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Seamus I don't mind black people at all - they can come here if they like (Sanjay enters)... I say, you're a bit over dressed aren't you?

Sanjay I beg your pardon? I'm in a hurry to teach my students - excuse me... (Jonny enters)... here what does he mean?

Jonny Sanjay is a professor of Physics

Seamus Well, he doesn't know his place - he should go back to India where he belongs!

Jonny Sanjay has never been to India - he was born and brought up here - like you

Seamus But where is he from originally?

Jonny Where were you from originally Seamus?

Seamus I'm a good Irishman. I've always lived here.

Jonny Okay, what's your surname?

Seamus Adams

Jonny Sounds Welsh to me

Seamus But we've always been Irish

Jonny And what's Irish? So many different people have come and gone here - Celts; Romans; Vikings...

Seamus Okay, okay... What's your point?

Jonny The world's getting smaller Seamus and the populations of Ireland's dropping. We need each other and we all belong to the same human family and the one world.

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