Cast of Characters

Opal – 10-year-old girl

Narrators 1 & 2 – The narrators explain the action in the play

The Preacher – Opal’s father

Scene 2

NARRATOR 1
Opal and Winn-Dixie walk home to Opal's trailer.

OPAL
You'll see, Winn-Dixie, that my daddy is a good man. But I call him the preacher because he spends so much time preaching or writing sermons that it's hard for me to think of him as a daddy.

NARRATOR 2
Opal and Winn-Dixie arrive at Opal's trailer. They find the preacher hunched over an old laptop, composing a sermon.

OPAL
I found a dog and I want to keep him.

THE PREACHER
We can't keep this dog.

OPAL
But I'd have someone to talk to and wouldn't have to bother you so much.

NARRATOR 1
The preacher looks hard at Winn-Dixie, who looks right back at him.

THE PREACHER
We can keep him temporarily. Make some signs so folks know you found a dog who needs a home.

NARRATOR 2
Later, Opal talks to Winn-Dixie.

OPAL
Mama left when I was 3. Daddy doesn't like talking about her. Think I should keep asking him?

NARRATOR 1
Winn-Dixie looks at her, almost nodding.

OPAL
Well, I'll think about it.

NARRATOR 2
At bedtime, the preacher comes into Opal's room.

OPAL
Daddy, can you tell me about Mama? I don't need to know a lot. Just a few things.

THE PREACHER
Opal, it's time for bed.