

The Boy Who Divorced His Natural Mother

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Divorce is the legal end of a marital relationship between a husband and a wife. In the case I am concerned with, the relationship was between a boy and one of his biological parents. This idea originally sounded ridiculous to me: How could one's own child divorce him or her? So we ask the following question: When a child is not happy about his family, does he have the right to end his legal relationship with his parents and just move to another family that he likes?

Gregory is the name of a boy who successfully 'divorced' his natural mother through a court battle. Gregory thought that his natural mother was an unfit mother and he preferred to live with his foster parents. This was a very controversial case and set a legal precedent for other similar cases. In this case, I agree with the decision of the court to let the foster parents be the legal parents and guardians of this boy.

Gregory's birth mother was a very unfit mother. She would be absent from home and from her three children for long periods of time, and she herself put Gregory into foster care. In contrast, the foster parents were educated people. They loved Gregory so much. Gregory felt like this was his real family and these were his real parents.

Many parents say it is ridiculous or awful for children to have the right to sever legal ties to their parents. But have these parents ever thought about how this child felt growing up in such a family? He had been emotionally abused by his father and physically abused by his mother. For long periods of time, there had been no food in the house for him to eat. He hadn't been able to obtain love or an education from his parents. This family had given him nothing. Although he was only a little boy, he was a human being. He had his feelings and a right to know who he wanted to raise him.

In this country, everyone respects human rights and in this case there was a lot of evidence to show that Gregory's birth mother was an unfit mother. Therefore, I agree with the court's judgment to allow Gregory the right to 'divorce' his parents.

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