His Disposition

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"Oh, God. What do we say? If we tell him what we really think, then he'll be furious. If we tell him what he wants to hear, then we'll be lying."

"It will be a violation of all our consciences, but yes— we must lie."

"He'll know, and he'll be livid. We should tell him the truth."

"Yes, but that's selfish. He'll see we're only guarding our own consciences at his expense."

"But if we lie, then he'll develop an exaggerated sense of his own importance." $\,$

"Fine. Let's kill him."