered.

SHERE KHAN. The gift of Bagheera is tainted with treason. He and the foolish bear may have saved the human cub temporarily, but in time he shall be mine. Come, Tabagui! (*He roars and exits with TABAQUI.*)

BAGHEERA (*calling after SHERE KHAN*). Roar well, Cousin, for the time will come when this cub will make you roar another tune, or I know nothing of man.

4TH WOLF. To the feast! Let's see how Bagheera has done. (*ALL except AKELA, MOTHER WOLF, the CUBS, BALOO, BAGHEERA, and the CHILD exit noisily discussing the feast.*)

BALOO. Well, shall we take the boy back to the cave and begin his lessons?

BAGHEERA. No time like the present.

CHILD. HahMAY bahl WAHlee jonWAHR payCHAND. [*like big furry animals.*]

BALOO. What did he say?

AKELA. I think he was thanking both of you.

MOTHER WOLF. As do we.

BALOO. I think I've decided what his first lesson will be.

BAGHEERA. What's that, Baloo?

BALOO. How to talk like us.

CHILD. Tu mu JACK-EHyah. [*You talk funny.*]

BALOO. This is Bagheera. Ba-gheer-a.

CHILD. Ba-gheer-a.

BALOO. Good! Me, Ba-loo.

CHILD. Me, Ba-loo. (*ALL laugh.*)