

Scene One: Ethiopia

Taki - Athena
Tut - Simon P
Lucy - Gracie

Riki - Hannah
Ret - Tula
Lucky -Evan H

Taki: Whoa! Its dark in here. This is scary...there it is! This way, I'm telling you guys! This is the best thing you've ever seen.

Tut: But Taki! I can't see a thing. Ethiopia is scary in the dark!

Riki: Your basement is scary in the dark to you, Tut! You've got to see what we found yesterday. I'm telling you ~ it must be the greatest archeological discovery ever.

Tut: But why do we have to look for it in the dark?

Ret: Because Doctor Gray and Doctor Johanson probably wouldn't like us poking around in their dig before they announce their discovery. Besides, it's spookier this way. This **is** a show you know.

(Gradually the lights are seen backing up toward one another downstage center. They bomb into skeletons hanging up centerstage. They all scream)

Tiki/Ret/Taki/Tut: AHHHHHH

Tut: (very frightened) Wha...what... what is it, Taki?

Taki: It's bones, Tut! Bones! And according to my best carbon dating, they're more than 3 million years old.

Ret: Wow! Three million years old? That makes them some of the oldest skeletons ever found. Can I touch one?

Riki: Well.... I don't know if that's a good idea.

(Ret slowly reaches up to touch one of the skeletons anyway. As he does so, the skeleton Lucy comes alive.)

(At first, Tut pokes Lucy in the ribs and she giggles. Tut and Taki jump back.)

Tut: What was that?

Taki: I don't know but it's not funny.

Ret: Who's laughing?

Lucy: Hee hee hee ~ ah, cut it out!

R/R/T/T: Yikes!

Riki: Cut what out? What are you talking about?

Ret: I didn't say anything!

(They all slowly look at Lucy. They lean their faces in to get a closer look. Meanwhile, the second skeleton, Lucky, comes alive)

Lucky: BOOOO!

R/R/T/T: AHHHHHHHHH

Lucy: Hey Kids! My name is Lucy.

Lucky: And I'm Lucky..... or maybe UnLucky, given that I'm a skeleton and all. Who are you guys?

(After a moment's hesitation, the kids look at the audience and scream again)

R/R/T/T: AHHHHHHHHHH

Lucy: Kinda jumpy, aren't ya guys? What's the matter? Haven't you ever seen a real fossil before?

R/R/T/T: AHHHHHHHHHH

Lucky: Good grief, we've been lying around her for about 3 millions years. I've got calcium deposits older than the lot of you. Can't we just be friends?

Tut: B bbb but... you're a skeleton!

Lucy: Boy we've got a smart one here! Is that your final answer or do you wanna use a lifeline?

Taki: Bbbbbbbbut skeletons can't talk.... Can they?

Lucky: Duh! Well, I don't know... Let's see... are we talking or not? Wait 'til we decide to sing, buddy. You ain't heard nothing yet!

R/R/T/T: Wow!

Lucy: In a way, all fossils can talk. By studying us, you can tell a whole lot about things that happened in the world a long time ago.

Taki: I know that studying history is a good way to learn about where we came from, where we are and where we are going.

Lucy: Now you're talking. I'm Lucy.

Lucky: And I'm Lucky.

Taki: Taki!

Tut: Tut!

Riki: Riki!

Ret: Ret!

Lucky: Charmed, I'm sure. Now let us show you a little of what has happened here in the world since we lay down here so long, long ago.....

R/R/T/T: Weird. Totally weird:

Song 1: SO LONG AGO