

ACT 1

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#1 Prelude

Early morning. The poorest, filthiest urinal in town. Above the entrance to the urinal hangs a sign that reads Public Amenity #9. **THE POOR** lie sprawled across the stage, sleeping quietly. Music of "Urinetown" plays softly in the background. **OFFICER LOCKSTOCK** enters from the house, inspecting the theater for orderliness. Satisfied, he takes his place onstage and addresses the audience directly.

LOCKSTOCK: Well, hello there. And welcome – to Urinetown! (Pause.) Not the place, of course. The musical. Urinetown "the place" is...well, it's a place you'll hear people referring to a lot throughout the show.

#2 Urinetown

(PENELOPE PENNYWISE and BOBBY STRONG enter. They carry with them a small table upon which rests a ledger)

PENNY: You hear the news? They carted Old So-and-So off to Urinetown the other day.

BOBBY: Is that so? What he do?

PENNY: Oh, such-and-such, I hear.

BOBBY: Well, what do you know? Old So-and-So.

(BOBBY and PENNY set up their workstation, placing the table beside the entrance to the amenity as THE POOR begin to rise.)

ELOCKSTOCK: It's kind of a mythical place, you understand. A bad place. A place you won't see until Act Two. And then...? Well, let's just say it's filled with symbolism and things like that.

(THE POOR sing the "Urinetown" theme on an "ooh" ever so softly as they prepare for another day. LITTLE SALLY enters, counting her pennies.)

LOCKSTOCK: But *Urinetown* "the musical," well, here we are. Welcome. It takes place in a town, like any town...that you might find in a musical. This here's the first setting for the show. As

