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CONSTABLE

What's the celebration?

RUSSIAN

Tevey is marrying off his oldest daughter.

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May I offer my congratulations, Tevey.

TEVYE

Thank you, your honor.

CONSTABLE

Oh, Tevey, I have a piece of news that I think I should tell you, as a friend.

TEVYE

Yes, your honor?

CONSTABLE

And I'm giving you this news because I like you. You are a decent, honest person, even though you are a Jewish dog.

TEVYE

Thank you, your honor. How often does a man get a compliment like that? And your news?

CONSTABLE

We have received orders that sometime soon this district is to have a little unofficial demonstration.

TEVYE

A pogrom? Here?

CONSTABLE

No -- just a little unofficial demonstration.

TEVYE

How little?

CONSTABLE

Not too serious -- just some mischief, so that if an inspector comes through, he will see that we have done our duty. Personally, I don't know why there has to be this trouble between people, but I thought I should tell you and you can tell the others.

TEVYE

Thank you, your honor. You're a good man. If I may say so, it's too bad you're not a Jew.

CONSTABLE

That's what I like about you, Tevey. Always joking. And congratulations again, for your daughter.

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