

MOWGLI (*awakening*). It's the monkey people...Hello. (*The MONKEYS perform silly stunts. MOWGLI laughs.*) Baloo and Bagheera do not care for you, but you seem harmless enough...And funny.

1ST MONKEY. You, bzzz, go, sss, with us. (*He whistles.*)

MOWGLI. What?

2ND MONKEY. Teach us, sss, bzzz, to be—(*He whistles.*)—like you.

MOWGLI. Baloo was right. You do speak a strange language. A little bit of everything.

3RD MONKEY (*grabbing him by the arm*). Show us, bzzz, how to be, sss, a man cub. (*He whistles.*)

MOWGLI. You want me to teach you to be human? (*The MONKEYS chatter excitedly.*) I cannot do that. I am I, and you are you. You cannot be human any more than I can be a monkey. See? (*He mimics the MONKEYS as they laugh.*) Hey, I might make a pretty good monkey after all.

4TH MONKEY. Yes, sss, you, bzzz, Monkey. One of us. (*He takes MOWGLI'S arm.*)

5TH MONKEY (*taking MOWGLI'S other arm*). Come with us, bzzzz. (*He whistles.*) Sss, to City of Monkeys.

MOWGLI (*somewhat alarmed, trying to shake free*). No, I don't want to go to the City of Monkeys. (*Other MONKEYS begin to eat the bananas.*)

6TH MONKEY. You, bzzz, monkey, sss, brother.

MOWGLI. I am not a monkey brother. I am a wolf brother... And stop eating my bananas! Climb the trees, and get your own.

7TH MONKEY. We take you, bzzz, into trees, sss—

8TH MONKEY. —on way to City of Monkeys. (*The MONKEYS chatter animatedly and pull the struggling MOWGLI offstage.*)

MOWGLI. No! Help! Baloo! Bagheera! Help me—help me!