SPOTLIGHT (Joe and Sacha) (pg 1)

JOE

(Waiting at table in Coffee Shop) Ms. Pfeiffer?

SACHA

Joe?

JOE

Please sit.

SACHA

Thank You.

JOE

Is this table ok?

SACHA

This is perfect.

JOE

I had a muffin while I was waiting. Two, actually. I eat when I’m nervous.

SACHA

I do that too, actually. I hope I’m not late, Phil said 1:00

JOE

No, you’re fine. I got here early. About an hour.

SACHA

Would you mind if I take some notes? Would that be ok?
Sure.

SACHA

How would you like to start?

JOE

So, there was this Nun, Sister Barbara. She ran this group for kids from troubled families.

SACHA

Where was that?

JOE

St. Ambrose in Dorchester.

SACHA

OK.

JOE

She’s the one who introduced me to Father Shanley. He was a street Priest. Long hair. Very hip. He invited me to his apartment in Back Bay.

SACHA

Where in Back Bay?

JOE

Beacon Street.

SACHA

Beacon. Ok. (taking notes)
JOE (pg 3)

Are you from here??

SACHA

Um...no. I grew up in Ohio. But my Mom is from Southie.

JOE

Ok. So, you get it. I never even seen Back Bay.

SACHA

So, what happened on the first visit, Joe?

JOE

Well, he was very nice at first. Very funny, very casual. And I think he could tell that I was gay. So he showed me this mobile he had, like, over a baby’s crib? But with different words. “Homosexual, Transsexual, Bisexual”

SACHA

OK, and did you know you were gay at that time, Joe?

JOE

(laughs) Yeah, but that wasn’t information I was sharing with anybody. Especially in Dorchester.

SACHA

Ok, so what happened after he showed you the mobile?

JOE

Well, I was a little freaked out. I think he could tell. So he said, “You know what will help is if we play strip poker”. Of course, I lost. And things went on from there.
SACHA (pg 4)

Can you tell me specifically what happened?

JOE

Specifically, he molested me.

SACHA

(Nods) Joe, I think that the language is going to be so important here. We can’t sanitize this. Just saying “Molest” isn’t enough. People need to know what actually happened.

JOE

Ok. He said it was a way to make me more comfortable with my body.

SACHA

So, what happened after that?

JOE

Well, he took off his clothes, and he said, “I’ve been so depressed, but maybe you can cheer me up and give me a blow job”. Classy guy.

SACHA

And did you?

JOE

Yeah. I know what you must be thinking, like, why would I ever do that to some creepy guy who is 40 years older than me? But, what you have to understand is that this is the first time in my life that someone told me it was Ok to be gay. And it was a priest.

SACHA

Right.
JOE (pg 5)

It really messed me up. I’m sober now, but that was the beginning of it all. It’s very confusing to be introduced to sex like that.... (Starts to break down) I’m sorry, I knew I was going to do this.

SACHA

Don’t be sorry. It’s ok Joe. It’s ok.