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Act out the response of the following character.

Dad – The Detective – Calm but matter of fact, approach each one of your kids to find the chocolate that is missing from the counter. Challenge each one to hear their response. You're not out to discipline anyone. You just want to find out where it went to. Surely no one could have eaten all that chocolate and the rest of it must be somewhere.

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Child #1 – The Blamer. (It's always someone else's fault.) You are astonished that anyone would question you. Of course you didn't have anything to do with it. Your brother is always getting into things. Your sister – it must be her. And even Dad must be to blame for this somehow.

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Child #2 – The Victim. (Oh poor me. Everyone blames me. I'm always the last to find out.) I always get blamed for everything. I don't get any chocolate. How come nobody told me there was chocolate in the cabinet. I'm always the last to find out about these things. And so on.

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Child #3 – **The Rationalizer.** (Excuse personal responsibility by listing reasons for the offense.) I don't understand what the big deal is. There wasn't that much chocolate on the counter. Who cares who ate it. It's not that important. If you want more chocolate, why don't you just go buy some more. We all live here. And so on.

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Child #4 – **Justifier** (Looking for evidence to convince others that their offense is reasonable) It was just sitting on the counter. It didn't have anyone's name on it. I'm not saying I took it but it isn't something to be making a big deal about. I don't blame the person for taking it. Who cares? You go into the kitchen to eat. Someone left the chocolate on the counter. It sounds like someone wanted to share it.