

## Reading for TEN with Foreman, 7, 11, 12

TEN. I don't understand you people. How can you believe this kid is innocent? Look, you know the facts of life. Look at what we're dealing with here. You know what they're like! These people are born to lie. I don't have to tell you. They don't know what the truth is. Well, take a look at them. They are different. They think different. They act different. And let me tell you, they don't need any real big reason to kill someone, either. You know, they get drunk, and bang, someone's lying in the gutter. Nobody's blaming them. That's how they are by nature. You know what I mean? Violent! Human life don't mean as much to them as it does to us.

[ELEVEN gets up and goes to window and looks out.]

Hey, where are you going? Look, these people're drinking and fighting all the time, and if somebody gets killed, so somebody gets killed. They don't care. Oh, sure, there are some good things about them, too. Look, I'm the first to say that. I've known a few who were pretty decent, but that's the exception. Most of them, it's like they have no feelings. They can do anything. What's going on here?

[FOREMAN gets up and goes to window, followed by SEVEN and TWELVE.]

I'm speaking my piece, and you - listen to me! They're no good. There's not a one of 'em who's any good. We better watch out. Take it from me. We're facing a danger here. Don't you know it? This kid on trial... his type, they're multiplying five times faster than we are. That's the statistic. Five times. They're going to breed us out of existence. Don't look at me like that! There's a danger! They're against us, they hate us, they want to destroy us. They're violent, they're vicious, they're ignorant, and they will cut us up. That's their intent. I'm warning you. This boy on trial here. We've got him. That's one at least. I say get him before his kind gets us. I don't give a damn about the law. Why should I? They don't. Well, don't you know about them? Listen to me! What are you doing? I'm trying to tell you something...