## A Nice Bearnaise by Robert Campbell

INT. OFFICE - DAY

SAM VINSON, 30s, angry and a bit scared, storms in, and confronts HORACE CABOT, 50s, the smuggest of old-money.

SAM

Is it true you recommended parole for Charlie Garrison?

HORACE

Samuel. How nice to see you so at home you feel no need to knock.

SAM

Charlie Garrison tortured and murdered 17 people.

HORACE

But he was convicted of only one crime, and that was manslaughter. As such--

SAM

That man-- No. That thing---

HORACE

Is a model prisoner, and one of the few people -- prisoner or staff -- who has believed in my program.

SAM

Right. Teaching manners and etiquette to murderers and rapists.

HORACE

Good breeding and civilized behavior are as much nurture as nature. Charles is proof of that.

SAM

"Charles" is using you! He's a psychopath, and an apex predator. Teaching him which fork to use won't keep him from carving out your liver, and serving it up with some Hollandaise sauce.

Sam turns and heads for the door.

HORACE

Samuel?

Sam stops. Halfway out the door. Looks back at Horace.

## HORACE

(thoroughly unruffled)
Bearnaise sauce is a better choice for organ meats. Hollandaise is best for poultry or vegetables. (beat; smiling and

pedantic)

Wouldn't want you to embarrass yourself.