

Hunter, a young pregnant woman, suffers from a disease that causes her to swallow random objects. As the story unfolds, we learn about her past and how it will affect her future.

Her husband and father-in-law, who have arranged for this therapy, are concerned about her health, but also about her reputation. To avoid having to think this unsightly thought about themselves, they arrange a controlling web of care around Hunter. In fact, only her therapist is interested in how she is really doing.

Hunter, well dressed as always. Silk blouse, wrinkle free and well ironed skirt. Her pose doesn't fit to her strikingly groomed shape - she lies on the couch like a defiant child. The session obviously has already begun.

Lucy, her therapist, is sitting next to her. She's a warm woman who is made for her job.

LUCY

Let's get back to your family for a minute.

HUNTER

Why? I told you there were normal.

LUCY

In last session, you hinted at some type of issue with your mom.

HUNTER

Oh, gosh.

(pause)

I guess you want me to tell you about the whole rape thing.

LUCY

What whole rape thing?

HUNTER

Okay.

If I tell you... if..

...you have to promise that you're not gonna make a big deal about it.

LUCY

I promise.

HUNTER

So my father isn't really my father. My mom was raped in the 90s by some random guy and I was the result, you know?

LUCY

Did the ever catch the guy?

HUNTER

Yeah. He did time. Willian Erwin was his name. Is his name. Do you wanna see a picture of him?

LUCY

Oh, no. Not really.

But Hunter ignores her objections and pulls out a picture of her portemonnaie, which she obviously cut out of the newspaper.

HUNTER

No, look. Look. That's him.

LUCY

Y... you carry that around with you?

HUNTER

Yeah. I've dealt with it.

LUCY

How have you dealt with it?

HUNTER

I've thought about it a lot.

LUCY

Did your mother ever consider terminating the pregnancy?

HUNTER

My mom is... this right-wing religious nut. She's really sweet. My family doesn't believe in... abortion even in the cases of incest or rape so here I am.

But my stepdad was really nice to me. And my mom was never resentful or anything. My sisters love me.

LUCY

How did it happen?

HUNTER

She went to a bar and he bought her a drink. My mom left and he followed her home and he broke in.

That's all I know.

Can we change the subject?

LUCY

I think this is important, actually. I think this might have a lot to do with your compulsion.

Okay. We're at the end of our session. See you in a couple days.

HUNTER

That color looks really nice on you.

LUCY

Oh, thank you.

Out of a sudden, Hunter hugs Lucy. She sticks her nose in Lucy's hair - sniffs - and leaves Lucy alone.

LUCY (CONTD)

See you soon.