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"Godparent"

REV. REINHART
#3

Jack & Bobby - "A Child of God" - 2/14/05 - Full White

~~REVEREND BELKNAP~~

~~If you have a child out of wedlock you
will never be welcome in this house
again. Do you understand?~~

~~MISSY~~

~~Yes...~~

~~REVEREND BELKNAP~~

~~Good. Then go do what you have to do.~~

~~He walks out, leaving Missy, stunned, frightened and alone.~~

20 INT. PLAINS STATE HISTORY DEPT. GRACE'S OFFICE. DAY.

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Grace locks up when she hears the KNOCK at her open door.

~~GRACE~~

~~Yes.~~

Reverend Reinhart pokes her head in.

STAY

REVEREND REINHART

Professor McCallister. I'm Reverend
Reinhart.

(beat)

From Bobby's church.

GRACE

(surprised)

Oh. I don't know why I was expecting --

REVEREND REINHART

An old white man with white hair?
Happens all the time, occupational
hazard. Somehow somewhere the world
started associating ministers with Santa.

GRACE

Well, come in, Reverend.

REVEREND REINHART

You can call me Maggie.

GRACE

Maggie, I'm impressed with your
diligence, I had no idea clergy in this
day and age made house calls.

REVEREND REINHART

Only when the Internet's down.

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There's a moment of uncomfortable silence.

GRACE

Unfortunately I have a meeting in twenty minutes, we'll have to keep this brief.

REVEREND REINHART

That's fine. I believe you're aware that Bobby has been attending services...

GRACE

Yes, well, we had an agreement that he would attend a variety of religious services and then when the time was right he would choose one he felt was appropriate.

REVEREND REINHART

And I hope that he has. We've really enjoyed having Bobby with us, both in class and during services.

GRACE

(icy)

Yes, he's a charming boy.

REVEREND REINHART

I think he's sincere in his desire to be baptized in the faith and join our church officially but I'm... under the impression that you're not in favor of that.

GRACE

Let's say I doubt the ability of a child to know what he's choosing when he signs up for a lifetime of religious obligation.

REVEREND REINHART

I'm not sure I was aware that's what he was signing up for. When you put it that way, I'm not sure I'd have signed up.

GRACE

You seem an intelligent woman, Reverend, so I won't mince words. To my mind, organized religion in all its guises is just so much societally-sanctioned brainwashing. (That said, I respect the rights of other consenting adults to make choices with which I do not agree.

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REVEREND REINHART

Then when we started the baptism class there he was. He's come to every class. Same level of... seriousness, respect, and commitment that you'd see in a fifty-year-old. Sometimes more.

(beat)

You seem like an intelligent woman, professor, so I won't mince words. I'm not sure you understand the level at which Bobby believes, the level to which his participation in our church makes sense to him, and is important. Please, ask your friend to be there.

GRACE

I'll see what I can do.

REVEREND REINHART

Thank you for your time, Professor.

/STOP

Off the Reverend, turning back at the door to see that Grace has already gone back to her work,

21 ~~INT. MCGILLISTER HOUSE. KITCHEN. NIGHT.~~

~~At home Grace now makes spaghetti (sauce from a can) while Jack pours some milk.~~

~~JACK~~

~~That stuff from a can's not as good as --~~

~~GRACE~~

~~Oh. Get out some onions, will you, Jack? We can pretend it's homemade, or the other stuff from the can, whatever...~~

~~There's a KNOCK at the back door.~~

~~GRACE~~

~~Oh great. If this is anyone carrying a bible or otherwise peddling religious zealotry, so help me...~~

~~Jack answers the door to find Missy on the other side.~~

~~JACK~~

~~Miss. What are you --~~

~~MISSY~~

~~Please, don't shut the door. Can I come in? I need to talk to your mom.~~

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