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Excuse me, but you don't know enough about life to say a thing like that. . . , You know the rules, maybe, but that don't cover it. . .

We accept what we gotta accept and work with it. That's the truth I know. Sorry to be so sharp, but you're here in this room. . . He's gonna be somewhere and maybe he's doing some good too. You ever think of that. . . Maybe some of them boys want to get caught. Maybe what you don't know maybe is my son is . . .that way. That's why his father beat him up. Not that wine. He beat Donald for being what he is. [What are you telling me?]

I'm his mother. I'm talking about his nature now, not anything he's done. But you can't hold a child responsible for what God gave him to be.

Forget it then. You're the one forcing people to say these things out loud. Things are in the air and you leave them alone if you can. That's what I know. My boy came to this school 'cause they were gonna kill him at the public school. So we were lucky enough to get him in here for his last year. Good. His father don't like him. This priest. Puts out a hand to the boy. Does the man have his reasons? Yes. Everybody has their reasons. But do I ask the man why he's good to my son? No. I don't care why. My son needs some man to care about him and see him through to where he wants to go. And thank God, this educated man with some kindness in him wants to do jus that.