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The reason I am in this case is, as Mason once said to Dixon, to draw the line somewhere. I am not claiming to have been raped or subjected to grade bribery. Everyone knows that rape is not OK; we all agree that grade bribery is not OK. What happened to me, however, is also not OK. It just happens often enough that people don't think seriously about it. They pass it off as a little male fun and, therefore, trivial. But sexual harassment is not trivial. The line of what is OK and what is not OK is how this "male fun" affects the woman, as well as its ethicality and legality. No one should have the institutionally sanctioned right to sexually harass a woman or anyone in any way, shape or form. Especially not a hierarchical superior. That is where I draw the line.

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