

JUDGE

Mr. Nolan, please call your witness.

NOLAN

The prosecution calls Dr. James Greenberg.

DR GREENBERG, a man in his late 30s, enters. He looks at Ed with shame.

NOLAN

Please state your name and profession for the court, please.

DR. GREENBERG

Doctor James Greenberg. I'm a professor of Psychology at the University of Georgia.

NOLAN

Are you acquainted with The Southerland School in any way?

DR. GREENBERG

Not currently. I worked there for four years, from 1990 to 94.

NOLAN

And how had you come to be in the employ of the school?

DR. GREENBERG

I pursued the job, aggressively, just out of my doctorate.

NOLAN

Did you find the work you did at the school rewarding?

DR. GREENBERG

I did. At least in my first three years I did.

NOLAN

What happened to change that?

DR. GREENBERG

Well, it wasn't a single moment. But I think the biggest contributor was my having a son in 1991.

NOLAN

But you had been at The Southerland School for three long years. You had pursued it, aggressively! Did something change?

DR. GREENBERG

Not at the school. The school was a rock. The change was...in me.

NOLAN

Was your decision to leave sudden?

DR. GREENBERG

No, I thought about it for months.

NOLAN

Were there any memorable events on your last day--the day you resigned?

Dr. Greenberg glances at Ed, uncomfortable.

DR. GREENBERG

We got a new student.

NOLAN

And what was the process of getting a new student?

DR. GREENBERG

New students were rare. We'd only had one and his parents didn't have a hard time saying goodbye. The child was asleep through the process.

NOLAN

But the new student in 1994?

DR. GREENBERG

He was wide awake.

NOLAN

What happened?

DR. GREENBERG

The father had a hard time saying goodbye.

NOLAN

Was the staff not prepared for this?

DR. GREENBERG

No. We were well prepared. We had multiple training and response seminars in the weeks leading up.

NOLAN

The scenario that played out the night the new student came--had it been covered in one of these seminars?