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Rudyard Kipling

# The Jungle Book



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## CHAPTER 1

# A new family for Mowgli

**Wolfie:** What's that?

**Lif:** I don't know.

**Phil:** Look at his ears!

**Wolfie:** They are so small!

**Lif:** He's got two legs!

**Phil:** Yes. One ... two.







**Lif:** Where's his tail?

**Wolfie:** I can't see it!

**Phil:** What are these, Mum?

**Mother Wolf:** Hands!

**Phil:** He's got two hands!

**Lif:** So he's got small ears, two legs and two hands.

**Wolfie:** And no tail!





**Lif:** What is it, Dad?

**Father Wolf:** It's a man cub.

**Wolfie:** He's got a small mouth!

**Phil:** And his teeth aren't strong! Ouch! Well, not strong enough for the jungle!

**Lif:** He's so funny. Look, he's smiling!

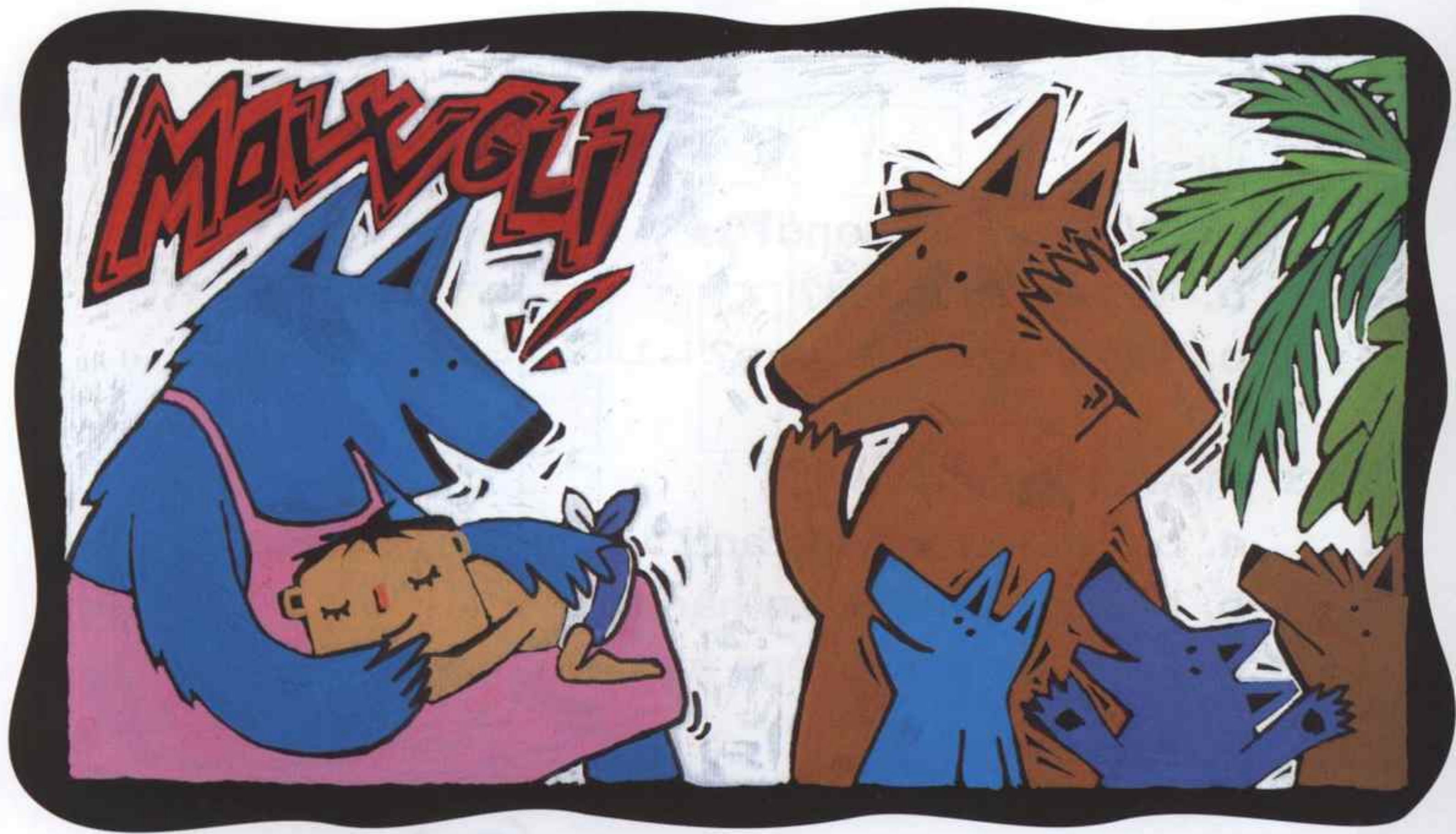




**Mother Wolf:** Let's help the cub.

He's so cute! He's our Mowgli!

**Lif, Wolfie and Phil:** What, Mum?



**Mother Wolf:** Yes, let's call him Mowgli. It's such a nice name!

**Father Wolf:** Nice name? Well, I don't know!

**Mother Wolf:** Please, dear?

**Father Wolf:** OK!



## CHAPTER 2

# Mowgli, this is the jungle

**Baloo:** Come on, Mowgli! It's honey. YUMMY!

**Mowgli:** Can I have some?

**Baloo:** Yes, come here!

**Mowgli:** Hello, tree.

**Tree:** Hi, Mowgli!





**Bagheera:** What's that, Mowgli?

**Mowgli:** A cow?

**Bagheera:** Yes, it's a cow. It makes milk. Listen!

**Mowgli:** A bird?

**Bagheera:** Yes. Good!





**Baloo:** Open your eyes!

What's this, Mowgli?

**Mowgli:** It's long and yellow.

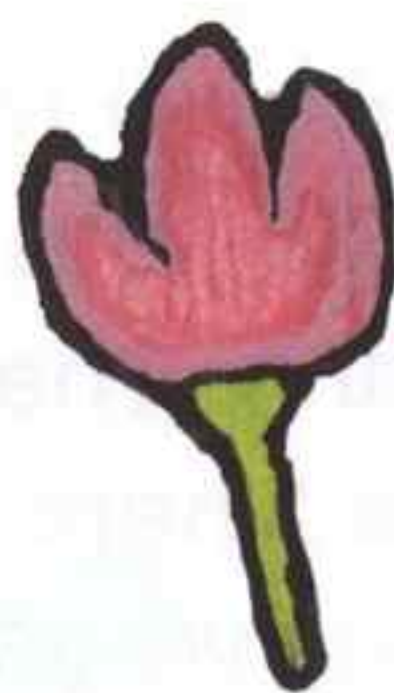
Is it a banana?

**Bagheera:** Yes, that's right.

And... what about this?

**Mowgli:** It's soft. It's round and pink. I don't know.

**Baloo:** It's a flower. A lotus flower.





**Wolfie:** Let's go to the rock and play.

**Mowgli:** Yes, let's go. Oh! Who's that?

**Wolfie:** Shhh. That's Shere Khan, the tiger.

**Mowgli:** Is Shere Khan bad?

**Wolfie:** Yes, very bad!





# Meet the monkeys!

**Mowgli:** It's so beautiful!

**Baloo:** What can you see?

**Mowgli:** I can see two blue elephants and... four zebras.

**Bagheera:** What colour are they?

**Mowgli:** They are black and white.

**Wolfie:** I can see three giraffes. They are eating trees.

**Mowgli:** Let's climb up the tree!





**Bagheera:** Mowgli, listen. I can hear the monkeys.

**Wolfie:** The monkeys! Let's go!

**Mowgli:** Oh no! Please, let's stay!

**Bagheera:** How many monkeys are there?

**Lif:** One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten.





**Key:** Look, Mon!

**Mon:** Yes, Key?

**Key:** There's a boy. He's with Baloo and Bagheera.

**Mon:** What's your name, boy?

**Mowgli:** Mowgli. I'm Mowgli. Who are you?

**Mon:** I'm Mon and this is my friend Key.

**Mowgli:** Hello Mon! Hi Key!

**Key:** Climb up the tree!

**Mon:** Yes. Let's play the Monkey game!





**Mon and Key:** This is the Monkey game. Hands up, head down, open your mouth, bend your knees!

**Mowgli:** Wait! It's too fast!

**Wolfie:** Again, show us again!

**Key:** OK. Go on, Mon!

**Mon:** Hands up, head down...

**Lif:** Yes, hands up, head down, open your mouth...

**Mon:** Go on, Key!

**Key:** Yes, hands up, head down, open your mouth, bend your knees!

**Baloo:** Oops!





## CHAPTER 4

# Mowgli leaves the jungle

**Mowgli:** Goodbye, Father Wolf! Bye, Mum!

**Mother Wolf:** Have you got water and fruit?

**Mowgli:** Yes.

**Lif:** Here are some flowers for you.

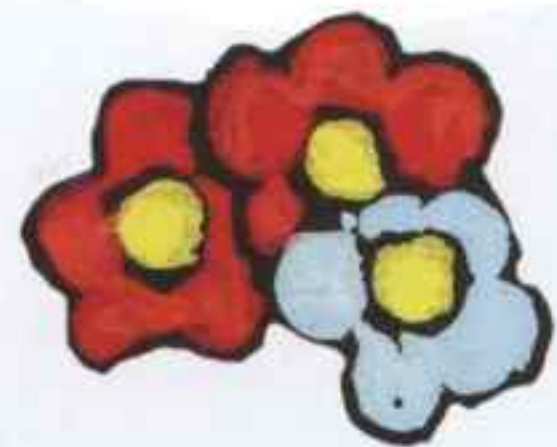
**Mowgli:** Thanks, Lif!

**Baloo:** And some honey...

**Bagheera:** Don't forget the jungle!

**Phil:** We all love you here!

**Mowgli:** I know. Bye!





**Mowgli:** Who's there? ... Who are you? Two eyes...  
no tail... and some hair!

**Noha:** My name is Noha. Who are you?

**Mowgli:** Mowgli.

**Noha:** Come and sit down, Mowgli. Have some  
meat! This is my sister, Keena.

**Mowgli:** Hi, Keena! Some fruit?

**Keena:** Thank you.





**Keena:** Where are you from, Mowgli?

**Mowgli:** I live in the jungle.

**Noha:** The jungle?

**Mowgli:** Yes. And you?

**Keena:** We live in the village down the hill.

**Mowgli:** Is it nice?

**Keena:** We like it.

**Noha:** Tell us about the jungle.

**Mowgli:** I live with my family. My friends are Baloo the bear and Bagheera the panther.

**Keena:** How wonderful!





**Mowgli:** What are they doing?

**Noha:** They're dancing. It's a party.

**Keena:** I can dance. One step forward, one step back, one to the right and one to the left.

**Noha:** Mum, dad. This is our new friend, Mowgli.

**Mum and Dad:** Welcome to our home, Mowgli.

**Mowgli:** Thank you! Let's dance! I like it.

**Mowgli and Keena:** One step forward, one back, one to the right and one to the left.

