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The cat making strange noises is suspected of having been eating Oreo cookies.

In (11)-(12), the noise-making may be either present or past (contemporaneous with the eating). In (13)-(14) it may only be present. The fact that in (11)-(12) the noisemaking may be past is automatically accounted for if the NP the cat making strange noises in (11)-(12), but not in (13)-(14), originates as a constituent of the embedded S with its main verb eat and its past tense marker have.

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Deletion No!

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Tough Movement Si, Tough It has sometimes been suggested that such sentences as (1) are to be derived from structures like that of (2), by a rule of Tough Deletion,

(1) Fred is
$$\begin{cases} easy \\ hard \\ tough \\ fun \\ etc. \end{cases}$$
 for Dick to throw snowballs at.

(2) Fred_x is
$$\begin{cases} easy \\ hard \\ tough \\ fun \\ etc. \end{cases}$$
 for Dick_y [_s Y throw snowballs at X _s]

rather than from structures like that of (3), by a rule which moves the underlying object of at to replace the initial it of (3), a rule referred to as Tough Movement in Postal (1971).

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$$(3) \quad \text{It is} \begin{cases} \text{easy} \\ \text{hard} \\ \text{tough} \\ \text{fun} \\ \text{etc.} \end{cases} \text{ for Dick}_{\mathbf{Y}} \left[\mathbf{s} \ \mathbf{Y} \ \text{throw snowballs at} \\ \text{Fred}_{\mathbf{s}} \right]$$

It seems that such sentences as (4) provide decisive evidence that only the latter derivation is possible.

(4) Getting herself arrested on purpose is hard for me to imagine Betsy being willing to consider.

Under the Tough Movement analyses, this sentence would derive from a remote structure roughly like that shown in (5) (p. 546), by moving NP₇ into the subject position of S₁.

The fact that Tough Movement must be cyclic (cf. Max appears to be tough to beat at chess), the fact that hard should be analyzed as a Psych Movement predicate, the question as to whether or not it must apply to the output of Extraposition, etc. are all irrelevant to the major point of (4), which is this: S₅ must lose its subject, NP₈, by the application of Equi, the rule which deletes the subjects of complement clauses under complicated conditions of coreference with an NP (in this case NP₆ in the immediately dominating clause (cf. Postal 1970 for some details)).

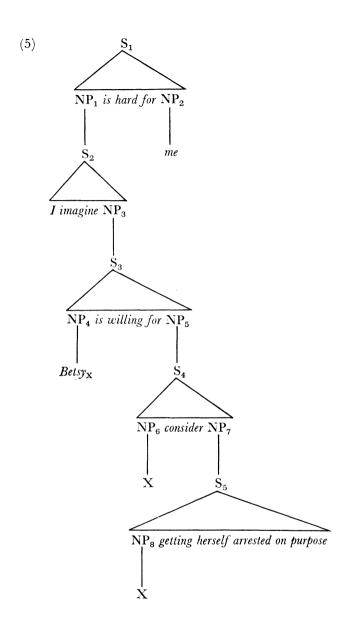
Under the Tough Deletion analysis, a new rule of deletion would have to be proposed to account for the loss of the subject of getting herself arrested on purpose, since under a deletion analysis, such phrases are at no point in derivations under an S node like S_5 in (5) above. On the other hand, under the Tough Movement analysis, the required deletion is effected by an independently necessary rule. The conclusion follows that an adequate grammar of English must contain the rule Tough Movement and not any rule like Tough Deletion.*

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o. Introduction

In a recent thesis (Jackendoff, to appear), Jackendoff proposes a new theory of pronominal coreference. He states that "instead of accounting for the properties of pronouns and reflexives by deriving them from underlying more fully specified noun phrases, I will assume that they are generated as lexical items, inserted into base structures." (Jackendoff,