Assignment: Jackendoff's Thematic Hierarchy Condition

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Thematic Hierarchy

application of the passive: Jackendoff (1972, ch.2) argues that a Thematic Hierarchy Condition of the following form constrains the

- (1) Thematic Hierarchy Condition The passive by-phrase must be higher on the Thematic Hierarchy than the derived subject
- 3 The Thematic Hierarchy
- 2. Location, Source, Goal
- 3. Theme

additional assumptions? thematic roles, and if so, where would they have to fall on the hierarchy? Are any unexplained even with roles in order to make the Thematic Hierarchy Condition explain these data? Do you need to add additional archy Condition, and which are not? Do you have to make any assumptions regarding particular thematic (Take this condition to refer to the demoted subject that would appear as a by-phrase, even if it is not present.) Examine the following data (some of it from Postal 1990). Which are explained by the Thematic Hier-

| (3) | a. James had three kangaroos. | |
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| | b. * Three kangaroos were had by James. | |
| (4) | a. The sallors neared the brothel. | Ymegme) |
| | b. *The brothel was neared by the sailors. | |
| √(5) | a. Martin entered the Navy in June. The Me | |
| | b. * The Navy was entered by Martin in June. | |
| √(6) | a. Elizabeth has dated space aliens. | |
| • | ed by Elizabeth. | |
| √ (7) | a. Kultives right here. Mocation 1000 | |
| | b. * Right here is lived by Kurt. | |
| 8 | a. This movie stars Madonna in the lead role. | |

* Some apple strudel was baked the by the Queen of Sweden.

The Queen of Sweden baked no some apple strudel.

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A nasty cold was gotten by Billy.

Billy got a nasty cold.

Madonna is starred by this movie in the lead role.

I was given a medal by the Mayor.

A medal was (was) given(en) by me by the Mayor. (attempt at passivizing a passive)

I am seemed to by Bush to have committed high crimes and misdemeanors. (pseudopassivo presumably the THC operates on those as well)

endoff in chapter 2 as falling under his Thematic Hierarchy Condition? Or does Case Theory simply have nothing to say about these data? Finally, is there a Case-theoretic explanation for any of these data, including the data discussed by Jack

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