*The Case For Barbara* tells the story of a sexual harassment case in the university world. A young professor in Political Studies is accused of offering a top grade to his student in exchange for sex. The story is set in the year 2000, when an atmosphere of political correctness and sexist sensitivity pervades the university world.

Larry Reimer is nearing the end of a probationary contract at Wolseley University, when he is accused of sexual harassment by his student, Barbara Milton. While the evidence essentially amounts to her word against his, Reimer is known to have had a previous affair with a student and Barbara's testimony is supported by her roommate.

The charge against Reimer proceeds through a special committee, chaired by an ambitious feminist scholar. Late in the proceedings, the situation becomes complicated, when the complainant's roommate contacts a colleague of Reimer's and offers dramatic new evidence.