

DOUBT: FINAL SCENE

EXT:SISTER **BEAUVIER** SITS ON BENCH IN THE COURTYARD. **SISTER JAMES** SEES HER, AND APPROACHES HER.

BEAUVIER:
SISTER **JAMES**! WELCOME BACK.

JAMES:
THANK YOU, **SISTER**.

BEAUVIER:
YOU WERE MISSED. HOW IS YOUR BROTHER?

JAMES:
BETTER. MUCH BETTER.

BEAUVIER:
I'M VERY GLAD. I PRAYED FOR HIM.

JAMES:
IT WAS GOOD TO GET AWAY; I NEEDED TO SEE MY FAMILY.

BEAUVIER:
THEN I'M GLAD YOU DID IT.

JAMES:
AND FATHER **FLYNN** IS GONE?

BEAUVIER:
YES.

JAMES:
SO YOU DID IT YOU GOT IT HIM OUT.

BEAUVIER:
YES.

JAMES:
DONALD **MILLER** IS HEARTBROKEN.

BEAUVIER:
CAN'T BE HELPED. IT'S JUST TILL **JUNE**.

JAMES:

I DON'T THINK FATHER FLYNN DID ANYTHING WRONG.

BEAUVIER:

NO? HE CONVINCED YOU?

JAMES:

YES HE DID. (BEAT) DID YOU EVER PROVE IT?

BEAUVIER:

TO WHOM?

JAMES:

ANYONE BUT YOURSELF?

BEAUVIER:

NOPE.

JAMES:

BUT YOU WERE SURE.

BEAUVIER:

YES.

JAMES:

I WISH I COULD BE LIKE YOU.

BEAUVIER:

WHY?

JAMES:

BECAUSE I CAN'T SLEEP ANYMORE.

BEAUVIER:

MAYBE WE'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO SLEEP SO WELL. THEY MADE FATHER FLYNN
PASTOR OF ST. JEROME.

JAMES:

WHO?

BEAUVIER:

THE BISHOP. APPOINTED FATHER FLYNN PASTOR OF ST JEROME CHURCH AND
SCHOOL. IT'S A PROMOTION.

JAMES:

YOU DIDN'T TELL THEM?

BEAUVIER:

OH I TOLD OUR GOOD MONSIGNOR. CROSSED THE GARDEN AND I TOLD HIM. HE DID NOT BELIEVE IT TO BE TRUE.

JAMES:

THEN WHY DID FATHER FLYNN GO? WHAT DID YOU SAY TO MAKE HIM LEAVE?

BEAUVIER:

THAT I HAD CALLED A NUN IN HIS PREVIOUS PARISH. THAT I HAD FOUND OUT HIS PRIOR HISTORY OF INFRINGEMENTS.

JAMES:

SO YOU DID PROVE IT.

BEAUVIER:

I MADE NO SUCH CALL.

JAMES:

YOU LIED.

BEAUVIER:

YES. BUT IF HE'D HAD NO SUCH HISTORY, A LIE WOULD'VE HAVE WORKED. HIS RESIGNATION WAS HIS CONFESSION. HE WAS WHAT I THOUGHT HE WAS. AND HE'S GONE.

JAMES:

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU LIED.

BEAUVIER:

IN THE PURSUIT OF WRONGDOING, ONE STEPS AWAY FROM GOD. OF COURSE, THERE IS A PRICE. (FIDDLES WITH ROSARY BEADS)

JAMES:

I SEE.

BEAUVIER:

(SHAKES HEAD) OH, SISTER JAMES.

JAMES:

WHAT IS IT, SISTER?

BEAUVIER:

I HAVE DOUBTS. (BEGINS TO FALL APART) I HAVE SUCH DOUBTS. (CONTINUES TO FALL APART)

(SISTER JAMES GOES TO COMFORT HER....)

END SCENE