

ON A PLATE



THIS IS RICHARD.
HIS PARENTS ARE
DOING OK.



AND THIS IS PAULA.
HER PARENTS?
NOT SO MUCH.



RICHARD'S HOUSE IS WARM AND DRY.
HIS SHELVES ARE FULL OF BOOKS AND
HIS FRIDGE IS FULL OF FOOD.



PAULA'S HOUSE IS FULL OF PEOPLE AND
NOT MUCH ELSE. IT'S DAMP AND NOISY AND
SHE KEEPS GETTING SICK.



RICHARD'S PARENTS WILL DO ANYTHING FOR THEIR BABY...



...AND SO WILL PAULA'S. THAT'S WHY THEY'RE WORKING TWO JOBS.

RICHARD GOES TO A GREAT SCHOOL. WELL RESOURCED, GOOD KIDS. HIS TEACHERS LOVE THEIR JOB.



AT PAULA'S SCHOOL, THE CLASS SIZES ARE LARGE, THE SCHOOL IS UNDERFUNDED, AND LOOKS IT. HER TEACHERS ARE TIRED, STRETCHED THIN FROM THE STRESS.



SO MAYBE WE CAN SEE WHY THE EXPECTATIONS SET FOR RICHARD...



...MIGHT BE SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT TO THOSE SET FOR PAULA...



... AND OVER THE YEARS ALL THESE LITTLE DIFFERENCES...



... THEY START TO ADD UP. TO BUILD INTO SOMETHING BIGGER.



AND BECAUSE EACH LITTLE DIFFERENCE SNEAKS BY UNNOTICED...



THEN MAYBE RICHARD STARTS TO BELIEVE
THAT HE DESERVES TO BE ON TOP.
THAT HE DID IT ALL HIMSELF.



AND MAYBE PAULA STARTS TO SETTLE.
LEARNS TO 'KNOW HER PLACE'.

