

"WE HAVE POIPUS!"

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Intro

2 NARRATORS: Hello! My Name is _____. And my name is _____. We are students from the _____ School. What you are about to see is the "We Have Poipus!" Puppet Show and we will be your narrators! "We Have Poipus!" is an original play for puppets which was written with much input from Youngstown City Students.

(Curtains are closed-coughing sounds are heard)

NARRATORS: Do you hear coughing _____? Yes, I do _____. And look the curtains are opening and OH NO!! It's the boys lavatory at school and LEONARDO DA SNOZZIO and CRUISER are smoking cigarettes and are offering cigarettes to VACCUUM.

(Curtain Opens)

Scene I: The boys lavatory at school

LEONARDO DA SNOZZIO: "This is Great!"

CRUISER: "Want some smoke?"

VACUUM: "No, I don't do that stuff! Smoking's not good for you!"

CRUISER: "Ah, come on! Everyone's doing it. It's the cool thing to do!"

VACUUM: "Oh, I don't know ... well, maybe I'll just try it."

CRUISER: "Yeah! Here ... have one!"

VACUUM: (He breathes in and out of his mouth)

CRUISER: "No, you got to breath it all the way into your lungs! Like this"

(VACUUM breathes in and starts coughing)

CRUISER: "Yeah, that's it-now you're getting it!"

VACUUM: "Yeah, I think I'm getting it!"

CRUISER: "Hey, MARBLES! How about you? Want some smoke?"

MARBLES: "No way!" (He starts to leave and then comes back in) "Hey! Here comes our teacher, MR. WHEATBREAD."

LEONARDO DA SNOZZIO: "Quick! Get rid of the cigarettes!"

(They flush them down the toilet)

(MR. WHEATBREAD enters the boys lav.)

MR. WHEATBREAD: "I smell smoke!"

VACUUM: "Smoke! Yeah, uh, smoke! Do you smell smoke, MARBLES?"

MARBLES: "Yeah, it kinda smells like smoke, I guess, but I wouldn't know!"

CRUISER: "Well, I know, and it is smoke and we were just getting ready to tell you about it, MR.WHEATBREAD. Weren't we guys?"

LEONARDO DA SNOZZIO: "Uh, yeah! I mean, yeah! Yeah, that's right!"

VACUUM: "Yeah, that's right!"

CRUISER: "You see, this smoke was here when we came in!"

LEONARDO DA SNOZZIO
& MARBLES: "Yeah, that's it."

(They look at each other and then at MR. WHEATBREAD)

VACUUM: "This smoke, if that's what it is, was in here when we came in!"

MR. WHEATBREAD: "Well, I'm certainly glad it wasn't you boys! Especially after we just finished talking about the dangers of smoking in health class."

ALL TOGETHER: "Yes, MR. WHEATBREAD!"

MR. WHEATBREAD: "You know, smoking can destroy your heart and your lungs and your arteries and it can even cause you to lose your voice box or have a stroke."

ALL TOGETHER: "Yes, MR. WHEATBREAD!"

MR. WHEATBREAD: "Well, I'm going to go and report this smoke in this bathroom to the principal and I certainly am glad it wasn't you boys!"

(He leaves)

MARBLES: "Wow! That was close!"

CRUISER: "That sure was close! I would have gotten kicked out for sure for as much trouble as I've been in lately!"

VACUUM: "Hey!" (In a deep voice) "I'm certainly glad it wasn't you boys!" (Ha! Ha! Ha!) "We sure fooled him!" (Ha! Ha! Ha!)

CRUISER: "I think I need another cigarette."

VACUUM: "Let me have one too!"

MARBLES: "Not me! I'll never touch those things!"

(He leaves)

CRUISER: "OK, VACUUM, remember you got to breath deep. See if you can make the smoke come out of your nose."

VACUUM: "I'm getting it! I'm getting it!"

(Sounds of coughing)

(The curtain closes)

Scene II: Outside the school building

NARRATOR: Now, everyone knew it was wrong to lie but no one said anything.

The boys never did get caught for smoking in the boy's room. And, so, VACUUM started smoking regularly with CRUISER and Snoz. They got used to it so they didn't cough. After just a few short weeks, they were all hooked-hooked for life. MARBLES chose never to start smoking. The teachers continued to warn all the students about drugs and alcohol. In the days to come, the students were asked to write about what they would like to do when they grow up. Everyone had such wonderful dreams ... well ... almost everyone.

VENUS: "That was a good speaker we had today about career opportunities. There are so many interesting jobs and things a person can do with their life!"

GREEN MEANIE: (Mockingly) "There are so many interesting things one can do with one's life!"

PRUDENCE: "Yes, there is! Myself, I'm going to be a teacher. I love children and even though it's a lot of work, I think teaching would really be fun!"

GREEN MEANIE: (Mockingly) "I'm going to be a teacher!"

VENUS: "I'm going to be a veterinarian. I just love animals. Either that, or a nurse."

GREEN MEANIE: (Mockingly) "I'm going to be a veterinarian or maybe a nurse!"

PRUDENCE: "GREEN MEANIE! What are you going to be?"

GREEN MEANIE: "Work?!! Me, work!! Ha! Ha! Ha! I ain't doing nothing! Why should I work?"

LEONARDO DA SNOZZIO: "I'm going to join the service and learn to fly an airplane and then I'm going to become a commercial airline pilot. I'll be able to go anywhere in the world and my family will be able to fly for free, too!"

VACUUM: "You'll see me on TV because I'm going to be a professional football player!"

(Ellie enters the scene.)

(She is a puppet that looks like an elephant.)

GREEN MEANIE: "Look! Here comes Ellie! Ha! Ha! Look at that belly! "And that nose! Ha! Ha!"
"And those ears! Ha! Ha!"

ALL TOGETHER: "GREEN MEANIE!!!"

ELLIE: "Yes, I do have a big belly. I like my jelly. And I have a long nose. That's the way it goes! But my ears ... I use my ears to listen. And, you should listen, too! You should especially listen to what the teachers and other people are saying about drugs! Well, I got to go! I think I hear a jar of jelly calling for my belly!"

PRUDENCE: "You know, I like Ellie!"

VACUUM: "Even if she does have a big belly!"

VENUS: "And a long nose!"

LEONARDO DA SNOZZIO: "And big ears!"

GREEN MEANIE: "But that part about listening-forget it. We're too cool for that! I'm out of here!"

PRUDENCE: "Hey, there's MOUSETRAP! My mom said we should stay away from him. He does drugs."

MOUSETRAP: "Hey, everybody! What's new?"

LEONARDO DA SNOZZIO: "New York-New Jersey-New Mexico"

MOUSETRAP: "Ha! Ha! Very funny. Hey, I got some good stuff here! Want to try some weed?"

PRUDENCE: "No way-not me! Drugs are not for me. I've got to go."
"I'm going to meet Charity and we're going to work on our projects for the Science Fair."

VACUUM: "I've got to go too! I'm going to climb some trees and then I'm going to start building a treehouse!"

MOUSETRAP: "How about you, Snoz. Want a drag?"

LEONARDO DA SNOZZIO: "Oh, I don't know."

MOUSETRAP: "It's good weed. It'll make you feel good."

VENUS: "I'll try some." (She breathes in and out)

LEONARDO DA SNOZZIO: "Here, let me try some too!" (He breathes in and out)

MOUSETRAP: "Pretty good, isn't it. Hey, meet me down at the park in a half hour and we'll twist a few and you can try some crack and other stuff I have too."

LEONARDO DA SNOZZIO: "Hey, what's that thumping sound I hear?"

VENUS: "I hear a ticking sound too! It's Father Time and his clock!"

MOUSETRAP: "Come on let's go!"

VACUUM: "Let's go!"

LEONARDO DA SNOZZIO: "Yeah! We got to go!"

(Curtain closes - sounds of Tic Toc)

Scene III: A background showing the sky

It is a large scroll which unwinds from stage right to stage left. When the scroll unwinds, thirty birds are shown flying across the stage, one behind the other. Each bird is bearing a banner with a year starting with the present to thirty years hence.

NARRATOR: And so MOUSETRAP and all the children left. LEONARDO DA SNOZZIO and VENUS met some of their other friends on the way to the park and took them to meet MOUSETRAP to try some of his drugs.

FATHER TIME: "Oh, dear! The children have all left, and I did so want to talk to them. I came to give them warning and to encourage them. I want them all to know how special they are! You see, there's only one like each one of them in the whole world and so they must use their talents and gifts wisely. They must also heed the advice of others who care and who want to help them. There are so many traps in their life. And, time passes so fast! So fast!!"

(He leaves the stage but forgets to take his clock.)

(After Father Time leaves, the scroll starts to unroll showing the birds flying across the stage.)

(As the years go by, the following song is sung):

TIC TOC SONG

Tic Toc goes the clock
30 tics and 30 tocs
Makes 60 seconds of tic toc!
60 seconds makes a minute
And every minute counts!
60 minutes makes an hour
An hour of day or night
Tic toc goes the clock
Tic toc tic toc it never stops!
Tic on the short hand
On the clock
Around they go
And back to the top!
Tic for the moon
And toc for the sun
That's 12 for the dark
And 12 for the light
Tic toc a day to live
Let's choose to live it right!
Tic toc for seven days
Another week is gone!
Four weeks to a month
No matter where you run
Twelve months to a year
Time flies- oh yes, it's clear!
Time flies- the years go by!
Bye! Bye!
Tweet! Tweet! Tweet! Tweet! Tweet!

(Curtain closes)

Scene IV: The front of the school - bars on windows - hunks of the building broken off- graffiti - trash on ground - trees larger.

NARRATOR: And, so, just like that, thirty years have passed, and there have been many changes. So many things have happened.

(MARBLES is being chauffeured past his old school. His son is in the back seat with him.)

MARBLES: (To his son) "You see, son, this is where I went to school, but when I came here thirty years ago, things were different. This used to be a nice school. Now all the windows have bars and everything is covered with graffiti."

SON: "Daddy, why are things so bad here?"

MARBLES: "It's because of the drugs, son. Everywhere here there is drugs and crime and violence. You see, son, drugs lead to crime and violence."

(The car passes by the school and off the scene.)

Scene V: MARBLES reappears on the scene.

MARBLES: (Talking to himself): "You know, I just had to come back here. This old school has so many memories. Life has been good to me. I have good health - I have a good job and I have a wonderful family. But-I wonder what has become of all my old classmates."

(PRUDENCE appears on the scene holding the hand of a pathetic looking multiple handicapped child.)

MARBLES: "PRUDENCE! Is that you? Why you're beautiful! I haven't seen you for thirty years-since we were kids! What are you doing here?"

PRUDENCE: "I work here. I am a teacher-just like I always said I wanted to be. I love working with the children. They have their whole lives ahead of them and can be anything they want. I try to guide them in the right direction."

MARBLES: "And this poor child? Who is this poor child?"

PRUDENCE: "This is VENUS's little girl. VENUS was on drugs when she had this little girl and was also on drugs before she had her. Not always, but many times when you see a child like this, it's because of drugs. VENUS has been in and out of rehabilitation programs and in and out of jail for years now. Social services has taken this child off of her because of her drug problems."

MARBLES: (To little girl) "What is your name, little girl?"

PRUDENCE: "She can't hear you and even if she could, she wouldn't understand you. Her name is Saturina and she will never be normal."

MARBLES: "Oh! What a sad story!"

PRUDENCE: "Yes! It is very sad! And, it never had to be!"

MARBLES: (Whispering with his hand up) "PRUDENCE! Who are those two pathetic looking old people coming down the sidewalk?"

PRUDENCE: (To MARBLES) "They're not old-they're our old classmates, LEONARDO DA SNOZZIO and VACUUM. They come here every day after school for a special rehabilitation program for sick people. Charity comes too ... to help with the program. She's a nurse and has made a good life for herself. She has taken good care of herself and still looks like she's twenty years old."

MARBLES: "Oh my goodness! I would never have known it was them! They look terrible!"

PRUDENCE: (To MARBLES) "Shhh. They'll hear you!"

(To Snoz and VACUUM) "Snoz and VACUUM-look who's here! It's MARBLES who was in our class thirty years ago!"

VACUUM: "MARBLES! You look great!"

LEONARDO DA SNOZZIO: "Yeah! You look like you belong on the cover of a fashion magazine!"

VACUUM: "And, it looks like life has been good to you."

LEONARDO DA SNOZZIO: "He doesn't just look great-he looks incredible!"

MARBLES: "Yes, life has been good to me! But, what about you? What has happened to you?"

LEONARDO DA SNOZZIO: "It's those cigarettes. I got hooked when I was twelve and I never could put them down. The doctors had to remove my larynx. And now, I have to use this funny box to talk. But, at least, I'm still here. They had to remove one of my lungs, too, and I almost lost my life!"

MARBLES: "And, what about the wooden arm?"

LEONARDO DA SNOZZIO: "I got into some drugs, too! One day I was meeting up with MOUSETRAP and I got shot by another drug dealer. I lost an arm, an eye, and an ear!"

VACUUM: "Life has been hard for me, too! I used to be the fastest tree climber this side of the Mississippi, and now, I can't even climb three steps without getting out of breath!"

MARBLES: "But your mouth-how come only half your mouth works? And, why do you have to walk with a cane?"

VACUUM: "That's because I had a stroke. It's all because of the cigarettes. You know, we all thought we were so cool smoking cigarettes!"

LEONARDO DA SNOZZIO: "Yeah! And some of us even did drugs. If only we had never started, this would never have happened to me!"

MARBLES: "Say, what ever happened to MOUSETRAP?"

LEONARDO DA SNOZZIO: "He got shot and killed fifteen years ago. Something about a drug deal gone bad."

MARBLES: "Oh, no!"

PRUDENCE: "And, you know, I saw MOUSETRAP just a week before he was killed. He was telling me about, how even with all his money which he made from selling drugs, about how unhappy he was! He just kept saying he had no peace. He couldn't get out of his mind all the people he hurt and some even got killed because of the drugs he sold!"

VACUUM: "You know, these cigarettes I smoke are legal, but I have no peace either. People who don't smoke are always giving me dirty looks and I worry about my health and the medical bills, not to mention the cost of these cigarettes."

MARBLES: "And what about Go Cart?"

LEONARDO DA SNOZZIO: "He committed a robbery for drug money and is doing fifteen years at the prison and, Fermento, who used to drink wine down at the park became an alcoholic. He's living in a cardboard box down on Fifth Avenue."

MARBLES: "This is all so sad! And none of it had to be!"

VACUUM: "Yes, you are right! None of this had to be! And even FIREBALL ... if he had learned to control his temper, he would never had gone to jail all those times, and then died because he popped a blood vessel getting mad."

PRUDENCE: "Here comes GREEN MEANIE! She never smoked cigarettes or did drugs but she never learned anything in school. And, she sure made it hard for the rest of us to learn!"

MARBLES: "Yes, she was always disrupting our class when most of us just wanted to learn!"

LEONARDO DA SNOZZIO: "She's a bag lady now and no one wants anything to do with her!"

VACUUM: "Just look what being mean all these years has done to her face!"

ALL TOGETHER: "Ugh!"

PRUDENCE: "Well, I need to take Saturina to her bus."

MARBLES: "I'll walk with you."

PRUDENCE: "You know, Steadfast became a fashion designer-just like she said she would-and Eggplant became a successful businessman. Just like us, they never smoked or did any drugs either, and they look great, too!"

MARBLES: "I heard Oliveloaf has become a very successful architect."

PRUDENCE: "Yes, she has. I saw her a few weeks ago and she looks terrific. She never smoked or did drugs either."

MARBLES: "I heard that CRUISER who taught everyone how to smoke died of lung cancer!"

PRUDENCE: "Yes, he did! And he really suffered, too!"

LEONARDO DA SNOZZIO: "Just look at our lives-it gives me the hives!"

VACUUM: "We made a terrible mistake! If we had stayed drug free, this would never be!"

GREEN MEANIE: "If only I hadn't been so mean!"

LEONARDO DA SNOZZIO: "If only we could turn back the clock!"

VACUUM: "That's it! The clock! Look, Father Time left his clock here!"

ALL TOGETHER: "We'll just push back the hands!"

VACUUM: "They don't want to move!"

GREEN MEANIE: "Here comes a freight train. That'll make the hands move back."

LEONARDO DA SNOZZIO: "Do you have the hands attached?"

VACUUM: "Yes, I do! I'm ready!"

LEONARDO DA SNOZZIO: "Did they move back?"

VACUUM: "No! It didn't even move a hair! It just keeps going forward!"

LEONARDO DA SNOZZIO: "I know! We'll call the most powerful person in the world. We'll call the president of the U-nited States!"

VACUUM: "That's right! Ellie! Our old classmate!"

GREEN MEANIE: "We'll call Ellie! She won't let us down, even though we did act like clowns."

LEONARDO DA SNOZZIO: "GREEN MEANIE, you even used to tell her she belonged in a circus, but look at her now!"

(The students dial a futuristic television style telephone.)

GREEN MEANIE: "Just dial! Just dial!"

ELLIE: "This is the White House, President Ellie Phant speaking! May I help you please!"

ALL TOGETHER: "Ellie! This is your old classmates! We're sorry we made fun of your belly!"

ELLIE: "And my nose and my ears?"

ALL TOGETHER: "And your nose and your ears!"

GREEN MEANIE: "I'll never be mean again ... to anyone! Just help us, Ellie! Please help us!"

ELLIE: "I forgive you. Now, what can I do for you?"

LEONARDO DA SNOZZIO: "Ellie! We made a terrible mistake smoking and taking drugs!"

GREEN MEANIE: "And, being mean!"

ELLIE: (Her ears wiggle) "I hear you!"

VACUUM: "We're sick! We have no money! We're in trouble with the law and we look a hundred years old!"

ELLIE: "(Her ears wiggle again) "I hear you! But, you know, you should have listened when we were kids! Everybody tried to tell us that cigarettes and drugs are bad! And, GREEN MEANIE, you knew you were supposed to treat others the way we would like to be treated."

GREEN MEANIE: "Ellie! If you can just turn back the clock! Father Time! He left his clock here!"

ELLIE: "My dear friends! If I could, I would, but, I can't! Nobody can turn back the clock! Not even ten presidents!"

VACUUM: "Oh! Oh my! What are we going to do! We made a terrible mistake! My heart! I need a nitro pill!"

LEONARDO DA SNOZZIO: "My wooden arm is killing me!"

GREEN MEANIE: "Looking at my face in the mirror is killing me!"

LEONARDO DA SNOZZIO: "And poor MOUSETRAP! Shot down on the street with his guts all over the sidewalk!"

ALL: "Oh! OooooH!!!"

Scene VI: The scene is covered by a thick fog produced by dry ice.

The puppets leave. The original puppets reappear and Scene II is put back in place. Suddenly there is the sound of an alarm clock. As the fog clears, the large alarm clock is seen ringing vigorously and the sun is rising.

LEONARDO DA SNOZZIO: "FIREBALL! You're alive!"

FIREBALL: "Yes! It's wonderful!"

GREEN MEANIE: "Snoz! You have both your eyes and ears and arms!"

LEONARDO DA SNOZZIO: "Yes! It's great!"

VACUUM: "GREEN MEANIE! You're not ugly anymore!"

GREEN MEANIE: "Oh! Thank goodness! And look! It's MOUSETRAP!"

MOUSETRAP: "It's so good to be alive!"

LEONARDO DA SNOZZIO: "VACUUM! You didn't have a stroke after all! You're OK!"

VACUUM: "Yes! I'm OK!"

GREEN MEANIE: "And, Snoz, you can talk-without that funny voice box!"

LEONARDO DA SNOZZIO: "I think we had a dream!"

VACUUM: "No! It was a vision!"

ALL VOICES: "We've never seen a such a scene!"

ALL: "Not even on television!"

(One by one as the puppets look around, they realize that they are not alone. When they see the Decision Maker, they start to stutter and their mouths hang open.)

(Tap each other on shoulder)

LEONARDO DA SNOZZIO: "This is WON DER F-F-F-F-FUL!"

VACUUM: "This is A-A-A-A STOUND-ING!"

GREEN MEANIE: "Look! The sun is rising and our school is just as nice as E-E- E-E-EVER!"

FIREBALL: "This is MAR-MAR-MAR-VE-LOUS!"

MOUSETRAP: "This is just too C-C-C-COOL!"

VACUUM: "Oh! I can't believe it! This is just great! We're all alive and well."

GREEN MEANIE
& LEONARDO DA SNOZZIO: "Uh ... VACUUM!"

VACUUM: "And we're not old!"

GREEN MEANIE
& LEONARDO DA SNOZZIO: "VACUUM!"

VACUUM: "You know, Snoz, you and me looked like we were 100 years old!"

GREEN MEANIE

& LEONARDO DA SNOZZIO: "V A C U U U U U U U M!"

VACUUM: "Yeh? What is it?!" (He turns around and sees the Decision Maker) "OooooooH! UH ... who ... are ... you ...?!"

DECISION MAKER: "I am the Decision Maker and I've come with a message. First of all, I've come to tell you that you are greatly loved!"

ALL: "We know that!"

LEONARDO DA SNOZZIO: "My mom loves me!"

VACUUM: "My little brother loves me!"

GREEN MEANIE: "My dog loves me!"

DECISION MAKER: "Yes! But there's an even greater love than that! I've also come to tell you that you're here for a purpose!"

GREEN MEANIE,

VACUUM

& LEONARDO DA SNOZZIO: "Poipus??!"

MOUSETRAP: "Poipus?! We got poipus??!!!"

DECISION MAKER: "No, purpose!"

FIREBALL: "A poipus!"

PUPPETS: "Did you say poipus?!"

DECISION MAKER: "OK! Poipus!"

GREEN MEANIE: "Poipus! You mean we have a poipus for being here?!"

MOUSETRAP: "Poipus! I never knew we have poipus! Did you know we have poipus?!"

VACUUM: "Poipus! Poipus! If we have poipus, we must be important!"

DECISION MAKER: "Yes indeed! You are important! There's not another one like you. Only you can do what you can do!"

LEONARDO DA SNOZZIO: "And we can do a whole lot more if we don't smoke cigarettes or take drugs!"

DECISION MAKER: "That is exactly right!"

VACUUM: "But what exactly is our poipus?"

DECISION MAKER: "Your poipus is to appreciate this great universe and everything in it; to do some good, and not to hurt anyone!"

VACUUM: "Appreciate!"

LEONARDO DA SNOZZIO: "Do some good!"

FIREBALL,
GREEN MEANIE
& MOUSETRAP: "And don't hurt anyone!"

MOUSETRAP: "Yes, from now on, I'm going to be a different person!"

GREEN MEANIE: "You even look different."

MOUSETRAP: "Just like you, GREEN MEANIE. You look different too!"

VACUUM: "Well ... let's see If we appreciate something, we don't go ruining it...."

LEONARDO DA SNOZZIO: "Yeh! Like our bodies! We must take care of our health and our bodies.

GREEN MEANIE: "... and our minds!"

VACUUM: "We should appreciate our school and our parents, too!"

DECISION MAKER: "Yes! You must show respect! And you must not hurt anyone!"

MOUSETRAP: "I've sure been doing the wrong things."

ALL TOGETHER: "That's for sure!"

DECISION MAKER: "Yes, MOUSETRAP, you were on the wrong track. You must use your gifts to do something good with your life!"

FIREBALL: "I guess we better not fight anymore!"

ALL: "Or say things to hurt anyone!" (They all look at GREEN MEANIE)

GREEN MEANIE: "I'm through being mean. From now on I'm going to do some good! I'm going to use my green thumb to grow flowers ... and vegetables! I'm going to make the world a more beautiful place and I'm going to share what I grow with other people! And no I will not plant tobacco!"

DECISION MAKER: "Now you have the idea! I will be leaving soon but remember ... I will always be with you in your mind. You can call on me anytime. I will help you make the right decision so you can act with precision. You see, every life has only so many ticks and so many tocs. And, when your ticks stop tocking and your tocs stop ticking, you will see me again. And then, I will decide - did you live your life with poipus?"

PUPPETS: "We get it!"

(The puppets sing "We have Poipus". While they are singing, the Decision Maker leaves.)

WE HAVE POIPUS SONG **(sung in parts)**

**We have poipus
I have poipus
Now we understand
We are part of a plan.
Poipus, If we have poipus we must be impointant!
Yes I have poipus
And I have poipus
We're part of a plan we must do what we can.
There's only one of you
There's only one of me
There's lots we can do if only we are free
If I am free I can climb a tree.....
If I am free the birds will sing to me
Bird Dance solo
Every time we choose we must remember our poipus.
Day or night we must choose right
Life is full of choices remember you poipus.
No matter where you've been
No matter what you've done
Up will come the sun
If you remember your poipus.
And so we must get on track,
Stay on track,
There's no turning back
Just remeber your poipus.**

**And when time is done,
We can say,
We lived our lives,
With Poipus!**

Scene VII

LEONARDO DA SNOZZIO: "Hey! Where did the Decision Maker go?"

GREEN MEANIE: "He left, but remember ... he's still with us in our minds!"

FIREBALL: "He's with us but this is going to be hard! I don't like those creeps on the other side of town and I don't like those dudes that are the other colors either!"

(The other puppets all gasp)

ALL TOGETHER: "That's wrong!"

FIREBALL: "Yes, I guess you're right! If I have poipus, I can't have hate in my heart!" "Hey! Watch the threads. This is my best shirt!"

LEONARDO DA SNOZZIO: "FIREBALL! We're going to help you! You must learn to control your temper!"

VACUUM: "You must learn to count to ten!"

FIREBALL: "Hrumphh! Ten!! I can't count to ten!"

LEONARDO DA SNOZZIO: "Then only count to nine and you'll be happy most the time!"

FIREBALL: "Hrumphh! OK! OK! One! Two!"

VACUUM: "That's it! Two counts, you have won! Soon you'll be done! Now, three!"

FIREBALL: "Hrumphh! OK Three!"

LEONARDO DA SNOZZIO: "You're starting to be free! Now, four!"

FIREBALL: "OK Four!"

VACUUM: "The Decision Maker will help you do more!"

FIREBALL: "Five! If I keep my cool, I will stay alive!"

ALL: "Now comes six! Six counts you have licked!"

FIREBALL: "Seven! If I can make two more, I can make my way to Heaven!"

ALL: "That's great! Now, eight!"

FIREBALL: "Eight! It's not too late!! Even I can change my fate! Nine! I'm not even mad anymore! Just give it a little time-you need only count to nine!!"

(A duplicate puppet painted in cool colors reappears on the stage)

FIREBALL: "I'm back! I've changed! I feel so much better!"

VACUUM: "And, you look so much better. You're not all red anymore. And your veins aren't popping out of your head anymore. And your hair stays on top your head where it belongs!"

GREEN MEANIE: "Instead of being a FIREBALL, you look ON THE BALL!"

FIREBALL: "Thank you! You know, if I can learn to control my temper, anyone can! There's no sense in having a short fuse! You can only lose! If you get mad, you just got to get glad again!"

GREEN MEANIE: "And, we all have to learn to get along. To appreciate and to respect each other!"

FIREBALL: "You're right!" "I'm going to go to school to study violence prevention and peace making. I want the world to be a free and safe place so children can go outside and play. And, a peaceful place so families will not be torn apart, and so nations can get along so there will be no more wars ... no more gang wars ... no more wars in families and no more wars between nations!"

ALL:"That's a great idea!"

LEONARDO DA SNOZZIO: "And, what about you, MOUSETRAP?"

MOUSETRAP: "I'm through selling drugs! I'm going to be a legitimate business entrepreneur. I'm going to start businesses so people can have good jobs."

ALL TOGETHER: "That's a great idea!"

MOUSETRAP: "I'm going to create jobs where people can feel proud of what they do. Jobs where people help people, not destroy people, like with drugs! Drugs do nothing but cause pain and destroy lives!!"

ALL TOGETHER: "That's for sure!!!"

GREEN MEANIE: "We must all try to make the world a better place!"

LEONARDO DA SNOZZIO: "We must respect ourselves and each other!"

FIREBALL: "We must get along, no matter where we're from or what our color!"

MOUSETRAP: "And, we must learn from our mistakes!"

(Song, "We're all one under the sun")

(As the song is sung, a bird flies by with a banner that says "Peace". At the conclusion, the puppets all shake hands and hug.)

We're All One (Under The Sun)

East side West side

North side South side

We're all one

Under the sun

Black, White, Green or Violet

We're all one

Under the sun

To the Decision Maker our color is silent...

Because...

Life is full of many choices

But color is not a choice we make!

and for Us!...

Wherever we live

We must take

As we travel through our lives

Everyone has some strife

The choice is this

That we make

Do we learn from our mistakes

There's only one thing that matters

When all is said and done

That is this...

Life is full of many choices

As we live our lives

We must live our lives with poipus!

Poipus!

Poipus!

Close

LEONARDO DA SNOZZIO: "This is so wonderful!"

VACUUM: "We can still make the right choices!"

MOUSETRAP: "It's not too late after all!"

GREEN MEANIE: "Look! It's CRUISER and VENUS!"

FIREBALL: "CRUISER and VENUS! Have you heard?"

VENUS: "Yes! We heard!"

VENUS

& CRUISER: "We have poipus!"

CRUISER: "And, we will never do drugs again!"

NARRATOR: And so, all the children went on with their lives, fulfilling their dreams and living their lives with poipus. We would like you now to join hands with the person next to you and repeat after me.

(AUDIENCE joins hands.)

NARRATOR: We

AUDIENCE: "We"

NARRATOR: Have

AUDIENCE: "Have"

NARRATOR: Poipus!

AUDIENCE: "Poipus!"

(Pause)

NARRATOR: We would like you now to shake hands with the people around you and say, "Peace". This concludes our show! Thank you very much for your attention and participation.

Go now, in peace!