

Reading for EIGHT with Foreman, 3, 4, 12

TWELVE. We're wasting time.

FOREMAN *[to EIGHT]*. It's your turn.

EIGHT. All right. I had a peculiar feeling about this trial. Somehow I felt that the defense counsel never really conducted a thorough cross-examination. Too many questions were left unasked.

FOUR. While it doesn't change my opinion about the guilt of the kid, still, I agree with you that the defense counsel was bad.

THREE. So-o-o-o? *[Crosses back to table and sits.]*

EIGHT. I kept putting myself in the boy's place. I would have asked for another lawyer, I think. I mean, if I was on a trial for my life, I'd want my lawyer to tear the prosecution to shreds, or at least try. Look, there was one alleged eyewitness to this killing. Someone else claims he heard the killing and then saw the boy run out afterward. There was a lot of circumstantial evidence, but actually those two witnesses were the entire case for the prosecution. Supposing they were wrong?

TWELVE. What do you mean, "Supposing they were wrong?" What's the point of having witnesses at all?

EIGHT. Could they be wrong?

TWELVE. They sat on the stand under oath. What are you trying to say?

EIGHT. They're only people. People make mistakes. Could they be wrong?

TWELVE. I... No! I don't think so.

EIGHT. Do you know so?

TWELVE. Well, now listen. Nobody can know a thing like that. This isn't an exact science.

EIGHT. That's right. It isn't.