

Mr Green reluctantly slaps Dewey's hands.

DEWEY (CONT'D)
Yeah!... Coffee!

As Dewey pours coffee, the teachers signal to Gabe to talk to him.

GABE BROWN
Mr Schneebly! So what do you think of our school, Mr Schneebly? Are we saying it right? Schneebly?

DEWEY
Actually, it's Schnay-blay.

GABE BROWN
How's it going? Are you settling in all right?

DEWEY
You know what they say. In marriage or teaching, the first month is always the hardest.

The teachers laugh.

GABE BROWN
We were discussing testing. Which test do you prefer? The Tass or the Wilson-Bennet?

DEWEY
I say no testing.

GABE BROWN
No testing?

DEWEY
None at all, and I'll tell you why, Joe.

GABE BROWN
Gabe.

DEWEY
Gabe. I believe the children are our future. Teach them well but let them lead the way.

MS SHEINKOPF
But that's a song.

DEWEY
I don't believe so.

MS SHEINKOPF
Didn't Whitney Houston sing it?

DEWEY
Who?

GABE BROWN
I wish I knew what you're getting at.

DEWEY
I'm getting to the heart of it, Joe.

GABE BROWN
Gabe.

DEWEY
Jaybe. We are a team. We participate. And there is no "I" in participation.

Rosalie enters. Dewey waves her over.

DEWEY (CONT'D)
Rosalie! I've been looking for you.

ROSALIE
It might be more appropriate to call me Ms Mullins.

DEWEY
It might be. It might be. It might not be.

ROSALIE
It would be.

DEWEY
Anyway, I'm thinking about taking the kids away.

ROSALIE
What?

DEWEY
A field trip. What do you say?