

TSG AUDITIONS 2019
ARCHIE / DR. NEVILLE CRAVEN SIDE 1

SCENE 4: ARCHIBALD'S LIBRARY

DR. CRAVEN is seated at the desk, as ARCHIBALD enters, wearing a heavy raincoat.

ARCHIBALD

Will this rain never stop?

DR. CRAVEN

Archie, I'm so pleased. I've finally located a suitable school for young Mary.

ARCHIBALD

A school?

DR. CRAVEN

She needs the company of other children. Particularly after a tragedy such as this.

ARCHIBALD

But she's practically just arrived, Neville. Does she want to leave?

DR. CRAVEN

This is no house for a child. What will she have to do here? Wander the halls?

ARCHIBALD

As I do, you mean? What a wretched house. Father should have given Misselthwaite to you, Neville, not me.

DR. CRAVEN

You are the elder brother, Archie. That would never have occurred to him. But if you feel you cannot live here, then leave. You were happy once before. In Paris. You are still a young man. There is no reason...

ARCHIBALD

I can't leave, Neville.

TSG AUDITIONS 2019
ARCHIE / DR. NEVILLE CRAVEN SIDE 1

DR. CRAVEN

But what good does it do to sit by the boy's bed, night after night, hoping for a miracle?

ARCHIBALD

They have been known to happen.

DR. CRAVEN

When Lily died, I gave up my practice to care for the...

ARCHIBALD

You've been completely faithful, Neville. I am deeply grateful.

DR. CRAVEN

But I did not give up my responsibility to *you*, Archie. I cannot allow you to waste your life waiting for the inevitable end. I cannot.

ARCHIBALD

I am not wasting my life, Neville. This *is* my life now.