**Trial of A. T. Wolf**

**Roles**

**The Judge:** Mateo A.

**Al T. Wolf:** Caius S.

**Police Officers:**

Luca V.

Davinjit S.

**Jury:**

Acshanah

Katherine

Matteo M.

Antonio

Luca M.

Mark

+ 3 Mystery Guests

**Crown Prosecution:**

Sasha

Connie

Matteo B.

Jennifer

**Crown Witnesses:**

Carly

Allegra

Chiara

**Reporters/Media Crew:**

Ms. Sawatsky

​Ms. Citton

**Defense Attorneys:**

Lucas G.

Luka C.

Kurt

Damiano

**Defense Witnesses:**

Dante T.

Harvard

​Isaak

**Bailiff/Evidence**

​Ace Ventura

**Script**

**Ace:** All rise. **[*wait for everyone – except the judge – stand.*]** Department of Fairy Tale Crimes of the Superior Court is now in session. Judge Mateo Arduini presiding. Please be seated.

**Mateo A:** Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. Calling the case of the People of the Fairy Tale Lands versus Alexander T. Wolf. Are both sides ready?

**Crown 1:** Ready for the People, Your Honor.

**Defense 1:** Ready for the People, Your Honor.

**Mateo A:** Will the clerk please swear in the jury?

**Ace:** Will the jury please stand and raise your right hand? **[*wait for everyone to stand*]** Do each of you swear that you will fairly try the case before this court, and that you will return a true verdict according to the evidence and the instructions of the court, so help you God? Please say, “I do”. **[*wait for jurors to say “I do.”*]** You may be seated.

**Ms. Citton:** The first thing that happens in a trial is called **opening statements**. This is when each attorney can tell the jury what evidence they will present during the trial. The Crown Prosecution goes first, and then the Defense.

**Crown 1:** Your Honor and ladies and gentlemen of the jury: the defendant has been charged with the crime of second degree murder, aggravated assault, breaking and entering, and destruction of property…

[Continue opening statement]

**Defense 1:** Public Defender: [Stand up and talk to the jury.] Your Honor and ladies and gentlemen of the jury: under the law my client is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

[Continue opening statement]

**Ms. Citton:** After the opening statements, witnesses are called to testify about what they know about the case. Sometimes the attorneys want to show physical things—like a weapon or a photograph—to the jury. These things are called exhibits. The jury may only consider an exhibit **if the judge admits** the exhibit into evidence when they meet to decide if the defendant is guilty or not guilty.

**Mateo A:** The prosecution may call its first witness.

**Crown 2:** The People call\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

[**Ace** takes the witness to the witness stand.]

**Ace:** Please stand. Raise your right hand. Do you promise that the testimony you shall give in the case before this court shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

**Witness 1**: I do.

**Ace**: Please state your first and last name.

**Witness 1**: [Give your first and last name.]

**Ace**: You may be seated.

**Crown 2:** {Enter line of questioning; remember to stick to the facts}

**Witness 1:** {Enter line of questioning; answer to the best of your knowledge}

**Crown 2:** Thank you, I have no further questions.

**Mateo A:** Does the defense have any questions?

**Defense 2**: (Yes or Not at this time), Your Honor.

**{Optional Line of Questioning}**

**(Once everything is finished with the first witness…)**

**Mateo A:** The witness is excused. [***Wait for the witness to leave the stand***.] The prosecution may call the next witness.

**Crown 3**: The People call (enter name here).

[**Ace** takes the witness to the witness stand.]

**Ace:** Please stand. Raise your right hand. Do you promise that the testimony you shall give in the case before this court shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

**Witness 2:** I do.

**Ace**: Please state your first and last name.

**Witness 2**: [Give your first and last name.]

**Ace**: You may be seated.

**Crown 3:** {Enter line of questioning; remember to stick to the facts}

**Witness 2:** {Enter line of questioning; answer to the best of your knowledge}

**Crown 3:** Thank you, I have no further questions.

**Mateo A:** Does the defense have any questions?

**Defense 3**: (Yes or Not at this time), Your Honor.

**{Optional Line of Questioning}**

**(Once everything is finished with the second witness…)**

**Mateo A:** The witness is excused. [***Wait for the witness to leave the stand***.] The prosecution may call the final witness.

**Crown 4**: The People call (enter name here).

[**Ace** takes the witness to the witness stand.]

**Ace:** Please stand. Raise your right hand. Do you promise that the testimony you shall give in the case before this court shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

**Witness 3:** I do.

**Ace**: Please state your first and last name.

**Witness 3**: [Give your first and last name.]

**Ace**: You may be seated.

**Crown 3:** {Enter line of questioning; remember to stick to the facts}

**Witness 2:** {Enter line of questioning; answer to the best of your knowledge}

**Crown 3:** Thank you, I have no further questions.

**Mateo A:** Does the defense have any questions?

**Defense 3**: (Yes or Not at this time), Your Honor.

**{Optional Line of Questioning}**

**Mateo A:** That conclude witness testimony for the prosecution. The defense may now call its first witness to the stand.

**Defense 2:** The defense call\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

[**Ace** takes the witness to the witness stand.]

**Ace:** Please stand. Raise your right hand. Do you promise that the testimony you shall give in the case before this court shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

**DWitness 1**: I do.

**Ace**: Please state your first and last name.

**DWitness 1**: [Give your first and last name.]

**Ace**: You may be seated.

**Defense 2:** {Enter line of questioning; remember to stick to the facts}

**DWitness 1:** {Enter line of questioning; answer to the best of your knowledge}

**Defense 2:** Thank you, I have no further questions.

**Mateo A:** Does the prosecution have any questions?

**Crown 1**: (Yes or Not at this time), Your Honor.

**{Optional Line of Questioning}**

**(Once everything is finished with the first witness…)**

**Mateo A:** The witness is excused. [***Wait for the witness to leave the stand***.] The prosecution may call the next witness.

**Defense 3**: The People call (enter name here).

[**Ace** takes the witness to the witness stand.]

**Ace:** Please stand. Raise your right hand. Do you promise that the testimony you shall give in the case before this court shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

**DWitness 2:** I do.

**Ace**: Please state your first and last name.

**DWitness 2**: [Give your first and last name.]

**Ace**: You may be seated.

**Defense 3:** {Enter line of questioning; remember to stick to the facts}

**DWitness 2:** {Enter line of questioning; answer to the best of your knowledge}

**Defense 3:** Thank you, I have no further questions.

**Mateo A:** Does the defense have any questions?

**Crown 2**: (Yes or Not at this time), Your Honor.

**{Optional Line of Questioning}**

**(Once everything is finished with the second witness…)**

**Mateo A:** The witness is excused. [***Wait for the witness to leave the stand***.] The prosecution may call the final witness.

**Defense 4**: The People call (enter name here).

[**Ace** takes the witness to the witness stand.]

**Ace:** Please stand. Raise your right hand. Do you promise that the testimony you shall give in the case before this court shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

**DWitness 3:** I do.

**Ace**: Please state your first and last name.

**DWitness 3**: [Give your first and last name.]

**Ace**: You may be seated.

**Defense 3:** {Enter line of questioning; remember to stick to the facts}

**DWitness 2:** {Enter line of questioning; answer to the best of your knowledge}

**Defense 3:** Thank you, I have no further questions.

**Mateo A:** Does the defense have any questions?

**Crown 3**: (Yes or Not at this time), Your Honor.

**{Optional Line of Questioning}**

**Ms. Citton**: [To the jury] All of the evidence has now been presented. At this time, the judge will tell you the law you must apply in what are called jury instructions. Listen very carefully to the three things the judge will tell you that the prosecution must prove.]

**Mateo A:** Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, I am now going to read to you the law that you must follow in deciding this case. To prove the crime charged against the defendant, the prosecution must prove three things to you:

* First, that the defendant attacked Mr. Pig in an aggravated way;
* Second, that the defendant murdered the Mr. Pig’s two younger brothers, and
* Third, that the defendant intended to and purposefully entered the homes of the two deceased without permission and damaged private property with malice and intent.

If each of you believes that the prosecution proved all three of these things beyond a reasonable doubt, then you should find the defendant guilty. But if you believe the prosecution did not prove any one of these things beyond a reasonable doubt, then you must find the defendant not guilty.

Proof beyond a reasonable doubt does not mean beyond all possible doubt. It means that you must consider all of the evidence and that you are very sure that the charge is true.

**Mateo A (to the lawyers):** Are you ready with final arguments?

**Crown 1**: Yes, Your Honor.

**Defense 1**: Yes, Your Honor.

**Ms. Citton:** [To the jury] The final arguments are the attorneys’ last chance to talk to the jury about the evidence and to try to convince you to see the case the way they do.

**Crown 1:** *Present final statement.*

**Defense 1:** *Present final statement.*

**Ms. Citton**: [To the jury] The next step in the trial is when the jury decides whether the defendant is guilty or not guilty. Remember, “not guilty” is not the same thing as “innocent.” If all 12 jurors are unanimous in their decision, this is the jury’s verdict.

You have heard several witnesses testify, including the defendant. It is up to each of you to decide if you believe a witness was telling the truth or not. You should consider how the witness behaved on the stand and use your own common sense in deciding whether or not a witness was telling the truth.

Remember that it is up to the prosecution to prove the defendant is guilty. The defense does not have to prove the defendant is innocent; if the prosecution has not proven its case, then the defendant is not guilty. Also, remember that you can only say the defendant is guilty if the prosecution has proven all three of the things the judge told you beyond a reasonable doubt. As the judge told you, beyond a reasonable doubt means that you must be very sure. That means that you will still be sure tomorrow or next week or next year. It does not mean any doubt you can think up in your imagination.

We won’t have you leave the room right now but we will quickly pick a jury foreperson and give the jury a few minutes to see if they can reach a verdict.

[Give pencil and copy of the instructions to foreperson to record verdict. OPTION: Lead the jury through the first two elements of the jury instructions. Let them work on the third element on their own to see if they can come to a verdict.]

Judge: Will the jury foreperson please stand? Has the jury reached a unanimous verdict?

Foreperson: [Answer **yes** or **no**]

[**Ms. Citton**: [If the answer is yes] If the jury has reached a verdict, the **ACE** will get the verdict form from the foreperson and hand it to the judge. The judge will read it silently before handing it back to the **ACE** for the reading of the verdict. [After verdict is read, explain hung jury see below]

**Ace**: The jury finds the defendant [guilty/not guilty.]

**[Ms. Citton**: [If the answer is no] If the jury cannot reach a verdict, this is a hung jury. The judge might send the jury back to talk more and see if they can reach a unanimous decision. If they cannot, the judge would declare a mistrial and the District Attorney’s office would decide if they want to have another trial in the case.

If the verdict is guilty, the defendant would come back to court on another day to find out what the punishment would be. If the verdict is not guilty, the defendant would be free to go home and would not have to come back to court any more for this case.

**Mateo A**: The jury is thanked and excused. Court is adjourned.

**Ms. Citton**: This concludes our mock trial in Superior Court. We thank all of you for coming today and for taking part in our trial.