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TEVYE & CHAVA & FYEDKA

*(MOTEL'S tailor shop. MOTEL and CHAVA are in the shop. CHAVA EXITS from shop and meets FYEDKA outside)*

FYEDKA: Chava, let me talk to your father.

CHAVA: No, that would be the worst thing, I'm sure of it.

FYEDKA: Let me try.

CHAVA: No, I'll talk to him. I promise. *(TEVYE ENTERS)*

FYEDKA: *(Extending hand)* Good afternoon. *(Looks at CHAVA)* Good day. *(EXITS)*

TEVYE: Good day. What were you and he talking about?

CHAVA: Nothing, but, Papa, Fydeka and I have known each other for a long time now and...

TEVYE: Chava, you must not forget who you are and who that man is.

CHAVA: He has a name, Papa.

TEVYE: Of course. All creatures on earth have a name.

CHAVA: Fyedka is not a creature, Papa. Fyedka is a man.

TEVYE: Who says that he isn't? It's just that he's a different kind of a man. As the Good Book says, "Each shall seek his own kind." Which means: a bird may love a fish, but where would they build a home together? *(Starts toward the tailor shop, but CHAVA grabs his arm)*

CHAVA: The world is changing, Papa.

TEVYE: No. Some things will never change.

CHAVA: We don't feel that way.

TEVYE: We?

CHAVA: Fyedka and I. We want to be married.

TEVYE: Are you out of your mind?

CHAVA: But, Papa -

TEVYE: No! Never talk about this again. Never see him again! Never! Do you understand me?

CHAVA: Yes, Papa. I understand you.