

ITCH/ SCRATCH/ KING RAT

*Itch and Scratch Enter Right*

Scratch      Oh, stop the bus, I want to get off.

Itch            Were not on a bus, we're on a boat.

Scratch      I don't care; I still want to get off.

Itch            Well if you hadn't have had us hide out in that lifeboat we wouldn't be on a boat would we.

Scratch      How was I supposed to know it was setting sail? Anyway, if you hadn't have fallen asleep, you'd have been able to wake me up before it sailed.

Itch            Oh it's all my fault is it? Typical. Sometimes I wonder why I take you around with me, you only hold things up.

Scratch      Well why don't we find the captain and ask him to turn around, I'm sure he'll understand.

Itch            Turn around? We're in the middle of nowhere!

Scratch      Well it's worth a try. We won't find this Dirk Worthington otherwise will we? He's not exactly going to be out here bobbing about is he.

*King Rat Enters Front Left*

King Rat      *(to audience)*- Quiet you pathetic mortals. *(to Itch and Scratch)* Hahahaha, this is better even I could have predicted. Whittington, that mangy moggy, and you two reprobates- all on the same boat. How convenient.

Itch            Hello your rattyness, what a coincidence.

Scratch      Yes, lovely day for it. We'd love to stop and chat but we're looking for the Captain I'm afraid.

Itch            Yes, must dash.

King Rat      Wait right there you dribbling little good for nothings. As of now, I'm the Captain. I will be taking command from this moment onwards.

Itch            Really?

King Rat Yes really. Though not for long.

Scratch Job taking its toll already?

Itch Pension plan must be better than mine.

King Rat Quiet fools. This boat is as ill-fated as you two. Soon you'll all be laid at the bottom of the sea bed, you, that silly old cow Fitzwarren and her family, Dick Whittington, AND that flea ridden cat.

Itch Now I'm sure he won't have his cat with him sir. Impossible. We bumped it off as you requested, didn't we Scratch?

Scratch *(pulls Itch aside)* Did he just say Dirk Worthington?

Itch No, he said Dick Whittington, and also mentioned that the boat's about to sink, did that pass your notice?

Scratch It sounds very similar to Dirk Worthington If you ask me. We should maybe just give him the letter.

Itch Scratch, this isn't really the time or the place. We're going to Drown!!!

Scratch What?! Why didn't you say so? *(Starts panicing)*

King Rat You two really are stupid. Of course the boat is going to sink, and it will be all my doing. Hahahaha.

Itch Well how do you intend to do that?

King Rat Well the boat won't get very far without this! *(Produces large bath plug from wings.)*

Scratch Well you'll drown too! Not so clever now are you?!

King Rat Of course I won't, rats always leave a sinking ship! I'm off in that lifeboat you two sneaked onboard in! Oh dear, it looks like there's a storm coming! How unfortunate; enjoy your swim! Hahaha!

*Exits over side of Boat- Back Right.*

Itch Don't Panic Scratch!

Scratch Don't panic Itch!

Itch /Scratch Agghhhh *run around the stage frantically.*