

The school hallway is empty except for a few tardy students hurrying to class. The "William Tell Overture" is played over the school's P.A. system. This is used as a means to encourage students to hurry to their first period class.

Jane enters the school and encounters MISS MUFFA, age 51, the vice-principal, assertive and menacing. Miss Muffa quickly moves to Jane's side and speaks secretively to her as they move through the hallway toward Jane's classroom.

MISS MUFFA

Jane - I mean Miss McGuffin - this is not the morning to be late. You should have been in your homeroom at 8:00. You must make a better effort to be on time, and you've missed my instructions about 'Code Green'.

JANE

'Code Green'?

MISS MUFFA

'Code Green', Miss McGuffin, is the pass word for our drug search operation. You'd know that if you'd been on time. The dog, his name is...Arno...and Arno, will be in the building in about 10 minutes. He'll start with your classroom. Billy

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MISS MUFFA (cont'd)

Haines is selling drugs on the school bus. We are going to catch him with the drugs in his knapsack.

Jane freezes.

MISS MUFFA

(continuing)

Miss McGuffin, are you alright? Did you hear me? Is there something wrong?

Jane changes her direction and begins to move quickly toward the teacher's staff room.

MISS MUFFA

(continuing)

Miss McGuffin, your class is in the other direction. Where are you going?

Jane now picks up her pace as she continues toward the staff room:

JANE

(with some panic in her voice)

Miss Muffa - I need to - use the bathroom.

MISS MUFFA

Miss McGuffin, the final bell is  
about to ring. You must get to your  
classroom.

Jane's pace increases.