

The Toadies

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Okay, we're all here. We are being joined via Skype today by Professor Bodine, who is across campus in his office. For those who don't know, Dr. Bodine is the university Ombudsman.



Thanks for that gracious introduction, Dr. Treelung. I suppose you all are wondering why I'm joining your meeting.

The floor is yours, Jeb. Take your time and explain it to us.

Dr. Nearydom is correct. Take your time, Mr. Ombudsman.



It's simple, really. I have been asked by President Allrides to put together an investigative report on one of your members, Dr. Hoda. It appears that he has missed all of his classes this week, and now this meeting as well, without any notice or explanation.

What can we do for you, Jeb?



Can I say something?

Just a second, Red. . . . All I will need from you all now is a commitment to review my report, *if necessary*.

I certainly see no problem with that, Dr. Bodine.

Dr. Bodine, did you know that Teddy was mugged last week after his night class at the inner city campus? He has a broken collar bone, two broken ribs, and a collapsed lung, and he is still hospitalized.

I concur with Dr. Nearydom.



This is the first I've heard of this situation, Red.

Same here, Red.



That's unbelievable! Everyone in Teddy's department knows. Would it help clear all of this up, Dr. Bodine, if I sent Teddy's police report and hospital forms over to you?

That's *not* necessary, Red. My report is basically done, and is being reviewed by Provost Truegal. When he's done, it will go to the President.

So, you people are ready to ruin Teddy's career?
Unfreakingbelievable!



That's not *necessarily* so, Red. Teddy *may* be able to appeal.

I'm confident that your report is solid, Ombudsman Bodine. Provost Truegal and President Allrides will surely agree.