

Changes Planned for Disney's *Lion King* Remake

by Baron von Funny

This week, The Walt Disney Company announced that they are fast-tracking production on a live action "reimagining" of one of their classic films, *The Lion King*, to be directed by Jon Favreau. And even though the movie doesn't have a script yet, the ideas are reportedly already flying...

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—Collars and neckties for all the animals, ã; la Yogi Bear. (*Jameson*)

—Pixelization of a whole bunch of live-action animal schlong. (*Joe*)

—The stage musical that was created based on the original animated film will be converted into a *50 Shades*-style sex novel before being adapted into this new movie. (*Brandon*)

—Popular song and catchphrase "Hakuna Matata" reimagined for a post-truth world as "Many People Are Saying". (*Mike*)

—Simba will be an angsty teenager who just wants to brood in his den and listen to old Nirvana vinyls. (*Matt*)

—Rather than a thinly-veiled retelling of *Hamlet*, this version will be a thinly-veiled metaphor for the Citizens United ruling. (*Jameson*)

—Instead of dying in a wildebeest stampede, Mufasa now dies from texting while driving. (*Joe*)

—Remember how Spielberg digitally edited all those guns into walkie talkies for *E.T.*? Well, now he's turning all the lions into walkie talkies, too! (*Brandon*)

—Simba is shunned from his pride for using a private email server. (*Mike*)

—Unlike *The Jungle Book*, all the stars and animators of the original are still alive, so the full title will be *The Lion King: A Slap in the Face*. (*Jameson*)

—Timon and Pumbaa to be played by Detroit Lions legends Barry Sanders and Calvin Johnson. (*Joe*)

—Truth be told, it's really just gonna be another reboot for the Bourne franchise. (*Brandon*)

—When Mufasa's will is read, it is revealed that he left everything to his secret, Nazi-sympathizing family in Germany. (*Mike*)

—To inject a little comic hilarity, Simba has a twin he never knew about who comes to visit from the big city. (*Jameson*)

—An old, annoying, wealthy orange lion with a silly-looking mane will spend the entire film promoting a wild conspiracy theory that Simba can't rightfully be the ruler because he *wasn't* born in Africa. (*Joe*)

—Some filthy fucking dentist shows up on safari and murders Mufasa. (*Jameson*)

—Instead of becoming the Lion King, young Simba becomes the Muffler King of Hoboken, New Jersey, after his Uncle Morty chokes on a hoagie. (*Brandon*)

—It will be revealed that the story actually takes place in the Bojack Horseman universe. (*Jameson*)

—James Earl Jones will reprise his role as Mufasa, but the character's voice will be performed by David Prowse. (*Brandon*)

—No lions. (*Tenessa*)

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