Cast of Characters

Opal – 10-year-old girl

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

Store Manager – The manager of the Winn-Dixie store.

Scene 1

OPAL (VOICE-OVER)  
When we moved to Naomi, it was just the preacher and me, only sometimes it seemed like it was me alone. And then one morning, the preacher sent me to the Winn-Dixie grocery store for a box of macaroni and cheese, some white rice, and two tomatoes.

NARRATOR 1  
Suddenly there's a big commotion in one of the aisles.

NARRATOR 2  
A huge dog is running full-speed through the store.

NARRATOR 1  
The entire staff of the grocery store is chasing it.

OPAL (VOICE-OVER)  
There in the produce section, my whole life changed.

STORE MANAGER  
Get that thing out of here!

NARRATOR 2  
The dog stops and smiles at Opal. Opal smiles back.

STORE MANAGER  
Call the pound!

NARRATOR 1  
Opal has a crazy idea.

OPAL  
Wait! That's my dog. Here boy! Come on... Winn-Dixie!

STORE MANAGER  
Who names a dog Winn-Dixie?

OPAL  
Me! I hope you like your new name, boy. You're a mess! Let's get you cleaned up and see what the preacher has to say about you.