


# MADAGASCAR


*Madagascar* is a [computer-animated](#) film produced by [DreamWorks Animation](#). The film tells the story of four [Central Park Zoo](#) animals who have spent their lives in an easy captivity and are unexpectedly shipped back to [Africa](#), getting shipwrecked on the island of [Madagascar](#).


## Characters

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**Alex the Lion (Age 8)** Alex the lion is the side-star of Madagascar. He was born in Central Park Zoo into a life of privilege. He is a star, an entertainer to visitors, and in his mind the king of his empire – the zoo he has never left. He enjoys his life of pampered luxury at the zoo and has no desire to ever leave. He enjoys eating steaks, but he has no idea that they are made of other animals. He is completely ignorant of his predator nature and that in the wild his friends, Marty, Melman and Gloria would normally be his food.


**Marty the Zebra(Age 10).** As the protagonist of Madagascar, Marty the [zebra](#) is the cause for everyone's adventure on Madagascar. He constantly dreams about the wild and wonders what life would be like beyond the zoo (unlike Alex who is more satisfied with how things are). One night, following the successful escape of the penguins, he and all his friends find out.

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**Melman the Giraffe (Age 11).** Melman Menkowitz is a hypochondriac [giraffe](#), who was transferred to the Central Park Zoo as a young adult. Because of his previous stay in the Bronx Zoo, Melman believes that he's a real worldly boy, the most experienced in his circle of friends and the leader of the pack because he's really been around. He's also on a lot of medication.


**Gloria the Hippopotamus (Age 9).** Gloria is a [hippopotamus](#) with an African-American "tough chick" personality. Born and raised in the Central Park Zoo, she is friendly, energetic, and one "hip" hippo. Strikingly beautiful, smart and independent, Gloria knows what she wants and how to get it. She is always the mothering type, whether it's comforting Mort or preventing Alex from killing Marty. Additionally, and unfortunately she is the voice of reason.

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**The Penguins.** The four [penguins](#) are called **Joe** (more commonly known as **Skipper**), **Rico**, **Kowalski**, and **Private**. They feel that they are [spies](#), out on a secret mission for a secret government agency, who naturally has no place in the zoo. To them it's all just a big conspiracy, and they spend their days planning an escape that will lead them back to [Antarctica](#). When the penguins do make it to Antarctica they are surprised to see such barren land and turn the ship toward what they consider "paradise".

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**The Lemurs.** Self-proclaimed King of the Madagascar lemurs, Julien loves to sing, dance, and be the centre of attention. He uses a crown made out of leaves. The other lemurs repeat his every word. He wants to use Alex to protect the lemurs from their natural enemy, the fossa, as long as Alex doesn't know his own glory.

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