

EXT. SAVANNA - FIELD - MOMENTS LATER

Still waiting, an African wild cat walks by. The cubs look at Mama and she nods her head. All three get ready to attack.

ABASI

Wait for it. Wait for it.

Himaya is lightly nodding her head at Abasi.

HIMAYA

(to herself)

Good Abasi.

Abasi counts down with his paw.

ABASI

3,2,1, go.

Abasi and Kamari take off. Maraty takes off a few seconds later. They surprise the African wild cat, but she quickly runs off, only giving the cubs a few seconds to pounce on him.

HIMAYA

Come cubs, I know you can do it.

They run around the tree, then to the water. Abasi widens his eyes as he prepares to pounce on him. Abasi goes for the pounce. Himaya steps out of the bush for a better look. Abasi lands on the African wild cat's back, holding on for a few seconds, before he is shaken off. Abasi sits on the ground as he watches the African wild cat escape. His brothers come to aid him up.

KAMARI

That was an excellent hunt, Abasi!

MURATY

That was a great pounce!

He shakes their bodies away.

ABASI

What are you talking about? He escaped. I failed.

He kicks the dirt. Himaya comes running over.

MURATY

Did you see Abasi in action?

HIMAYA

I saw all three of you chase that cat with courage.

Abasi looks down. Himaya walks over to Abasi.

HIMAYA (CONT'D)

Abasi, you almost had him. You should be proud of yourself.

ABASI

I should have been closer to him before I attempted to pounce.

HIMAYA

This was your first hunt. It takes time. Heck, do you think I caught my first meal on my first attempt? No way, it took a few attempts to get my technique down.

KAMARI

Can we try again then?

HIMAYA

No, there is more for us to cover.

MURATY

Like what, Mama?

HIMAYA

Like hiding.

All look at her puzzled.

ABASI

If we hide, how are we supposed to catch our meal?

HIMAYA

Look cubs, we must learn how to hunt to survive. But you also must realize, when you are in over your head.

MURATY

Like when Mama?

KAMARI

Yeah, we are leopards. We are tough.

HIMAYA

Yes, but sometimes you will be  
outnumbered and when that happens,  
you must protect yourself.

ABASI

How do we do that?

HIMAYA

By knowing your enemy.

She takes off running up the hill, followed by the others.

MURATY

Wait for us Mama!