Jungle Book Shere Khan audition scene

(SHERE KHAN is addressing the wolf pack.)

SHERE KHAN And I say to you, if Akela were a true leader, he would be here with you right now.

WOLF But Akela is out hunting.

SHERE KHAN In the daytime? He used to hunt only at night, but now he is too old and feeble to find

enough food for his family in one hunting.

WOLF He may be old, but he is still our leader.

SHERE KHAN And why is he still your leader? Because no one else has been brave enough to

challenge his leadership.

WOLF That is true. No one else has challenged Akela.

SHERE KHAN He is too weak to lead you any longer.

WOLF Perhaps he speaks the truth.

SHERE KHAN Not only that, but he brought a *man*-cub into your midst.

WOLF But that was ten years ago.

SHERE KHAN And for ten long years he has eaten your food, breathed your air and occupied your

space.

WOLF But we like Mowgli. He has been our friend.

SHERE KHAN No man can be a friend of the jungle. You have had your brains washed by Akela and his

kind…Down with Akela! Say it. *(The wolves look at each other undecidedly. SHERE KHAN*

*signals to TABAQUI.)*

TABAQUI Down with Akela!

SHERE KHAN Who will join the wise wolf who has spoken?

WOLF I will. Down with Akela!

SHERE KHAN Follow me, my friends. We shall seek out the traitors, and they shall be ours!