

# Act One

## Scene One

### **1. Prologue**

[We open with a black stage; the music starts and over the music we hear the following news bulletins.]

News1:       Headlines on this day; scientists warn of the need to reduce waste, and the impending shortage of natural resources...

News2:       'Recycle' seems to be the message that is dominating our screens, but are we listening...?

News3:       The natural resources shortage – just another excuse? We talk ...

News4:       Another disaster today as houses built on landfill collapse, killing many...

News5:       Heading tonight's news; Australia faced with massive industrial crisis as coal and oil reserves run dry...

News6:       Ninety-eight percent of the world's trees have been harvested, in the latest figures from the EPA...

News7:       Scientists predict only one year before a sharp decline in living standards...

News8:       The general population is largely not concerned with the problem...

News9:       With pollution at an all time high, the sun increases its burning fury, and more die...

- News 10: Electricity and gas supplies rationed to save...
- News11: There have been sightings of a new life form, having thrived on the waste created...
- News12: Every day more and more communities close down and are left to their own devices...
- News13: I've never seen anything like this...
- News14: Who are they...?
- News15: This is ... [Fuzz] ... last broadcast... [Fuzz] ... hide ... [Fuzz] ... no longer able to sustain ... [Fuzz] ... death ...

[We hear "fuzz", signaling the end of all communications, and the lifestyle of excessive use]

Voice Over: In the centuries that followed, a new master-class emerged. This species, borne in the waste and refuse of human society, and keenly aware of their enemy, began to capture and enslave their former nemesis. Part vermin and part reptile, they stalked what remained of humanity until only a few survived beneath a scorched sky, starving, desolate and increasingly alone...

Cast: Salvatore  
Oh, God, save us  
Salvatore  
Please, God, save us!

Humans: Save us!

Raffere: I am...

Humans: Save us!

Raffere: I am, I am all, I am everything.

Humans: Save us!

Raffere: I kill with a touch and rape your soul!

[We are catapulted 600 years or so into the future. We see the wastelands of Australia, and the remaining human population, decimated by disease and fear.]

## **2. Creatures Of The Night**

Man: Nothing here but the ghosts of a past  
Remembered in tales  
Woman: Nothing here but remains  
Of a time passed us by  
Man: Nothing here but the scars on our face  
And the wounds in our souls  
Woman: Nothing here but the waste and the junk  
That we scavenge to survive  
All: What is "Arnotts"? What is "Coke"?  
Something we had, or just a cruel joke?  
And we can't believe that we once had it all  
'Cause now we've got nothing at all

We are the creatures of the night.  
Living in the wasteland of success.  
Basking in a burning sun  
Of a world that's Hell  
With only our past to blame  
We are the creatures of the night

Man: Where's the proof of the stories once told  
By our parents now lost?  
Woman: Where are the trees and the clouds  
That once could be seen?  
Man: Where are the streams of the fresh clean water  
And the food not perished with rot?  
Woman: Where is the life that once roamed  
In pastures so green?  
All: From generation to generation  
This is all we've got to hand on down  
The shattered remains of a long lost world  
And the distant sounds of

The creatures of the night  
Struggling to fight so we can lose  
Nothing ever in our hands at the end of the day  
No God to help us all  
We are the creatures of the night

Woman: Deep in the underground  
Is now where we must hide  
Man: Away from this earth that we once walked  
Woman: Nothing there but darkness  
Devoid of any light.

Man: But that suits us well ...  
All: Ha! Can't you tell?  
There's nothing left for us

The creatures of the night  
Descendants killed by their own hand  
There's no hope, no trust  
No life, just dust  
And a fear that we'll remain  
The creatures of the night

### **3. Creatures Of The Night Segue**

Endora: We must remember  
The promise told us  
We must remember  
That some day, he'll come

Man: Stop your dreaming woman, now stop!  
That is all just a lie!

Endora: It is our future -

Woman: There's no one here, there's no one left!  
They're taken, they've vanished, they're gone!

Woman: Quickly now; we must be on our way

Endora: Somehow we've got to fight!

Man: With what?

Woman: With who?

Man: And how?

Man: There's nothing here!

Woman: No food?

Man: No, none!

Woman: Come on, get ready, we've got to go!

Men: We must be quick!

Woman: We must be fast.

All: Come on! We've got to get out of here ...

Raffere, Rats & Humans: NOW!

#### **4. I Am All, I Am Everything**

[Raffere and his rat followers spew onto the stage and capture the defenceless humans.]

Raffere: Suffer little humans, come unto me  
Worship your master down on your knees  
No God is here to help you hide  
He died in the past, he's left your side  
You beg for mercy, you scream and cry  
But I am the one who says "live" or "die"!  
'Cause

I am  
I am all  
I am everything  
I kill  
With a touch  
And then rape your soul  
You weep  
You will burn  
And then, you'll die  
I am all  
I'm everything

All Rats: We live in sewers, we live in waste  
Kingrat: There's nothing more sweet to the touch or taste  
All Rats: We've come so far now, yes, we've evolved  
Kingrat: To be the ruler of you, my fold  
I am the darkness, I am the night  
I will steal your hope and your life  
'Cause

I am  
I am all  
I am everything  
I kill  
With a touch  
And then rape your soul  
You weep  
You will burn  
And then, you'll die  
I am all  
I'm everything

All Rats: With our hunger we'll eat flesh and blood from your bones.  
Raffere: This is true!  
All Rats: We'll watch you die and then crumble into nothing but dust

Raffere: By the hand that rules this land ...  
It's me!

Now, let's see what we have here ...

[Raffere goes around to each of the new human captives and determines their fate, one by one.]

Kill.  
Kill.  
Kill.  
Save.  
Kill.  
Kill.  
Kill.  
Save.  
Kill.  
Kill  
Kill.  
Kill!  
Kill!!!

All Rats: We are the darkness, and we are the night  
Raffere: But I am the one who says "live" or "die"!`Cause

All Rats: We are  
We are all  
We are everything

Raffere: I kill  
With a touch  
And then rape your soul

All Rats: You weep  
You will burn  
And then you'll die  
We are all  
We're every -  
We are  
We are all  
We are everything

Raffere: I kill  
With a touch and then

All Rats: RAPE YOUR SOUL!  
You weep  
You will burn  
And then you'll die  
We are all  
We're every -

Raffere: I am all  
I'm every –  
All Rats: We are all  
We're everything

[Raffere continues to classify his captives.]

Raffere: Kill  
Kill  
Kill

[He reaches Carlo.]

Kill!

[Endora moves to stop him.]

Endora: No!

### **5. A Deal With The Devil**

Raffere: So!  
What do we have here?  
Someone who thinks they can choose?

So!  
What do we have here?  
You challenge me, and you'll lose.

[Raffere moves to kill Carlo.]

Ratfather: Son, Stop!

Raffere: Father, what are you doing here?  
What brings you to this place?

Ratfather: You forget, I'm always with you  
No matter the time or space.

Raffere: Kill him!  
Endora/Ratfather: No!

Raffere: What do you think you are saying to me?  
I am the master on high!  
How dare you stop me; there is no doubt here  
This boy must die!

Ratfather: How would you feel if I killed you?