

DRIFTER'S ESCAPE

A A A - D A A  
"OH, HELP ME IN MY WEAKNESS," I HEARD THE DRIFTER SAY,  
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AS THEY CARRIED HIM FROM THE COURTROOM, AND WERE TAKING HIM AWAY.  
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"MY TRIP HASN'T BEEN A PLEASANT ONE, AND MY TIME IT ISN'T LONG.  
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AND I STILL DO NOT KNOW WHAT IT WAS THAT I'VE DONE WRONG."

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WELL THE JUDGE, HE CAST HIS ROBE ASIDE, A TEAR CAME TO HIS EYE,  
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"YOU FAIL TO UNDERSTAND," HE SAID, "WHY MUST YOU EVEN TRY?"  
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OUTSIDE, THE CROWD WAS STIRRING, YOU COULD HEAR IT FROM THE DOOR.  
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INSIDE, THE JUDGE WAS STEPPING DOWN, WHILE THE JURY CRIED FOR MORE.

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"OH, STOP THAT CURSED JURY," CRIED THE ATTENDANT AND THE NURSE,  
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"THE TRIAL WAS BAD ENOUGH, BUT THIS IS TEN TIMES WORSE."  
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JUST THEN, A BOLT OF LIGHTNING STRUCK THE COURTHOUSE OUT OF SHAPE,  
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AND WHILE EVERYBODY KNELT TO PRAY, THE DRIFTER DID ESCAPE.