

OPPOSITIONAL CONVERSATION

After Catastrophe

"You all oughta be ashamed of yourselves. A bunch of big guys like you, pickin' little orphan like him. Suppose you was torn away from your mother when you was baby. Nobody to tuck you in at nights. No warm, soft, caressin' trunk to snuggle would you like being left out alone, in a cold, cruel, heartless world? And why? why? Just because he's got those big ears, they call him a freak. The laughing stock of the circus. And when his mother tried to protect him, they threw her into the clink. Well, of that, they made him a clown! Socially he's washed up! Aw, but what's the use of you cold-hearted boids? Go ahead! Have your fun! Laugh at him! Kick him now and then! Go on! We don't care." (Timothy Q. Mouse, *Dumbo*, 1941)