

**SCENE 1**

**MEEK is trapped in  
a basement.  
SAMPSON a PIT BULL  
barks and growls at  
MEEK.**

**MEEK**

**Please don't bite me doggy.**

**SAMPSON**

**Hey, I'm just warning you, so just sit down...go on, sit  
down...SIT and relax.**

**MEEK**

**(his shoulders rise)**

**OKAY, OKAY.**

**(SAMPSON moves closer. MEEK shrinks  
back.)**

**SAMPSON**

**You don't have to be afraid.**

**(MEEK stands up. SAMPSON GROWLS)**

**MEEK**

**Calm down doggy, calm down. Nice doggy.**

**MEEK**

**What you want?**

**SAMPSON**

**I want food.**

**MEEK**

**I got some hot dogs over in there ...**

**SAMPSON**

**(running everywhere, sniffing.)**

**WHERE, WHERE, HOT DOGS, HOT DOGS, GIMME A HOT DOG...**

**MEEK**

**You got to calm down first. Hey, you remind me of Scooby Doo.**

**SAMPSON**

**AAARF...**

**MEEK**

**Matter of fact, I got some Scooby snacks for you.**

**SAMPSON**

**(running around)**

**Where they at? Where they at? Where they at?**

**(SAMPSON leaps up at MEEK)**

**SAMPSON**

**RUFF, RUFF, RUFF.**

**MEEK**

**Oh my God! Don't tell me he's about to attack me now!**

**SAMPSON**

**What are you doing here anyway? This is Leroy basement and where I live.**

**MEEK**

**I just came by. I had no place to sleep. No home to go to, when Leroy throw me down here.**

**SAMPSON**

**Right now I'm very hungry and I would like for you to get me something to eat.**

**MEEK**

**What's your name doggy?**

**SAMPSON**

**Sampson.**

**MEEK**

**Oh, that a nice name.**

**SAMPSON**

**Well don't get too comfortable.**

**MEEK**

**Oh, I'm not Sampson.**

**SAMPSON**

**Where my Scooby snacks?**

**MEEK**

**I would love to get you some but I can't even get myself something to eat because I'm poor.**

**SAMPSON**

**Well I am too. I don't got a family to feed me. Leroy too mean to feed anybody. So when I'm hungry, I go to the dumpster and get whatever I see that's good.**

**MEEK**

**I'll get you some food, if you let me out that door.**

**(MEEK charges for the door. IBN-PIT BULL leaps out from under a table, barking and Growling, stopping MEEK at the door.0**

**IBN**

**RUFF, RUFF! Where do you think you're going? RUFF!  
RUFF!**

**SAMPSON**

**Get him Ibn, he lied to me. He said he was going to bring me food.**

**(MEEK runs, IBN chases him.)**

**IBN**

**You gonna be my first bite in weeks!**

**MEEK**

**Stop! I'll bring food for you and Sampson. I won't run this time.**

**SAMPSON**

**If you run this time we're going to eat you for lunch and dinner.**

**IBN**

**And breakfast too!**

**MEEK**

**Trust me!**

**SAMPSON**

**How do I know you gonna come back?**

**MEEK**

**Okay, get me a chain and I'll walk you to the food.**

**SAMPSON**

**I don't like chains. How do I know you just ain't gonna tie me up and leave me somewhere? I warn you, you tie me up on a pole I'll be forced to crush your ankles. So let me walk free and just walk beside me, no chain.**

**MEEK**

**That's a good deal. Let's try it out. We'll practice right here. You're gonna walk along side me.**

**SAMPSON**

**All right. We're gonna try it.**

**(THEY walk slow and then MEEK speeds up.)**

**SAMPSON**

**You're moving too fast. Slow down.**

**MEEK**

**All right. I'll slow down.**

**SAMPSON**

**I got my eye on you. I got both my eyes on you.**

**IBN**

**Plus mine. That makes four eyes.**

**SAMPSON**

**I got your life in my paws.**

**MEEK**

**Didn't I promise you I'd get Scooby snacks?**

**(SAMPSON walks beside MEEK up the stairs and to the door.)**

**IBN**

**Hold! Where y'all think y'all goin' without me?**

**MEEK**

**All right. I'll try practicing to walk with you too.**

**(MEEK picks up the chain)**

**IBN**

**No, without the chain.**

**MEEK**

**All right! I'm going to teach you how to walk without the chain but you have to work with me.**

**IBN**

**I'll work with you as long as you don't try and hurt me.**

**SAMPSON**

**Less talking, more practicing.**

**MEEK**

**Sit doggy, sit.**

**IBN**

**I don't know what that mean.**

**(MEEK imitates a dog sitting. IBN doesn't get it.)**

**SAMPSON**

**Look Ibn like this. Two back paws down, lower yourself and two front paws in front.**

**IBN**

**How you know how to do this so good Sampson?**

**SAMPSON**

**I haven't been a stray dog all my life. I had owners once you know.**

**IBN**

**Oh, yeah, I remember the story you told me.**

**MEEK**

**What story? I want to hear it.**

**SAMPSON**

**All right. I once had an owner named Jessica. She treated me goood. Walking me without chains. Sleeping on herb bed. Playing catch in the backyard. Eating puppy chow with my girl, Kibbles'n'Bits. That was the good part. It got bad when Jessica's mother caught me biting on their shoes, leaving shoes everywhere, chewed up, and drinking out of the toilet until her mother stop feeding me, bathing me and leaving me out in the backyard. I bit Jessica twice. Next thing I know I ended up fightin' other dogs until mean Leroy throw me in his basement, tired and hungry.**

**(SAMPSON turns to the audience. HE and IBN rap.)**

**SAMPSON & IBN**

**Put your paws up, put your paws up, put your paws up...OWOWOOOOOOO.**

**I became a stray dog/**

**Hangin' with strange dogs/  
Since I was a young pup/  
Hangin' with them young mutts/  
Livin' in' abandoned house/  
Sleepin' next to the big mouse/  
Didn't know what to expect/  
Young boyz caught me/fought me/  
Leroy taught me/  
Now blood's leakin' from my neck/  
Now I'm in this ole shack/  
I wish I had my home back./**

**SAMPSON & IBN**

**It's just so beautiful, can a doggy get a minute?**

**(THEY cry. MEEK tries to open a window.)**

**SAMPSON**

**Remember, don't try any slick stuff.**

**MEEK**

**So how we get out of here? If you think Leroy's gonna let us out of this basement you're wrong cause if that's the case he wouldn't have put you put you down here.**

**IBN**

**We have to come together so we can get out of the basement so we can go forever.**

**(SAMPSON goes to the door to try it and MEEK goes for the window. IBN barks)**

**SAMPSON**

**What you yapping about?**

**IBN**

**Meek is going away. Get him Sampson! Get him!**

**MEEK**

**(shoving a stick at them)**

**Get away from me. Get away.**

**SAMPSON**

**You lied to me. You said you was gonna get us Scooby snacks. Now you gonna pay.**

**MEEK**

**I got some Scooby Snacks in my pocket. You just gotta calm down first, then I'll give them to you.**

**SAMPSON**

**(sits)**

**How do I know you got Scoobies in your pocket?**

**MEEK**

**Cause I do.**

**IBN**

**Yeah? Then show me!**

**(MEEK pulls out some Scoobies)**

**MEEK**

**Hey boys - here!**

**(MEEK throws some to the other side of the basement. IBN and SAMPSON run to get them. THEY eat them.)**

**IBN**

**You got any more?**

**MEEK**

**Yes...**

**(SAMPSON and IBN jump on MEEK)**

**MEEK**

**Down! Down!**

**SAMPSON**

**Give me some more, more!**

**(MEEK throws Scoobies everywhere and runs to the stairs. HE pulls the door open as SAMPSON runs to the door. MEEK slams the door on SAMPSON'S paw. SAMPSON falls, crying.)**

**SAMPSON**

**OOOOWW, OOOWWOO!!!**

**IBN**

**No! Get up Sampson! Get up! I need you Sampson! Get**

**up!**

**SAMPSON**

**Leave me. Leave me here.**

**IBN**

**No. No, I can't.**

**(MEEK kneels near SAMPSON, ready to pick him up. IBN tries to bite MEEK.)**

**MEEK**

**Stop Ibn. I'm trying TO help Sampson.**

**IBN**

**How do we know that we can trust you?**

**SAMPSON**

**Let him be Ibn. Let's see what he does.**

**IBN**

**He's the reason that you're hurt. Why do you even want help?**

**MEEK**

**I'm sorry for slamming your paw in the door. I was scared. I thought you were going to bite me.**

**SAMPSON**

**Help me, help me. Ibn, Ibn, where are you?**

**IBN**

**I'm right here. I'm not goin' nowhere.**

**MEEK**

**Hang on, hang on Sampson. Look, I gotta find something to wrap your paw.**

**(MEEK finds an old tool box and takes out a rag. HE splints SAMPSON'S paw.)**

**SAMPSON**

**What are you doing? How do you know that?**

**MEEK**

**Well, before Leroy threw me down here, I was a student practicing at a Veterinarians. I learned CPR, you know, mouth-to-mouth - which I don't have to do on y'all.**

**SAMPSON**

**Really?**

**MEEK**

**Yeah. I once worked in an animal shelter and the kind of animals that came in I felt sorry for. They were in dog fights.**

**IBN**

**We used to be fighting dogs. People made money off us.**

**MEEK**

**That explains the mark you have on your neck. That's why you didn't trust me next to Sampson.**

**(MEEK kicks down the door and carries  
SAMPSON to the street.)**

**IBN**

**I think we should be on our way now. Come on  
Sampson.**

**MEEK**

**Where you goin'? I just helped you. Can't we be friends  
at least?**

**IBN**

**No. We can't trust nobody.**

**SAMPSON**

**Wait, he wouldn't harm me. He try to help me -gotta  
trust some day.**

**(MEEK sticks out his hand. SAMPSON  
reluctantly places his hand over MEEK'S  
IBN puts his paw out over MEEK. After a  
moment:**

**IBN**

**Hey, you got a house, a home, some food?**

**(THEY walk off into the sunset.)  
THE END.**