



Watch the video of the emotionally charged scene in *The Lion King*, where Mufasa, Simba's father, is sadly killed.

Your challenge is to write this moment in the movie as if you were writing it for a novel. Write only to the 38 second mark of the scene. The winning entry will not only be able to vividly describe the scene and the actions that take place in the clip, but also the emotion and mood in each part.

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Mufasa's claws groped desperately for handholds on the rocky cliffside, Scar staring down at him from his perch of safety. Mufasa stared back, seeing a murderous, evil gleam in his eye, a gleam he had never realised was there...until now. His talons slipped even further. He felt his heart slip even further. Was this his brother coming out into the light, showing his true colours? Mufasa thought of all the times they had shared as cubs, playfully frolicking through the plains, no care in the world. How was this the same lion?

As his body shuddered under the weight of holding himself onto the cliff, he started to realise how *real* this situation was. Mufasa channelled all the sad feelings he could into his voice. "Scar!" he pleaded, his voice cracking with emotion "Brother! Help me!" His claws scratched in anguish for purchase. They made an ugly sound each time they scraped; *Scratch Scratch Scratch Scratch*. Small rocks tumbled carelessly down the hill, into the massive herd of wildebeest below.

For a solid moment the two brothers stared deep into each other's souls. Mufasa saw the years of hate and jealousy surface in Scar's once unreadable eyes. Messages were written boldly and plainly across them now. *Why does he get to be the ruler? Why is he always in the spotlight? What is so special about him?* Suddenly the hate exploded horrendously and Scar lunged with deadly intent. Scar's claws sank deep, too deep into Mufasa's front legs, his fur being pushed aside for the talons. The Lion King roared with fear and pain. His yellow eyes fixed on Scar, not with anger or sudden loathing, but fear and betrayal. Mufasa's sibling gazed back with his own green eyes, smiling wickedly, looking like he was about to exhale all his anger and wanting...by killing his own family.

Mufasa heard the last four words he was ever going to hear, words that he had been hearing all his life as a king. "Long... live...the king," Scar whispered. He released his claws from his brother's paws and threw him backwards in one swift motion. As Mufasa's body whipped through the air, plummeting towards the valley below, he screamed a heartbroken wail of sorrow and betrayal.

Yet he wasn't the only one shrieking: his son, Simba, had watched in horror as the whole thing had unfolded in front of him, nothing he could possibly do. So when Mufasa fell, Simba screamed louder and even sadder than his father. "NOOOOO!" erupted from the cub, the whole world imploding around the poor child. Simba watched Mufasa's limbs flail uselessly around him as he was swallowed by the deadly stampede of wildebeest.



*Watch the scene provided from the movie 'Up': Your challenge is to write from the 42 second mark to the 1:28 mark of the clip as if you were writing this moment in the movie for a novel. The winning entry will not only be able to vividly describe the scene and the actions that take place in the clip, but also the emotion and mood in each part.*

*Part of the challenge is to provide some backstory so that the audience feels the joy of Carl's plan coming to life in a magical way.*

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A dark shape slowly blocked out the sunlight, covering the two Shady Oaks employees who had come to take Carl to the retirement home. The shadow grew larger, covering the path with its kaleidoscopic glow. The two men looked up to the source of the shadow, disbelief covering their faces. The origin of the dark shadow was a large sack that then ripped in half.

A cascade of rainbow balloons emerged cheerfully from inside it, their strings flowing from the weathered chimney of the house like an eagle spreading its wings. The men couldn't take their eyes away from the unbelievable scene, staring in awe as the balloons lifted the small residence, causing it to drift upward lazily. The once normal house now rose towards the heavens, held up by the thousands of multi-coloured balloons, ranging from a beautiful garnet red to a majestic peacock green and a stunning sky blue. The incredible variant and flashing of colour and shadow made it well comparable to a disco.

As it continued its casual yet unceasing ascent, several balloons popped, five even making a great escape away from the house. The old, flying home made its way excitedly toward the stunned men, who, alarmed, ducked and ran away from the incoming collision. Very nearly hitting them, it instead knocked into their pristine white work van. It caused its alarm to go off and added an annoying and repetitive noise to the chaotic scene. Now that the house had completely cleared the ground, Carl stuck his head out of the back window and a wide and cunning smile spread across his wrinkled face. Finally over his atoning grief and feeling more free than he had ever felt, he waved and laughed at the bewildered men. "So long boys!" he yelled in complete joy "I'll send you a postcard from Paradise Falls!"



*Watch the video of the moment in Toy Story, where Woody, who has been Andy's favourite toy for so long, is feeling threatened by the new toy, Buzz. Buzz thinks he can do all things, including fly. Woody challenges him. The video shows what happens next. Your challenge is to write this moment in the movie as if you were writing it for a novel.*

*The winning entry will not only be able to vividly describe the scene and the actions that take place in the clip, but also the emotion and mood in each part. The audience needs to understand that Buzz is 'accidentally' flying, but he, and the other toys, remain convinced he actually is.*

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"I could fly around this room with my eyes closed!" Buzz claimed as Woody continued to doubt his abilities.

"Ok Mr Lightyear, prove it!", Woody challenged Buzz coolly.

"Alright then, I will! Stand back everyone!", Buzz announced confidently.

Woody grinned and snickered, knowing Buzz would utterly embarrass himself. Determined to prove Woody wrong, the naive space ranger marched towards the end of the bed with a strong smile. Buzz was unaware that he couldn't actually fly. Everyone watched in anticipation. Buzz climbed onto the end of the bed. Silence. The windows shone light on Buzz, as if nature was creating a spotlight on him for this moment. He looked down and took a big, deep breath.

"To infinity... And beyond!" announced Buzz with confidence.

Woody was right. Buzz did not fly, not at all. Instead, he fell straight towards the ground in a truly unspectacular way. However, before he crashed into the floor below, Buzz had a true stroke of luck. Miraculously, he fell onto a fortunately placed colourful ball and bounced off, launching him gracefully through the air. From there, he landed perfectly with one foot onto a toy car and zoomed around its set up track. Everyone's faces were lit up in amazement. Woody's face however, told a very different story. His face fell and his jaw dropped as he realised Buzz might prove him wrong in an outlandish way.

Finally, he flew in circles like a superhero a few times while Mr Potato, Rex and Slinky Dog looked on, hypnotised by Buzz's amazingness, eyes wide as dinner plates. Their heads followed him around in circles, mesmerised. It all happened so fast. A few moments later, Buzz detached from the toy plane he was on, performed a somersault, and landed face to face with a flabbergasted Woody. Buzz smirked at Woody's surprised, frowning face and proudly announced "Can fly!!"

The audience erupted into wild applause. "Whoaaa! Oh, wow! You flew magnificently!" Rex shouted out in utter amazement. Mr Potato clapped and whistled. The Lawn Gnome danced in excitement. It was like cheering at a concert, loud and full of excitement. They all cheered for Buzz. Bo peep put her hand over her heart, and with affection, announced "I found my moving buddy!". The excitement was contagious! Buzz waved to everyone and shouted out with a smile, "Thank you! Thank you all!". He was the celebrity and the others followed him mindlessly around, becoming the fans. Mr Potato, Bo peep, Slinky Dog, Rex and all the others praised Buzz continuously.

The others walked away from Woody, leaving him speechless. He had just been left behind. He was all alone. He felt a mix of anger and jealousy. The very enraged cowboy couldn't believe that the others thought that was flying. Woody couldn't contain his fury. He irritably shouted out, "That wasn't flying! That was falling ... with style!"