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# 12<sup>th</sup> Class

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## Christine not taking food in—S Hungry

- Christine not taking food in— At four years old, Christine weighed just 26 pounds, despite having been fed a high-calorie diet via a tube inserted through her nose for weeks. Her file contained literally thousands of pages of documents, detailing visits with endocrinologists, gastroenterologists, nutritionists and other medical specialists. There were endless lab reports of blood work, chromosome tests, hormone levels, and biopsies.



- The documents included results from even more invasive tests, which had used scopes inserted into her throat to examine her stomach, and scopes inserted rectally to examine her bowels. There were dozens of reports from consulting physicians. The poor girl had even had an exploratory laparoscopy in which doctors inserted a tube into her abdomen to scrutinize her internal organs. Some doctors called a four-year-old girl with “intestinal epilepsy” who psychologists gave her a diagnosis of “infantile anorexia.”



## Average weight

- Girl baby—at 22 months, 26 lbs.
- 4 Years old—35 lbs.
- Stacks of medical files—thousands of pages of documents
- Specialists—endocrinologists, gastroenterologists, nutritionists, and other medical specialists.
- Endless reports of blood work, chromosome tests, hormone levels, biopsies, scopes to examine her throat, stomach,



- Intestinal epilepsy
- Infantile anorexia
- Disturbed by 22 year old mother watching television
- Christina seated about 5 feet away from her child, staring at food plate, while child had a feeding tube.



## Mother—Virginia's past revealed

- Abandoned at birth by a drug-addicted mother, father un



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