

DOWN IN THE DUMPS!

Scene 1

(Scene follows SONG #1)

POPS

Jeepers, creepers. This place stinks. Pheeyew!

JUG

Well, Pops, it ain't no perfume factory.

OL' NEWS

Just another day in paradise.

TUBBY

Paradise? Hey, I just got thrown in here, but it sure looks like the dumps to me.

POPS

Chill out, Tubby, our newsworthy friend likes to play with words.

JUG

Oh, shut up, Pops.

TUBBY

That's not a nice thing to say.

JUG

I ain't nice.

TUBBY

And you shouldn't say ain't.

JUG

Shut up, Tubby.

TUBBY

Goodness gracious, Jug. Are you always so grumpy?

POPS

Yeah, you sure talk baaaaad for an old cracked-up milk jug.

JUG

I ain't had no crackup. I just have a stress fracture, that's all. It comes with age. You should know. You lost your fizz a long time ago. Ain't it so?

TUBBY

You really shouldn't say ain't.

JUG

Well aren't you something. You plastic disaster. You microwave meltdown! You've blown your top. Useless!

OL' NEWS

Hey, arguing is nothing but a waste of time. Give it a rest.

POPS

Ol' News is right. We need to find a way out of here, and get to a recycling center so we can become useful again.

DRAGON (OFFSTAGE)

Achoo! Achoo!

TUBBY

Who sneezed?

(Offstage, the DRAGON roars.)

TUBBY

What was that?

OL' NEWS

That's trouble.

POPS

Duck and cover!

(They all take cover.)