

Reading for TWO and FOUR

FOUR [*filling cup*]. If there was anything in the kid's favor I'd vote not guilty.

TWO. I don't see what it is.

FOUR [*handing put to TWO, then drawing drink for herself*]. Neither do I. They're clutching at straws.

TWO. As guilty as they get - that's the kid, I suppose.

FOUR. It's that one juror that's holding out, but they'll come around. They've got to and, fundamentally, they're a very reasonable person.

TWO. I guess so.

FOUR. They haven't come up with one real fact yet to back up a not guilty verdict.

TWO. It's hard, you know.

FOUR. Yes, it is. And what does "guilty beyond a reasonable doubt" really mean?

TWO. What's a reasonable doubt?

FOUR. Exactly. When a life is at stake, what is a reasonable doubt? You've got to have law and order; you've got to draw the line somewhere; if you don't, everyone would start knifing people.

TWO. Not much doubt here.

FOUR. Two men think so. I wonder why. I really wonder why.

TWO. You do hear stories about innocent men who have gone to jail - or death, sometimes - then years later things turn up.

FOUR. And then on the other hand some killers get turned loose and they go and do it again. They squeeze out on some technicality and kill again.