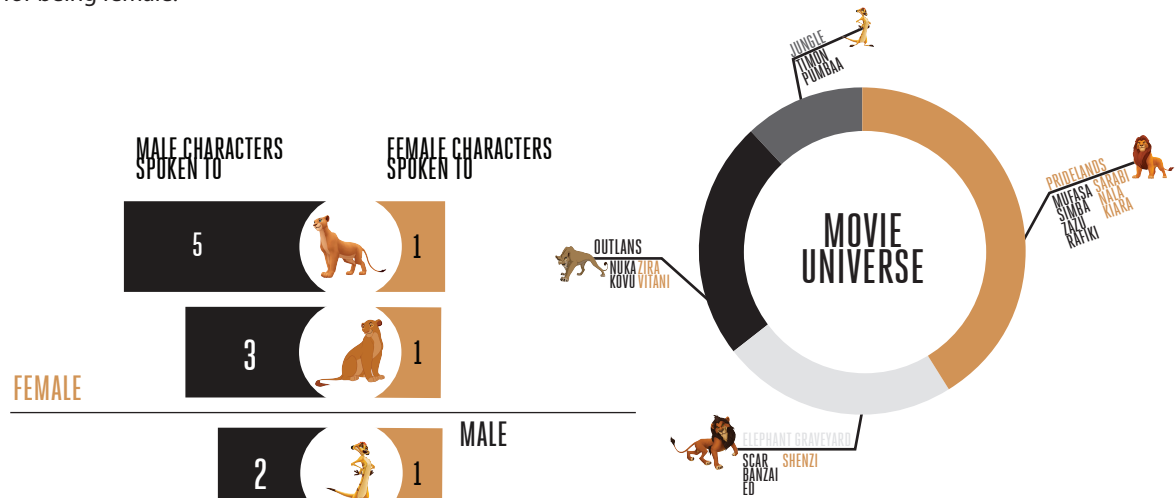
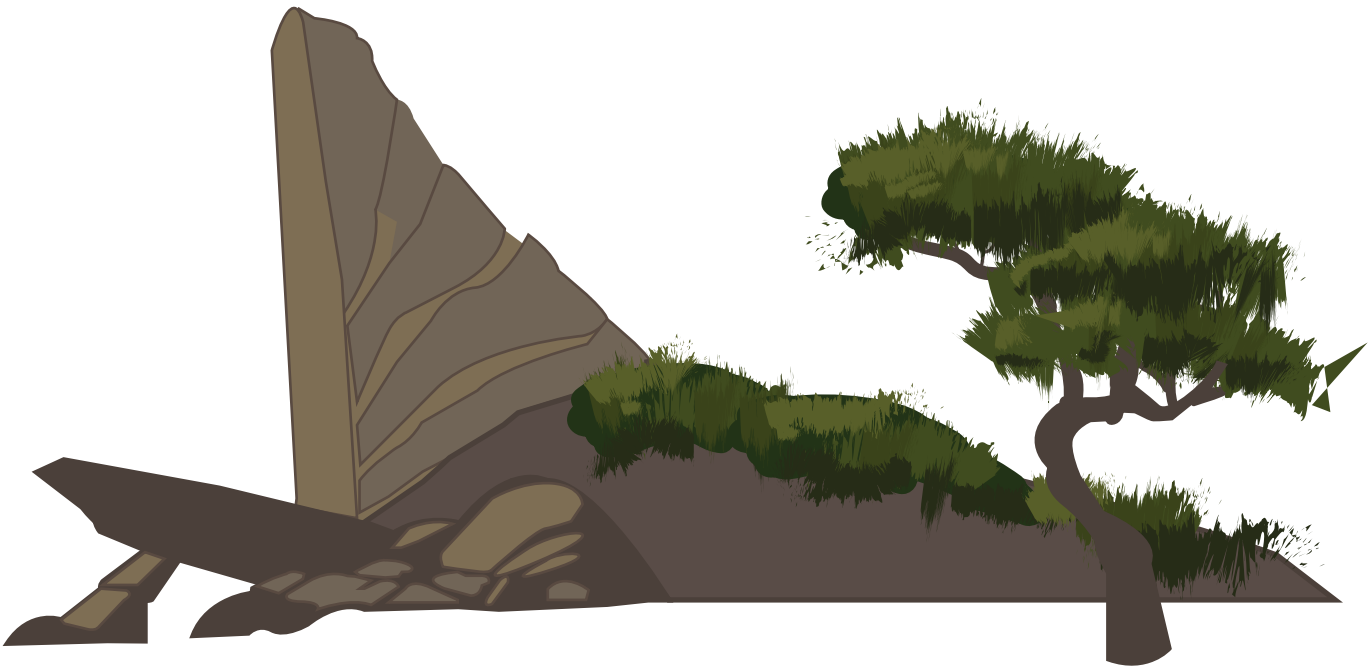


THE LION KING

GENDER ROLES

Walt Disney Co has been making movies for over a century. One of their most successful movies, The Lion King aired in 1994. While it is true that lions are naturally governed by male lions, the Lion King presents a well done job of the few female characters showing that they are not to be pushed around. There are only a handful of female characters in a male driven cast, Shenzi is the only female character to be in any sort of power. She is the leader of the rest of the Hyenas even though she still is subordinate to a male character, Scar. However, Sarabi may be Queen and Nala her successor but the two of them don't hold much power in regards to the other lions. The part that makes them bold female characters is when Nala is able to physical-ly pin Simba on multiple occasions, and that she is the only lioness to leave and seek help after Scar's terrible reign. Sarabi maintains her noble demeanor when she is summoned by scar. She keeps her head held high as she walks past his ravaging minions and speaks to him as if he is not above herself. Female characters may be underrepresented but, the few that remain are not always to be forgotten and diminished for being female.



FEMALE

MALE

NALA IS THE ONLY FEMALE CHARACTER TO MOVE THE PLOT OF THE MOVIE ALONG



THE LION KING IS THE ONLY MOVIE TO SHOW THE VILLAIN, SCAR COMMIT MURDER ON SCREEN

3 TIMES NALA PINS SIMBA

2 TIMES A FEMALE CHARACTER IS PHYSICALLY THREATENED BY A MALE IN POWER

9 MALE CHARACTERS IN TOTAL

3 FEMALE CHARACTERS IN TOTAL

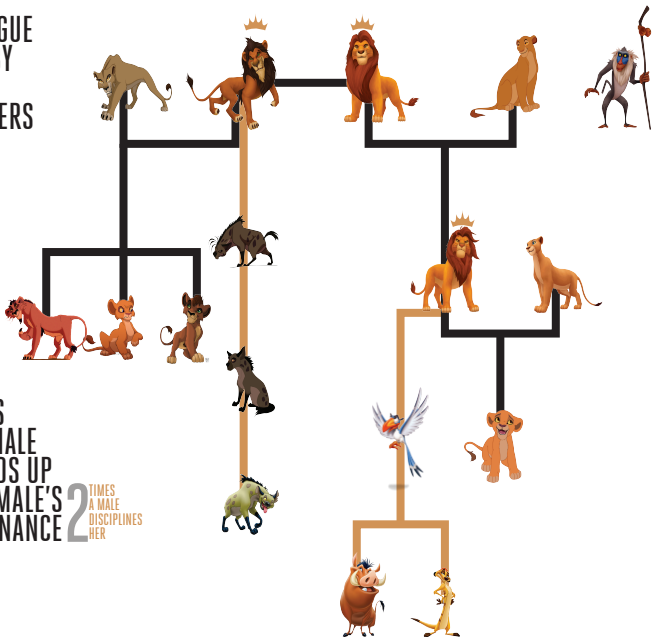
87 PERCENT OF DIALOGUE IS SAID BY MALE CHARACTERS

3 MALE LIONS ARE IN POWER

5 TIMES A FEMALE STANDS UP TO A MALE'S DOMINANCE

2 TIMES A MALE DISCIPLINES HER

THE LION KING UNIVERSE
FAMILY / POWER DYNAMIC



PROGRESSION OF GENDER ROLES:

