

# HERE COMES THE GARBAGE BARGE

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*\*barge = a flat-bottomed boat for carrying goods mainly on canals or rivers*

*\*tugboat = powerful boats that pulls another vehicle using a rope or chains*

**Read and complete with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.**

Islip \_\_\_\_\_ (to be) a little town on Long Island. This little town  
\_\_\_\_\_ (to have) a huge problem, garbage!

The average person in the town of Islip \_\_\_\_\_ (to make) about seven  
pounds (about 3kg) of garbage every day. There \_\_\_\_\_ (to be) a lot of  
garbage, but there \_\_\_\_\_ (no to be) anywhere to put it.

Gino Stroppolino \_\_\_\_\_ (to have) a garbage business, and he  
\_\_\_\_\_ (to come) up with a brilliant plan. A garbage barge will carry the  
garbage down to North Carolina.

Gino's friend, Joey LaMotta \_\_\_\_\_ (not to have) any problem to help  
and \_\_\_\_\_ (to try) to persuade poor farmers to bury the garbage on their  
farms. He will pay them to do so.

A little tugboat named the Break of Dawn \_\_\_\_\_ (to begin) its long  
journey south, tugging the rusty old Garbage Barge behind it.

Captain Duffy St. Pierre \_\_\_\_\_ (to lead) the tugboat, and his job  
\_\_\_\_\_ (not to be) easy.

