

PEOPLE'S COURT

Junior Soldier Sergeant (JSS): **Welcome to court. Today we're going to be on the jury for a murder trial. The defendant** (point to the defendant) **is accused of committing murder, but he didn't do it. The lawyer and judge in this trial are NOT looking for the truth. They're only looking out for themselves.**

Judge: **This court is now in session. Mr.** _____ (Defendant) **I've decided that you aren't allowed to talk. We aren't going to hear from your witnesses. I want to hear from Mr(s).** _____ (Prosecutor) **today.**

Prosecutor: **Thank you, your honor. My first witness is Mr(s).** _____ (Witness #1).

Judge: **Mr(s).** _____ (Witness #1), **please come to the stand. Do you swear to tell the truth so help you God?**

Witness #1: **I do.**

Prosecutor: **Mr(s).** _____ (Witness #1), **tell me everything you know about the night that the murder was committed.**

Witness #1: **Well, It was about 9:00 and I'd just turned on the TV to watch my favorite show. I was really tired, and I fell asleep on the couch. I heard a gunshot, and woke up. At first I thought it was the TV, but then I heard another shot. I ran outside to see what was going on. I saw a person run out of the trees.**

Prosecutor: **Can you tell me what the person looked like? Is the person in the courtroom?**

Witness #1: **Well, the person was about 6 feet tall. I can't tell you anything specific, because I didn't have my glasses on, so I couldn't really see. But, the defendant** (point to the defendant) **looks a lot like the shadow I saw.**

Prosecutor: **Thank you, Mr(s).** _____ (Witness #1).

Judge: **You may step down. Mr(s).** _____ (Prosecutor), **please call your next witness.**



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Prosecutor: **Your honor, my next witness is Mr(s).** _____ (Witness #2).

Judge: **Mr(s).** _____ (Witness #2), **do you swear to tell the truth so help you God?**

Witness #2: **I do.**

Prosecutor: **Mr(s).** _____ (Witness #2), **tell the court what happened the evening of the murder.**

Witness #2: **Well, I didn't actually see anything happen. My best friend told me her cousin saw it happen. According to my friend it was 6:00 and she was having dinner when she heard someone scream. She ran to the front door to see what was going on, but nothing seemed out of the ordinary. Then, suddenly she heard another scream. When she went outside she saw a man in a chicken suit running down the street.**

Prosecutor: **Did you see what the person looked like? Is the murderer in the courtroom today?**

Witness #2: **Well, not exactly, but if you put the defendant (point to the defendant) in a chicken suit, he'd look like the murderer.**

Prosecutor: **Thank you, you may step down. You see ladies and gentlemen of the jury, the defendant did it, he committed murder. Both witnesses said they saw it happen, or know someone who saw it happen, and the defendant did it. Are you going to let this man wander the streets? (Encourage the jury to cheer you on.) Your honor, I rest my case.**

Judge: **Compelling argument Mr(s).** _____ (Prosecutor). **Normally I'd take a day to think about it, but you've me convinced, Mr.** _____ (Defendant) **is guilty! Guards, take him away!**

