Cast of Characters

Opal – 10-year-old girl

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

Otis – A shy guitar player in his 20s who works in a pet store

Scene 4

NARRATOR 1  
Opal wants to buy Winn-Dixie a collar, so they go inside the local pet store.

NARRATOR 2  
Otis, the clerk, is playing his guitar.

NARRATOR 1  
The animals are out of their cages. They are quiet, mesmerized by his playing.

NARRATOR 2  
Otis sees Opal and stops playing. Suddenly, the animals go wild.

OTIS  
Help me!

NARRATOR 1  
Otis and Opal try to catch them.

OPAL  
There are too many! Play your guitar again!

NARRATOR 2  
He does, and they quiet down. Opal puts them back in their cages.

OTIS  
Music makes them happy. I take them out because they don't like being locked up.

OPAL  
Do you ever play for people?

OTIS  
I used to. But police told me to stop. I didn't, because playing guitar's all I love doing. So they took me to jail.

OPAL  
But you could play now!

OTIS  
They made me promise never to play outside again. Now I only play for the animals.