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This was an attempt to see if the existing anomaly in the nuclear isobar mass spectrum could be explained by an intrinsic isotensor electromagnetic reaction. It could not.

A senior colleague at Tel-Aviv University threatened to blackball my promotion to tenure if I refused to include him as an author of this paper. I agreed at first, then told him that there was an error in the work, but I would publish it anyway, because no one would ever discover it. He became furious and insisted that his name be removed. He had never published a paper with an error, he said. There was, in fact, a small error, which was easily corrected. This incident was enough to make me think of leaving Tel-Aviv University. Six months later, the rector of Tel-Aviv University, in a power struggle with the University president over who should control the University finances, decided to fire the entire non-tenured faculty of the University (800 lecturers), because he himself could not guarantee that he had the funds to pay their salaries. This event was front-page news in all the Israeli dailies and convinced me to leave. Five months later I was gone.