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LION TRIPLETS BORN 'OFFSTAGE'

Rona proudly shows her triplets born backstage at the Metropolitan Theatre. But she's not too keen on visitors, so let's get the cubs out for a closer look. That's better. They're only four days old but can already come up to scratch, so care's needed in handling them.

Johnny Kayes gives young Tommy experience in handling cats (as circus-folk call lions) and he seems thrilled. But their father who weighs nearly half-a-ton, isn't at all impressed with his offspring. That's something the wrong cat brought in, he says, and tries to laugh its head off.