THE TRIAL

A judge

Marouan : The defendant

Sam : The Marouan’s lawyer

Lilian : The victim’s lawyer

Thomas-Alexandre : A witness (the building caretaker)

Judge : Ladies and Gentlemen, the session is open.

I call the defendant and his lawyer at the bar.

*(Marouan et Sam s’approchent)*

Sir Marouan EL FAKIR here is accused of his wife’s murder, Mrs.CASTLE, in the night of November 8 of 2018 in their building.

I call now the caretaker of this building to testify.

*(Thomas-Alexandre s’approche)*

Sir MOREAU you are the one who discovered the body of Mrs.CASTLE first.

What is your version of the facts ?

T-A : Thanks your Honor, like you said, I’m the caretaker of this building for 10 years now, me and my wife live at the ground floor.

It was night, me and my wife were eating in our living-room at the time of the facts. Around 9 p.m i saw a unknown man who wore some flowers in his hand, he asked me where was Mrs.CASTLE's appartment, I answered him and he climbed the stairs up to the 2nd floor and he went to Mr.EL FAKIR and Mrs.CASTLE’s appartment. Two hours later, this man left the building and I heard the sound of a car, I saw Mr.EL FAKIR who was coming home from work.

Judge : Mr. EL FAKIR, do you confirm that ?

Marouan : Yes i do, i work in a restaurant in the downtown, at the end of my service i went home with my car.

Judge : Thank you defendant, Mr.MOREAU, you can continue.

T-A : Mr. EL FAKIR entered in his appartment then my wife and me heard some screams like a dispute. After 20 minutes, we heard a door-slam and Mr. EL FAKIR who coming down the stairs. He went into his car and moved away. Later I heard a strange noise, like a falling piece of furniture that woke me up, Mrs. CASTLE screamed for the first time and I decided to call police but when I hung up the phone, Mrs. CASTLE screamed a second time and I heard a noise like a broken window and a long scream. I went outdoor and I discovered, petrified, the Mrs. CASTLE’s body lying on the floor, I looked at their appartment and i saw the broken window.

Sam : But if my client left the building with his car, how he could killed Mrs.CASTLE ?

T-A : I don’t know, like I said, I was sleeping at this time and if Mr. EL FAKIR was there, he must have entered from the back-door.

Sam : So you haven’t any clues against my client. Is this trial a joke ?

Lilian : Can we hear what the defendant has to say ?

Judge : Mr. EL FAKIR, what is your version of the facts ?

Marouan : This night, while I was going home after a difficult day of work, i saw a man who left the building and I remember his face, I remember that my wife had a relation with him some a few years earlier. I went to my appartment to join my wife. During the dinner, i asked my wife why this man was in our building and she answered that she didn’t know but when i saw the flowers on the tableand i understood, this man had come in our appartment. A dispute broke out between her and me and I left the building because I was angry. A few hours later, when I came to the building I saw police and I discovered the body of my wife after his suicide.

Judge : So you think that your wife’s death is a suicide ?

Marouan : Yes I do. I’m not a murderer.

Judge : And what did you do during the night ?

Marouan : I just drove with my car in the city.

Lilian : Objection !

Judge : I allow it.

Lilian : I have some things to say against Mr. EL FAKIR.

* First thing :

This picture is an extract of the video that was filmed by the CCTV which is behind the building. We can see here Mr. EL FAKIR around 1 a.m, at the time of the facts. On the video we can see that he leave his car on the parking and goes to the building. He reappears 10 minutes later like he wanted to escape. He say that he drove his car all the night but there isn’t evidence, there is no video of CCTV that shows that.

* Second thing :

On this case, we can see that Mr.EL FAKIR has a difficult past :

* Drunkeness on the public highway.
* Driving while intoxicated
* Violence on policeman.

Mr. EL FAKIR is an alcoholic and violent man.

Sam : We are here for the Mrs. CASTLE death and not for the past of my client !

Judge : Mr. GUEDON you’re not allowed to speak ! Mr. FOURCASSIES, continue.

Lilian :

* It’s the last thing :

This is not a clue but just a supposition, if Mrs.CASTLE had wanted to suicide, i think she would have hopened the window before jumping like a normal person.

Sam : Objection !

Judge : I allow.

Sam : Foremost, Mr. EL FAKIR is not a violent man, he has made questionable choice but he’s honest and helpful with his family or neighbours. After, Mrs.CASTLE wasn’t a normal person, she had psychiatric problems and she had some days in a mental asylum. She used to bring men in her appartment during Mr.EL FAKIR is working and my client is a normal person, he didn’t like that but he loved her and he would never do a murder.

Judge : Mr. MOREAU, you’re in this building for 10 years, have you ever heard a dispute between Mr.EL FAKIR and Mrs. CASTLE ?

T-A : Yes I did, Mrs. CASTLE used to bring men in her appartment and that annoyed Mr.EL FAKIR.

Judge : What do you think about Mrs.CASTLE’s death ?

T-A : I think that it wasn’t a suicide, I already saw bruises on Mrs.CASTLE’s face.

Lilian : Mrs.BERTRAM, their neighbour said to police that the dispute woke her up too and when she heard the broken-window she heard footsteps in the stairs and police discovered that the back-door was open when they enter in the building. Then, the medical examiner discovered bruises on the Mrs CASTLE head.

Judge : Mr. EL FAKIR, have you one thing to say ?

Marouan : I... I am... innocent

Judge : Mr.MOREAU do you think Mr. EL FAKIR is guilty ?

T-A : Yes I think, there is so many clues against him.

**Judge :**

It is an evidence, this murder wasn’t premeditated.

This crime is a murder but not an assassination and according to the **Article 221 of the Penal Code**, sir Marouan EL FAKIR is convicted to his wife’s murder and he’s sentenced to 30 years in prison.