

Dumpster Diver ... the musical

Synopsis

Trevor, a software developer turned dumpster diver, is arrested for dumpster diving, and for stealing the original code that he wrote for a chip for Angelwire, the company where he used to work ("Another Life"). One hour later, he's taken to be processed ("Evaluate") and given an hour to make a confession. He starts telling how it all started, four years ago, at college graduation.

Faith, a free spirited traveler, and Trevor, her career-oriented friend, graduate college ("Destiny"). Trevor, who initially told Faith he would join her, instead takes a job at Angelwire, a technology company and is rewarded with a well-paying career. Faith heads to Europe for an experimental treatment to cure her dad. Ironically, the treatment kills her dad ("Goodbye"), and Faith, vowing revenge on Sorl's, the pharmaceutical manufacturer, stays in Europe to protest their company. One day while protesting Sorl's, Faith meets Waffle, who invites her to the Underground, a community of artists and activists, who also house the Dumpster Liberation Front (DLF). A few days later, Faith visits their warehouse, and joins this surrogate family ("Underground"), where she learns about dumpster diving ("Opportunity"), and, the upcoming merger of Sorl's with Angelwire, the company where Trevor works. Another year passes, and the Underground is shut down by local authorities and disbands, with plans to regroup in the United States.

Meanwhile, Trevor has been at Angelwire developing a chip to be used as digital currency. Despite the fact that successfull, dating Erin (the VP's daughter and advertising director for Sorl), and living comfortably, he longs for adventure that his current life does not give him. Then he meets Faith, who tells him that the chip he's developing will outlaw dumpster diving, and be used as a tracking device and for other evil purposes. Trevor accuses Faith of having resentment due to her father's death ("Let the burden go"). Faith also tells him that Angelwire is merging with Sorl pharmaceuticals. Faith tells Trevor he is "creating a monster". Now that Trevor is confronted with the truth about his job, he has a decision to make--live a comfortable life with a guilty conscience, or suffer for doing what is right by exposing the real agenda of Angelwire and Sorl ("For Once in your Life").

Trevor steals the file that contains the original code for the chip, and joins Faith and the Dumpster Liberation Front on their way to Nevada, where they'll broadcast the truth at an underground radio station. On the way there, the DLF teach him about dumpster diving ("Dumpster Diet"). A few days later, tired, Trevor has second thoughts, and Faith reassures him ("Something inside"). The next day, the DLF begins hearing noises ("The Sound of Dumpsters"). The following day, Erin (Trevor's former girlfriend) and Brent, a co-worker, confront him and try to convince him to return to Angelwire. Trevor answers them with a song ("I feel aliver"). Later, the DLF are on the run again and Faith teaches them a song ("D a Dumpster"). Almost to their destination with the DLF, Trevor and Faith sing a song ("Three Days"). At the end of the journey, the DLF end up at the radio tower surrounded by Angelwire security, and Trevor, having grown fond of Faith, finally reveals his feelings ("You're Beautiful to me"). The radio station is bombed but the DLF sneak out, in a dumpster just in time, then later reappear for a final song ("I feel aliver" - reprise).

