

The Exorcism of Emily Rose

Scene-Park Bench

Erin Bruner

Dr. Cartwright?

Dr. Cartwright

I recognize you from those courtroom drawings on the news.
You're much prettier in real life.

Erin

May I sit?

Dr. Cartwright

Yes, please. (pause) You're losing.
I had hoped Father Moore wouldn't need me but I don't wanna see him
put away.

Erin

How do you know him?

Dr. Cartwright

Well, I was his parishioner at St. Vincent's Church about 12 years ago.
I hadn't seen or heard of him for years when he called me last fall.
But he needed help, so...

Erin

What kind of help, doctor?

Dr. Cartwright

He wanted a medical perspective from a psychiatrist
you know, one that he knew, trusted to observe Emily's physical and
mental state during this...

Erin

During the exorcism.

Dr. Cartwright

Yeah.

Erin

Doctor. (he doesn't respond)
Doctor. Can you help our case?

Dr. Cartwright

That girl was not schizophrenic and she was not epileptic, or any combination of the two. I've seen hundreds of people with those problems. They can be terrible afflictions, of course, but they don't scare me.

Erin

But, what you saw that night in Emily, that did scare you?

Dr. Cartwright

God, if I'd known, I never would've been there. I started praying again since then, you know. I examined that girl before I drove back to the city that night. She was lucid and she was completely aware of this separate entity inside her. When she wasn't in his grip, she was totally herself, completely normal. The awareness of her alternate mental state is counter indicative of psychosis.

Erin

Crazy people don't know they're crazy.

Dr. Cartwright

That's right.

Erin

You'll testify to all of this, in detail? Everything you saw?

Dr. Cartwright

Send me the case files and tell me when to be in court.

Erin

Thank you, doctor. We need this.

Dr. Cartwright

Before he was arrested, Father Moore sent this to me. He asked me to
take care of it. It's your burden now.
(gives her a small tape-recorder)

Erin

One more thing. When you saw Emily did Father Moore ask you to give
her any medical help?

Dr. Cartwright

He was already trying to stop her from injuring herself and urging her
to eat. And I told him, as a doctor, I couldn't help her.