

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.

