

Audition: Juror 2.

JUROR NO. 2: A meek, hesitant person who finds it difficult to maintain any opinions of their own. Easily swayed and usually adopts the opinion of the last person to whom they have spoken.

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FOREMAN. Supposing we go once around the table. Right. *[To TWO.]* We'll start with you.

TWO *[timidly]* . Oh. Well . . . *[There is a long pause.]* I just think he's guilty. I thought it was obvious.

EIGHT. In what way was it obvious?

TWO. I mean that nobody proved otherwise.

EIGHT *[quietly]*. Nobody has to prove otherwise; innocent until proven guilty. The burden of proof is on the prosecution. The defendant doesn't have to open his mouth. That's in the Constitution. The Fifth Amendment. You've heard of it.

TWO *[flustered]*. Well, sure - I've heard of it. I know what it is . . . I ...what I meant . . . well, anyway... I think he's guilty!

EIGHT *[looking at TWO, shaking his head slowly]*. No reasons -just guilty. There is a life at stake here.

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FOUR *(filling cup)*. If there was anything in the kid's favour I'd vote not guilty.

TWO. I don't see what it is.

FOUR *[handing cup to TWO, then drawing drink for himself]* 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 he'll come around. He's got to and, fundamentally, he's a very reasonable man.

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.