INT. SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE (PRINCIPAL, JOY)

JODY ENTERS AND APPROACHES THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK.

PRINCIPAL

Well, Jody, I understand you had a little problem in class this morning.

JODY

Okay, okay. Look, it wasn't my
fault! It was that new French
kid! He comes up to me, acting
all French, putting down America,
saying stuff like (AFFECTED
FRENCH ACCENT) "Oooh, I do not
like you American persons, with
your sheep dogs and your microwave
ovens and your ketchup sauce."

PRINCIPAL

(SWEET) Well, that would all be very interesting except for the fact that (ANGRY) there are no French kids in Miss Yumbo's class!

JODY STARTS CRYING.

PRINCIPAL (CONT'D)

What? Why are you crying?

JODY

(CRYING) It's my dog...

Cuddles...he...got hit by a

bus!

PRINCIPAL

(SYMPATHETIC) Ohhhh...well, I am

sorry. When did this happen?

JODY

(CRYING) When I was three.

PRINCIPAL

So why cry about it now?

JODY

(CRYING) You remind me of him.

PRINCIPAL

All right, that was just rude!

Now, will you kindly explain to me why --

JODY POINTS BEHIND THE PRINCIPAL.

JODY

(LOUD) Look out!!!

THE PRINCIPAL FREAKS OUT, FRIGHTENED, LOOKING ALL AROUND.

PRINCIPAL

What?! What?!

JODY

(INNOCENT) Nothin'.

PRINCIPAL

Nothin'?! Then why did you point and scream?!

JODY

Hey, are those new pants?

PRINCIPAL

(ALL FLATTERED) Why, yes.

They're garbardine. There was a trouser sale at Marshal's so I figured I'd just -- (REALIZING, ANGRY) All right, now stop

JODY

getting me off track!

(MOCKING) "Stop getting me off track!"

PRINCIPAL

Don't mock me!

JODY

(MOCKING) "Don't mock me!"

PRINCIPAL

You're still mocking me!

JODY

(MOCKING) "You're still mocking me!"

PRINCIPAL

(LOSING IT) Stop it!!! I am the principal of this school!!!

JODY

Ohhhh. Really? Cool. So,

uhh...can I go now?

PRINCIPAL

(INCREDULOUS) No! No, you cannot "go!" We've accomplished nothing!

You're in big trouble for...

For...

JODY

For what?

PRINCIPAL

(BEAT) I can't remember.

JODY

(UNDER BREATH) Works every time.

JODY EXITS.