



# SCENE 1

Kansas, 1931, outside the Gale farm.

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## Opening

*There is no color represented in the costumes or sets, just shades of gray.  
DOROTHY enters, followed by her dog, TOTO.  
TOTO is a puppet manipulated by an actor.*

DOROTHY

Auntie Em! Auntie Em! Just listen to what Miss Gulch did to Toto! She—

AUNT EM

Dorothy, please!

UNCLE HENRY

Don't bother us now, honey—this old incubator's gone bad—

DOROTHY

Oh, but Aunt Em, Miss Gulch hit Toto right over the back with a rake just because she says he gets in her garden and chases her nasty, old cat.

AUNT EM

Dorothy, honey, it'll have to wait. We're busy.

*AUNT EM and UNCLE HENRY exit, each carrying a fruit box full of eggs.*

DOROTHY

*(Calling after them)*

But he doesn't do it every day—just once or twice a week. And he can't catch her old cat, anyway. And now she says she's gonna get the sheriff, and—

*The farmhands, HICKORY (TIN MAN),  
ZEKE (LION) and HUNK (SCARECROW), enter.*

HUNK

Come on you two, step it up.

HICKORY

We're coming—

ZEKE

We gotta get them hogs in.

DOROTHY

Hunk, what am I going to do about Miss Gulch?

HUNK

Now lookit, Dorothy, you ain't using your head about Miss Gulch. Think you didn't have any brains at all.