

I FEED MY KIDS: GUY / GIRL -- ELAINE/ ERIC

MS. SEGER
Ms. Andrews?

ELAINE / ERIC
Elaine, please.

MS. SEGER
I'm Nathalie Seger, I'm the new
guidance counselor here.
Please, have a seat.

ELAINE
Why, what's happened?

MS. SEGER
We're having an issue with
Shelby.

ELAINE
Shelby? She's the daughter that
never gives me trouble.

MS. SEGER
Well, it's not trouble per se.
I noticed that at the end of
lunch, Shelby has been
searching through the garbage
and putting food in her bag.

ELAINE
Oh. She must've dropped
something in the trash.

MS. SEGER
Well, I've seen Shelby doing
this all week. Elaine, is
everything okay at home?

ELAINE
I don't understand what you're
askin'.

MS. SEGER
Are you able to feed your
children adequately?

ELAINE

Yeah I feed my kids!

MS. SEGER

If a child is endangered we
need to call Child Services.

ELAINE

My kids ain't in danger.

MS. SEGER

Hunger is a serious problem is
all I'm saying, and I --

ELAINE

No, what you're sayin' is if I
don't give my kids more food
you're gonna call the State to
take my babies away from me.

MS. SEGER

Elaine, I'm sure we both want
what's best for the children.

ELAINE

(beat to calm down)

Look... I'm poor... Lots a
people around here is poor. We
ain't all been to college. I do
everything I can to provide for
my babies. If anyone in my
family misses a meal it's me.
You got any kids of your own?

She nods no.

ELAINE (CONT'D)

Course not... Shelby ain't
gonna dig in the garbage no
more.