INT. HEADMASTER'S OFFICE - DAY

Franklin Reinhardt and Headmaster Connaver sit across from each other in Connaver's office.

HEADMASTER CONNAVER

He didn't do anything wrong.

FRANKLIN

Why homeschool him then?

HEADMASTER CONNAVER

Well, we just feel it would be in the best interest of everyone if Henry, for the time being--

FRANKLIN

Why?

HEADMASTER CONNAVER

With the tral approaching, the distraction serves no one.

FRANKLIN

You told my daughter that Reardon would be there for Henry. That the community was "steadfast."

HEADMASTER CONNAVER

I did, but--

FRANKLIN

Henry's life has been ripped apart. If ever an overpriced, self-important, full of shit school needed to step up--

HEADMASTER CONNAVER

This is coming from the board. They feel we need to create distance between Reardon and all the ugliness. I cannot exalt your grandson's needs at the expense of the school's, writ large.

FRANKLIN

I can. I've given a lot of money to this school, Mr. Connaver. And I've always considered it a privilege to be able to do so. But make no mistake - I am a cocksucker.

(MORE) Vace in Highland

FRANKLIN (CONT'D)

And I don't mean that in the sense of gay belittlement as it's currently come to be interpreted. No. I'm an old-fashioned cocksucker. The more traditional kind. The kind who fucks over anyone that hurts me or a loved one. You speak of ugliness, Mr. Connaver. You have not yet met ugliness.

Off Connaver's pained expression.