

INT. - COURTROOM - DAY (1946)

THE JURY listens like a gallery of mannequins on display, pale-faced and stupefied.

D.A. (O.S.)  
Mr. Dufresne, describe the confrontation you had with your wife the night she was murdered.

ANDY DUFRESNE

is on the witness stand, hands folded, suit and tie pressed, hair meticulously combed. He speaks in soft, measured tones:

ANDY  
It was very bitter. She said she was glad I knew, that she hated all the sneaking around. She said she wanted a divorce in Reno.

D.A.  
What was your response?

ANDY  
I told her I would not grant one.

D.A.  
(refers to his notes )  
"I'll see you in Hell before I see you in Reno." Those were the words you used, Mr. Dufresne, according to the testimony of your neighbors.

ANDY  
If they say so. I really don't remember. I was upset.

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D.A.  
What happened after you and your wife argued?

ANDY  
She packed a bag and went to stay with Mr. Quentin.

D.A.  
Glenn Quentin. The golf pro at the Falmouth Hills Country Club.