

Savage Kingdom

Savage Kingdom (Overview)

Rule of the kingdom is reserved only for the strong. Five heroes, each with a unique power, head up rival families struggling for power, clawing their way to the top.

Matsumi – reigning killer queen of the abundant marsh, Zalika – calculating queen of the barren Sand Ridge, Satau – ruler of the unruly northern forests, Saba- solitary and acrobatic assassin, and the newly arrived outsider Teemana – the mother with everything to lose.

Each will kill to protect their dynasty – each would kill to take the throne. The only way to succeed is to build an army to steal power, before the others cut them off at the knees. The winner will be rewarded with the richest hunting grounds in the kingdom, but for the losers life will be brutal – starvation, exile or execution. There are no second chances.

Fighting to survive, killing to succeed - nothing will stop the five heroes trying to reign supreme over the Savage Kingdom.

Leopard's Rock

She haunts the trees and hills in the heart of the realm. She is solitary, silent and virtually invisible. Saba the leopard is a killer without rival.

Saba is the most spectacular and resourceful hunter the Savage Kingdom has seen. Her stronghold, Leopard Rock, sits at the heart of this brutal realm – it is a place where she can vanish into the shadows and avoid running into her rivals – lions, hyenas and wild dogs. There is no question that Saba the leopard can take care of herself, but her strength and resilience will be cruelly tested when she tries to bring two cubs into the realm where only she can protect and feed them in the midst of the cauldron of warring predators. The ordeal will tear at her heart

The Pale Pack

The Savage Kingdom welcomes no one. A small, but intensely loyal, family of wild dogs is on the run from the barren wasteland, desperately looking for a safe place to raise six, tiny puppies, but they don't know the dangers of the realm they have run in to.

Leopards, lions, hyenas and a massive rival pack of dogs are at each other's throats trying to carve up the kingdom, and consume its herds of prey – there is no room for new arrivals. It will take everything they've got if the family of renegades wants to survive here when they are so badly outsized and outnumbered - the Savage Kingdom will test them to the limit.

Only the resolve of their dedicated leaders, Teemana and Malao, can save them. But even then, if they can't get at least half of their puppies to survive the onslaught of their enemies, everything they will lose everything they have gambled, and the Pale Pack will be wiped from the memory of the Savage Kingdom.

Queen of the North

Not all lions in the Savage Kingdom are born equal – while the Marsh Pride gets the pick of the prey in the Great Marsh, and its offspring grow fat on buffalo, the three lionesses of the Northern Pride struggle to find food in the distant forests and hills. Once a great pride in their own right, Simba's sons were driven out of the kingdom by the Marsh Pride's brutal males, destroying the pride she now must rebuild.

Now desperately weakened they cannot bring down buffalo any more and must find new ways to survive in the margins of the Kingdom. Scavenging becomes the Northern Pride's only option and brings them into conflict with leopards, wild dogs and hyenas.

In the height of the Savage Kingdom's harshest season, when the threesome is on its knees, the Marsh Pride moves up to steal the only sanctuary they hold. If Simba cannot lead the pride through the crisis, they face extreme hunger, exile or even worse. Is the end coming for the once great Northern Pride?

Mother of Lions

Matsumi, has ascended to become Queen of the Marsh Pride. An unrivalled hunter she has yet to prove herself as the leader of the dynasty that controls the beating heart of her Savage Kingdom – the Great Marsh. Lions can be volatile and brutal bedfellows and Matsumi's King and chief protector, Sekekama, gives no second chances to his enemies, not even his own family.

King and Queen will be tested as their arch rivals; leopards, wild dogs, and especially hyenas, do everything they can to bring the ruling dynasty to its knees. Matsumi must even sacrifice her own cubs for the greater good of the pride in their relentless quest to stay on top.

And then there is the Savage Kingdom itself, whose cruel seasons drive the pride's precious herds of prey away and leave their homeland dying. In the end will the price of success be too high for the Marsh Pride to pay?

Army of Darkness

On a forsaken ridge of sand that skirts the edge of the Savage Kingdom, a calculating hyena queen, Zalika, plots her revenge on the Marsh Lions who keep her clan in exile. Zalika's masterplan is to build an army on the Sand Ridge and when she has the numbers she will confront the Marsh Pride once and for all. No longer will the hyenas eke out an existence in the shadows.

But that is a monumental task for a small band of scavengers. Zalika has to find enough food to keep the fast-growing cubs satisfied, and that means confronting the Savage Kingdom's other clans of predators and stealing their kills. Zalika and the hyenas have to

negotiate lone leopards, deadly packs of wild dogs and even the northern lions, to keep up with their growing troops' demands.

In the end it will come down to numbers – the Marsh Pride is unbeaten, but Zalika cannot accept failure. If there is one queen who can find a way to turn any crisis into advantage, then it is the Queen of the Hyenas. The only question is will the Savage Kingdom let her have her way, or will it cut her clan down in its prime.