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Jonathan Roberts, one of three credited screenwriters on Disney's animated classic *The Lion King*, is lending a helping hand to Triggerfish Animation Studios' feature film *Khumba*.

The story of a half-striped zebra who embarks on a quest for his missing stripes was originally written by South African writers Raffaella Delle Donne and Anthony Silverston. The writing duo was recently in Los Angeles to record some of the cast and to discuss the script with Roberts.

"For better or worse, *The Lion King* has cast a pretty long shadow and with *Khumba* I learned how tricky it can be try to present a fresh animated fable – set on the African plains, populated by African animals," Roberts says. "But by focusing on all the distinct and original elements in the story, we could let *Khumba* shine in its own, well-earned light.

The screenplay for *Zambezia*, Triggerfish's first film due to be released later this year, was given a final polish by U.S. writers Cory and Todd Edwards, the creators behind *Hoodwinked!*

Both *Zambezia* and *Khumba* are being represented for international sales by Cinema Management Group. CMG has already pre-sold *Khumba* to Russia, Poland, Czech Republic, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, the Middle East, China, Indonesia, Pan-Latin America, Turkey, Portugal, Azerbaijan, and the airlines.

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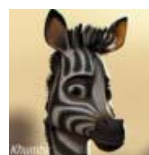
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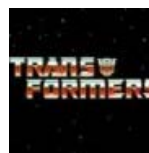
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