

CHARACTERS

TUPOLSKI

KATURIAN

ARIEL

MICHAL

MOTHER

FATHER

BOY

GIRL

THE PILLOWMAN

ACT ONE

Scene 1

Police interrogation room. Katurian sitting at table, centre, blindfolded. Tupolski and Ariel enter and sit opposite him, Tupolski with a box file containing a large sheaf of papers.

TUPOLSKI. Mister Katurian, this is Detective Ariel, I'm Detective Tupolski ... Who left that on you?

KATURIAN. What? *(Tupolski takes the blindfold off.)*

TUPOLSKI. Who left this on you?

KATURIAN. Um, the man.

TUPOLSKI. Why didn't you take it off? It just looks stupid.

KATURIAN. I didn't think I was supposed to.

TUPOLSKI. It just looks stupid.

KATURIAN. *(Pause.)* Yes.

TUPOLSKI. *(Pause.)* Like I was saying, this is Detective Ariel and I'm Detective Tupolski.

KATURIAN. Well, the main thing I want to say is, I have complete respect for you and for what you do and I'm glad to help you in any way I can. I have complete respect.

TUPOLSKI. Well, that's good to hear.

KATURIAN. I'm not like some of these ... you know?

TUPOLSKI. Some of these what? I *don't* know?

KATURIAN. Some of these types of people who have no respect for the police. I have never been in trouble with the police in my life. In my life. And I ...

ARIEL. Never been in trouble until now, you mean.

KATURIAN. Hah?