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## Family Album, USA

### Episode 9 [“It's Up to You”](#)

#### Act 2

**Philip** Sorry, Robbie. Sorry to be late this morning, but, well, we've still got some time for a cup of coffee. I can't wait to see my old pal Charley Rafer.

**Robbie** Neither can I.

**Philip** So you thought about it, huh?

**Robbie** Yes, I have, Dad.

**Philip** Well, I'm glad. I knew you'd realize that this interview could be an important experience for you.

**Robbie** I came to that conclusion.

**Philip** That's very wise, Robbie. Very wise. Now let's head off for the city and the university club.

**Robbie** Thanks, Dad.

**Philip** Thanks...for what?

**Robbie** Thanks for hearing me out. And...

**Philip** And...?

**Robbie** And thanks for being such an understanding father.

**Philip** Well, thank you, Robbie. Thank you.

**Dean** Philip Stewart! It's great to see you!

**Philip** Charley Rafer - you look as young as ever.

**Dean** You must be Robbie.

**Robbie** Hi.

**Philip** Yes, this is my youngest son Robbie. Robbie, I want you to meet one of the best tennis players on the Michigan team-Charley Rafer.

**Robbie** Nice to meet you, Dean Rafer.

**Dean** Well, are you as good a tennis player as your dad?

**Robbie** No, I'm not very good at it.

**Philip** Frankly, neither was I. Charley was the star of the team.

**Dean** Yeah. Thanks. Well, how've you been, Philip?

**Philip** Oh, working too hard.

**Dean** Doesn't show. How's Ellen?

**Philip** Fine, thank you. And how's Marge?

**Dean** She's still giving the toughest English history exams in the school and loving every minute of it. And speaking of minutes, I have interviews until noon, so why don't we get right to work?

**Philip** Can you have lunch with us later?

**Dean** I'd love to, Philip, but I'm afraid I can't. I'm only here two days, and I have interviews with twenty-six applicants.

**Philip** I understand. Well, thanks. I'll wait outside. Good luck, Son.

**Dean** Did you bring your transcript from high school?

**Robbie** Yes, sir. Right here.

**Dean** Thank you. Please sit down.

**Dean** I see under “activities” that you’ve been writing for the school paper.

**Robbie** Yes, sir.

**Dean** What kinds of articles have you written?

**Robbie** All kinds-sports, editorials, theater reviews. You name it, I’ve written it.

**Dean** Hmm. Well, have you ever thought of becoming a journalist?

**Robbie** A professional writer? Not until recently.

**Dean** Michigan has a fine School of Journalism.

**Robbie** Yes, I know that.

**Dean** You seem to have some reservations.

**Robbie** I’m a little uncertain.

**Dean** It’s been very nice talking to you.

**Robbie** Nice talking to you, sir.

**Dean** One piece of advice. The most important thing is for you to decided your own future.

**Robbie** Yes, sir. Good-bye. Dean Rafer.

**Dean** Good-bye. Robbie. Good luck.