

Mr Brownlow

BROWNLOW

Doctor, do you notice the most extraordinary likeness between that boys face and the portrait of my daughter Agnes?

GRIMWIG

Can't say I do. I only know two sorts of boys. Mealy faced boys and beef-faced boys.

BROWNLOW

And which is Olvier?

GRIMWIG

Mealy. Where does he come from?

BROWNLOW

Didn't I tell you? He was arrested for stealing my pocket hankerchief.

GRIMWIG

What, sir?

BROWNLOW

It was all my mistake and when the shopkeeper told us what really happened and he was released by the magistrate I brought him here to make what amends I could. But I must confess I find myself strangely attached to the child.

BROWNLOW

Oh! Em - oh very well my boy, very well if you wish, you shall. Now I'll tell you what I want you to do. I want you to take these books and say that you've come to pay the four pounds ten that Mr. Brownlow owes - here's five pounds. No need to rush it's just down the road but I shall expect you back in ten minutes -