

JUROR.] Listen, there are facts staring you right in your face. Every one of them says this kid killed his old man. For cryin' out loud, his own lawyer knew he didn't stand a chance right from the beginning. His own lawyer. You could see it. He deserves the chair.

8TH JUROR: Does he? It's happened before that someone's been convicted of murder and executed, and years later someone else has confessed to the crime. Sometimes . . . sometimes the facts that are staring you in the face are wrong!

7TH JUROR [to the 8TH JUROR]: I'm talkin' to him—[he indicates the 5TH JUROR] not to you. [To the others.] Boy, this guy is really something. [To the 8TH JUROR.] Listen, the kid had a lawyer, didn't he? The lawyer presented his case, not you. How come you've got so much to say?

8TH JUROR: The lawyer was court-appointed.

7TH JUROR: So what does that mean?

8TH JUROR: Well, it could mean a lot of things. It could mean he didn't want the case. It could mean he resented being appointed. It's the kind of case that brings him nothing. No money. No glory. Not even much chance of winning. It's not a very promising situation for a young lawyer. He'd really have to believe in his client to make a good fight. As you pointed out a minute ago, he obviously didn't.

7TH JUROR: Sure he didn't. Who in hell could, except God come to earth or somebody? [He looks at his watch then up at the clock.] Come on already! Look at the time!

11TH JUROR: Pardon me, but I have made some notes here.

10TH JUROR: Notes yet!

11TH JUROR: I would like please to say something. I have been listening very closely, and it seems to me that this man—[he indicates the 8TH JUROR] has some very good points to make. From what was presented at the trial the boy looks guilty, but maybe if we go deeper—

10TH JUROR: Come on, will ya?

11TH JUROR: There is a question I would like to ask. We assume that the boy committed murder. He stabbed his father in the chest and ran away. This was at ten minutes after twelve. Now, how was he caught by the police? He came home at

three o'clock or so and was captured by two detectives in the hallway of his house. My question is, if he really had killed his father, why would he come back three hours later? Wouldn't he be afraid of being caught?

3RD JUROR: Look—he came home to get his knife. It's not nice to leave knives sticking around in people's chests.

7TH JUROR: Yeah, especially relatives.

4TH JUROR [to the 11TH JUROR]: The boy knew that there were people who could identify the knife as the one he had just bought. He had to get it before the police did.

11TH JUROR: But if he knew the knife could be identified, why did he leave it there in the first place?

4TH JUROR: Well, I think we can assume he ran out in a state of panic after he killed his father, and then when he finally calmed down, he realized that he had left the knife there.

11TH JUROR: This then depends on your definition of panic. He was calm enough to see to it that there were no fingerprints on the knife. Now where did his panic start and where did it end?

3RD JUROR: Look, you can forget all that other stuff. He still came home to dig out his knife and get rid of it.

11TH JUROR: Three hours later?

3RD JUROR: Sure, three hours later.

11TH JUROR: If I were the boy and I had killed my father, I would not have come home three hours later. I would be afraid that the police would be there. I would stay away, knife or no knife.

3RD JUROR: Listen, you voted "guilty," didn't you? What side are you on?

11TH JUROR: I don't believe I have to be loyal to one side or the other. I am simply asking questions.

12TH JUROR: Well, this is just off the top of my head, but if I were the boy, and I'd, you know, done the stabbing and everything, I'd take a chance and go back for the knife. I'll bet he figured no one had seen him and that the body probably wasn't even discovered yet. After all, it was the middle of the night. He probably thought no one would find the body till the next day.