

SCENE 1 ALTERNATE STAGING NOTES

Your production is welcome to use this alternate staging for **Scene 1: Thank You for Flushing My Head in the Toilet** if you'd like. It begins on p. 9 of the published text, which is licensed by Playscripts, Inc.

After the following line...

BULLY

(backing away)

What are you - some kinda' freak?

The Bully pushes Achilles away and freezes until the end of the scene. Beat.

ACHILLES

That's how it goes in my mind. He shoves my head in the bowl, flushes, and I pop up, jack in the box: thank you!

The scene continues as before, until the end of Achilles' monologue...

ACHILLES

(beat)

I hate vomiting. It's the worst feeling in the world.

Achilles arranges the frozen Bully's hand so that it's once again primed to push his head down toward the toilet.

ACHILLES

Almost as bad as having your head stuck in a flushing toilet.

The Bully unfreezes, pushing Achilles' head back into the toilet like at the beginning of the scene. Beat. Lights dim on Achilles and the Bully, who exit as the lights come up elsewhere on stage for Scene 2.