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Mr. Lehman

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To Kill The Mockingbird Reacting

Judge: Quiet, court is in session.

Gilmer: Okay Mr. Ewell can you, in your own words, explain what happened that day?

Ewell: Well, I was goin' home from the woods and heard Mayella yelling like a stuck dog. I got to the fence n' ran too look through the window..

Gilmer: What did you see?

Ewell: I seen her in the window screamin' fit to beat Jesus and I seen Tom there yonder was ruttin' on my Mayella!(Points at Tom Robinson.)

Gilmer: What did Tom do when he saw you?

Ewell: Well, I run around the house to get in, but he run out the front porch. I sawed who he was, all right. I was too distracted about Mayella to run after' him.

Gilmer: What did Mayella look like when you seen her?

Ewell: She was lying' on the floor squallin' and looked mighty beat up.

Gilmer: Did you ever have any problems with Robinson?

Ewell: Judge, I've asked this county for fiftin' years to clean out that nest down yonder, they're dangerous to live around 'sides devaulin' my property.

Gilmer: Alright (nods toward Atticus)

(Gilmer sits and Atticus stands).

Atticus: Mr. Ewell you ran a lot that day. In all this running in and out, did you ever run for a Doctor?

Ewell: Nope, no need. I seen who done it.

Atticus: If Mayella was so beat up and bruised then why did you not call a Doctor? Is it may be because you Beat Mayella?

Ewell: You little....! (stands up and puffs out his angry chest)

Judge: Calm yourself Ewell

Ewell: (sits back down angrily)

Atticus: What side of the body was she beat on?

Ewell: Ehhmm...on the left side.

Atticus: Now, was that your left facing her or her left facing you?

Ewell: Mhhh...well I guess that woulda make it the right side of the face...yeah, yeah the right.

Atticus: Mr Ewell Can you read and write?

Ewell: I most positively can.

Atticus: Will you write your name for me?

Ewell: I most positively will (Writes on a piece of paper and shows Atticus).

Atticus: If Ms. Mayella was beat on the right side of the face and you're left handed would that or would that not make you a suspect?

Ewell: Oh, I know all of your tricky piggy lawyer's stuff! Do ya wanna make me an idiot?!!

Atticus: No Mr. Ewell. It was just a simple, yes or no question, that is all. You can go sit down now

(Ewell growls and goes to his seat wrathfully)

(Replacing his spot is Mayella)

(Atticus sits and Gilmer stands)

Gilmer: Ok Mayella, what do you recall from that day?

Mayella: Well, I had a chifferobe that needed chopped up and I seen Tom walkin' by, so I asked for him to come and chop it up.

Gilmer: What happened after that?

Mayella: Well, he come over and chopped it up for me and I went in to get him a nickel, he ran up behind me and... when I turned around... before I knew it, he was on top of me!

Gilmer: He started hitting you I reckon?

Mayella: Y-Yeah... He did! He hit me again.. and ... again and again! (Starts sobbing)

Gilmer: On the left side of your face or was it the right?

Mayella: Um.... Well.... (Silence)

Gilmer: Judge if I may...

Judge: Go ahead.

Gilmer: The reason she does not remember which side of the face she was beat up on was because she was beaten so badly by Tom!

(Gilmer sits and Atticus stands)

Atticus: Ok Mayella what happened that day.

Mayella: Well I just told Gilmer just a second ago. Can't you remember?

Atticus: I am sorry Mayella, I'm getting old. Can you refresh my memory,if your will?

Mayella: I had a job for Tom and he done it, and I went to give him a nickle and he came up behind me and beat me!!

Atticus:What side of the body were you beat on?

Mayella: Um... I was beat on the right... wait no the left side...

Atticus: I have a feeling that what you just said is lies in attempt to protect your father. Were you beat on the right side of the face, are you lying? You just thought it would be a great idea to use a black man to cover up what really happened!

Ewell: (stands up) Everyone, Tom raped my daughter! If you have a heart, send him to the chair!

Judge: Sit down Ewell and stay quiet!

Mayella: No, I ain't lyin'!!

Atticus: Where were all the children at this point in time?

Mayella: They were out to go get icecream, I finally saved up enough nickels to buy them all ice cream. I gave them all money to go down to town.

Atticus: So Tom beat you?

Mayella: Yes I don't know how he done it, but he done it. I have somethin' to say, and I'll say it and I won't say nothin' more!! Tom beat me and took advantage of me!!! (sobs)

(she steps off and tom steps up onto the stand)

Atticus: Mr. Robinson, would you please explain in your own words to the court what happened that day?

Tom: Yes, I was just walkin' home from the cotton fields, when I walked pass miss Mayella's house. She came out and asked me to do somthin' for her. So I went into the back yard and did the job she asked me to do.

Atticus: Has she had other jobs for you before?

Tom: Yes, she would ask me to come in the fence and I would do a job she had for me. She always offered a nickel but I always said 'no it's alright, you can keep your nickel'.

Atticus: Alright. Tell me more about the day where something else happened.

Tom: Mr Finch, right after I got done doing the job of chopping up the chifferobe, the next thing I knew Mayella was shuttin' the door, and she came real close to me and umm....

Atticus: You are going to tell the truth,nothing.but the truth. Aren't you, Tom?

Tom: Yes suh, Mr Finch.

Atticus: Then explain it to us. There is no need to cover any details of this case,it is in your best interest to say everything you know.

Tom: Mr Finch, she got real close and kissed me on my cheek and said she never kissed a black man before. I told her that I'm already married and Mr. Ewell would be mad if he saw us. when he showed up, he threatened my safety so I opened the door and ran as fast as I could past Mr Ewell and Down the road back home.

Atticus: Okay Tom, very good...(Throws the glass at him.Tom fails to do it,glass shatters)

(Atticus throws glass at Tom.Robinson fails to catch,the glass shatters)

Atticus: Mr. Robinson can you catch this glass with your right hand?

Tom: Mr. Finch, I Simply can not, I Got My Left Hand caught in a cotton gin.

Atticus: Judge if I may... If Tom is so guilty then how could he beat Mayella if his right dosent even work!! I mean Mayella Was most likely.. Wait I know for a fact Mayella was Beat by a right hand man.

Gilmer: OBJECTION!! Tom Couldn't complete his sentence because He darn knew he beat mayella.

Atticus: Actually Gilmer You are Wrong the reason he couldn't complete his sentence is because he didn't want to get in trouble for kissing a white Woman.

(Atticus sits and Gilmer stands)

Gilmer: So you're strong enough to chop up a chifferobe with only using one hand.

Tom: Yes suh.

Gilmer: Strong enough to strangle a poor girl and take advantage of her?

Tom: I never did that suh.

Gilmer: You're strong enough to though aren't ya.

Tom: I reckon so.

Gilmer: Mhm, and you went into the gate just to help out a young girl without any payment in return?

Tom: Yes sur.

Gilmer: That's awfully generous of you. Why did you do it?

Tom: Well I felt right sorry for her. I just...

Gilmer: You felt sorry... for her? You felt sorry for her?

Judge: Time for the Jury to reach their verdict.