

GET SMART 2023 - AUDITION PASSAGE

PROFESSOR

PROFESSOR (*patiently*) I am absolutely dedicated to the success of the Inthermo.

SMART I see.

PROFESSOR All of you – over here. (*The students all take positions next to the table*)

JANE (*as he crosses*) The targets are like armour plate.

PROFESSOR Exactly.

JANE Won't the Inthermo injure the building?

PROFESSOR No, no – just the target.

SMART Maybe you better explain how it works – simply.

PROFESSOR (*indicating mechanism*) This tiny scale model is about to demonstrate how the basic principle of reactive thermal concentricity holds true. Actually, the dynamics of the catalytic phenomenon is expressed in direct ratio to its initial molecular conclusion.

SMART Right. (*Pause*) Maybe you better explain it even more simply.

PROFESSOR (*slowly so Smart can follow*) If Farmer Brown takes five molecules to the market – and Farmer Green takes *three* –

SMART (*interrupting*) Okay – let's get on with the test.

PROFESSOR (*inspecting mechanism*) I have it programmed for the little cylinders of hardened steel on that table – we make a minor adjustment – keep back out of line, all of you – R-e-a-d-y – (*Dante apparently activates the apparatus, and the globes explode. There is a general gasp.*)

SMART Wow! It worked! They've been incinerated by the little scale model.

PROFESSOR (*Sadly*) This is terrible. I was almost hoping that it would *not* work.

SMART But why?

PROFESSOR This is just a miniature. Think of the destructive power of a full-size Inthermo! Think of such a weapon in the wrong hands! (*They all stare front with wide-eyed horror at this thought. Then with a shrug at the nonsense; back to business*) Let's get the model back to the lab safe.