

# Meet ... the animals from 4

Alex, Marty, Gloria and Melman are very good friends. They live in New York Zoo. They ran away from New York and came to Madagascar.

I'm Melman the giraffe.

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I'm Alex the lion.

Alex

l'm Marty the zebra.

Marty

I'm Gloria the hippo.

Melman

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Gloria

Hi, I'm Zuba. I'm King of the pride.

Hi, I'm Mom.

Mom

Zuba

Makunga lives in the pride too. He wants to be King.

the pride

Makunga

Before you read ...

What do you think? Are Alex and his friends going to be happy in Africa?

# New Words

## What do these new words mean? Ask your teacher or use your dictionary.

### fight



The lions are fighting.

mark

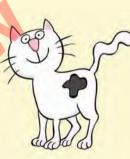
#### country



Africa is a beautiful **country**.



There is a lot of water in the **dam**.



#### The cat has a black **mark**.

pilot



#### A **pilot** flies a plane.





## A long time ago ...

Alex lived in a hot country. Alex was a young lion and his dad was King. Alex liked dancing but his dad was not happy.

'Don't dance, Alex! Fight!' his dad said.





Alex had a mark on his hand. His dad had a mark too.

'You are my boy,' said Alex's dad. 'Everyone can see that.'

One day, some men came. Alex's dad didn't see them. The men took Alex away. Alex's new home was in New York. He never saw his mum and dad again.

Alex was happy in New York. He had some good friends there – Marty, Gloria and Melman.

One day, they all went to Madagascar ...







## CHAPTER ONE 'We're going home!'

Alex, Marty, Gloria and Melman had a great time in Madagascar. Now it was time to go home.

'Come and see us in New York!' Alex shouted to their friends.

'We're going home!' laughed Marty.

But their plane was very old and it flew very slowly ...



'We're coming down!' said the pilot. 'Great!' said Alex. 'That was quick!'

'No!' shouted the pilot. 'We're coming down NOW!'

'Help!' shouted Alex. 'This is horrible!'







'Is everyone OK?' asked Marty. They were in a very hot place. 'We're OK, but the plane isn't!' said Gloria.

'But we're all here and we're all friends,' said Marty.



Some people stopped and took pictures of the animals. Alex took an old woman's bag and ran. Her phone was in the bag.

'Yes!' laughed Alex. 'Now we can find help and go home!'

But the phone didn't work.

