

EVELYN VOGEL

You were only ten years old when your father first sought my help. I know almost everything about you, Dexter. Not just because I heard it from your father, but because I helped create you.

DEXTER

Create me. You sound like Dr. Frankenstein.

EVELYN VOGEL

Don't mean to. Don't know how else to put it. I mean, it was obvious that you not only showed all the classic traits of a psychopath but that you would eventually become a killer. So we were faced with a little dilemma— what to do with you. It was me who convinced Harry that your urges couldn't be stopped, but they could be focused. Eventually we realized that hunting animals wasn't going to satiate you, so we decided that you could be taught to kill other kinds of animals. People who truly deserve to die.

DEXTER

You're saying you came up with the code?

EVELYN VOGEL

Harry had a big hand in the details. His law enforcement background was certainly an asset, but he was operating under my guidance. I can't help but think of myself as your spiritual mother. I know we've only just met face to face, but this is kind of like a reunion. I should have chilled some champagne.

DEXTER

You experimented on me. That's what mothers do?

EVELYN VOGEL

I developed a framework for your survival. That's what mothers do.

DEXTER

You made me what I am.

EVELYN VOGEL

You'd have preferred an institution? Death row? I could have turned my back on you. I could have let Harry do the same. I could have even notified the authorities.

DEXTER

Why didn't you?

EVELYN VOGEL

Well, let's just say you got under my skin. I came to care for you, Dexter. I still do.

DEXTER

Why are you telling me this?

EVELYN VOGEL

I saved your life. And I'm afraid I need to call in the favor. I'm sure you recognize this. It's a section of the human brain. Anterior insular cortex.

DEXTER

A murder victim was missing the same piece of tissue.

EVELYN VOGEL

And this is it. In the flesh. I found it on my doorstep wrapped in butcher paper. Unfortunately, there was no return address.

DEXTER

Why would the killer send this to you?

EVELYN VOGEL

A message. I've come to believe that the killer could be one of my former patients. This would be the perfect explanation for this little gift.

DEXTER

You think it's a threat.

EVELYN VOGEL

A brain on a doorstep. Hardly a love letter. Sooner or later, someone's going to be holding a piece of my brain in a jar. I want you to find him, Dexter. And I want you to do what Harry and I taught you to do.

DEXTER

I don't take requests. You have contacts at the FBI. You're working with Miami Metro. Why don't you go to them?

EVELYN VOGEL

I wish I could.

DEXTER

What's stopping you?

EVELYN VOGEL

You're not the first psychopath I've treated.

DEXTER

You taught other people the code?

EVELYN VOGEL

No. You're special. But I've used other unorthodox methods, some of which might be considered illegal. So, if the police track down this killer and it's someone I treated--

DEXTER

Your unorthodox methods might be exposed, and your career would be ruined. You might even go to jail.

EVELYN VOGEL

You see my problem.

DEXTER

I see that it's your problem.

EVELYN VOGEL

This will help put things into perspective. Well, come on, don't tell me you're gonna pass up on another piece of your history. Think about it, but don't take too long. Killer's out there, Dexter, and I don't mind admitting I'm afraid of what's coming next.