

James Green — Brother

This character appears in module #2.

Location: Hartwin Home

Authority/Responsibilities

Demographics and Background

- You are a thirteen-year-old boy and live with your mother (Anna), step-father (Tony Sr.), younger sister (Sammi) and toddler half-brother (Tony Jr.).
- Your mom and dad divorced 5 years ago. Your father (William Green) lives close by and shares physical and legal custody with your mom. You see him regularly and wish you could live with him.
- Your parents have a lot of conflict. Your mom filed for divorce after getting an order of protection against your dad, after she reported 3 assaults during their marriage. You have vivid memories of your parents' verbal arguments and physical fights.
- You view yourself as Sammi's protector and always have, especially when your parents fought.
- Tony is a stay-at-home dad who watches you when your mom works at Dollar General from 7:30am-4:30pm, three to four times per week.
- You like doing well in school and homework is a priority for you. You try to help Sammi with her homework when she asks, but sometimes you have too much of your own work and tell her to ask Tony for help.

- You have the authority to decide how much you disclose and to whom.

Character Development Tips

Abuse Scenario & History:

- You came home early one day because you had a dentist appointment and needed to take the "early bus." You saw Tony helping Sammi with her homework at the kitchen table. You thought you saw him holding her hand and rubbing his lap with her hand. However, you aren't sure because he jumped up right away, "looked nervous" and told Sammi to go to her room.
- You noticed that, now, Tony only helps her with homework in her bedroom now. Sometimes you hear sniffing and hushing sounds. You try not to think about that too much.
- Sammi always wants your help with homework, and it can get a little bit annoying. She really seems to "lose it" if you tell her to ask Tony.
- Two weeks ago, Sammi tried rubbing your groin area after you said that you didn't have time to help her with her homework. You said, "Stop!," and she replied, "I promise to rub it good."
- You told your mom that Sammi was "all up on" you. Your mom told you to "just be nice to your sister," so you brushed it off.

Decision Points/Process/Demeanor

- You've never seen Tony Sr. yell at your mom or Sammi or become aggressive, so you like that and are starting to let your guard down a bit. You think he's "fine," though you still don't feel like you know him too well.
- Keeping Sammi safe is really important to you. You've noticed some changes in her behavior lately, and you are concerned.
- If any of the adults, such as the MDT or your mom, ask you if you have any concerns about Sammi, share freely about your observations (e.g. hand on his lap at the kitchen table, Sammi "losing it" when she has to interact with Tony (e.g. when late for school, asking him to help with homework), and Sammi rubbing your groin and promising to "rub it good.")
- If you suspect someone is hurting Sammi, you will not hesitate to tell your father (William Green) and confront whoever is suspected.
- You are starting to get more involved in school, and your focus is really starting to shift from family to friends.
- You feel comfortable interacting with adult women, though you feel less comfortable around adult men.