DAVEY

Sorry. Excuse me. I paid for twenty but you gave me nineteen.

(EVERYONE freezes and watches.)

WIESEL

You seen how nice I was to dis new kid? And what did I get for my civility? Ungraunded accusations.

DAVEY

I just want at I paid for.

OSCAR

He said beat it!

(The DELANCEYS state to crack their knuckles often JACK swoops in and quickly counts the papers.)

ACK

New kid's right, Weasel. Ya gave ken nineteen. I'm sure it was an honest mistake on account'a Oscar can't count, were with his shoes on.

(OSCAR threatens to attail. WIESEL push, bim back and tosses another paper to DAVEY.)

WIESEL

Here. Now tal a hike.

JACK

(flir alg a coin onto the counter)

Give him another fifty papes.

DAVEY

I don't want more papes.

JACK

What kind'a newsie don't want more papes?

(OSCAR hands DAVEY a stack of papers. DAVEY follows JACK with them.)

Start --- DAVE

I'm no charity case. I don't even know you.

LES

His name's Jack.

CRUTCHIE

This here is the famous Jack Kelly. He once escaped jail on the back of Teddy Roosevelt's carriage. Made all the papes.

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JACK

(to LES)

How old are you, kid?

LES

I'm ten. Almost.

JACK

If anybody asks, you're seven. Younger sells more papes, and if we're gonna be partners...

DAVEY

Who said we want a partner?

CRUTCHIE

Sellin' with Jack is the chance of a lifetime. You learn from him, you learn from the best.

DAVEY

If he's the best, what's he need with me?

JACK

'Cause you got a little brother and I don't. That puss could easy sell a thousand papes a week.

(to LES)

Look sad, kid.

(LES makes a sad face.)

We're gonna make millions.

LES

This is my brother David. I'm Les.

JACK

Nice to meet ya, Davey. My two bits come off the top, then we split everything 70-30.

LES

50-50! You wouldn't try to pull a fast one on a little kid.

JACK

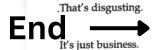
60-40 and that's my final offer.

LES

Deal.

(JACK spits in his hand and holds it out to shake. LES copies him and they shake.)

#.3



JACK

(to ALL)

Newsies, hit the streets. The sun is up, the headline stinks, and this kid ain't gettin' any younger!

#3 - Carrying the Banner (Tag)

Newsies

NEWSIES

WE'LL ALL BE OUT THERE
CARRYING THE BANNER MAN TO MAN
WARE ALWAYS OUT THERE
SOAL A' EV'RY SUCKER THAT WE CAN
HERE'S WE HEADLINE:
"NEWSIES & A MISSION!"
KILL THE COM STITION!
SELL THE NEXT EXITION!
WE'LL BE OUT THERE
CARRYING THE BANNER!
ALWAYS OUT THERE
CARPYNG THE BANNER!
ALWAYS OUT THERE

(The MSIES exit as the scene shifts to...)