

Story 712 (1970 Tape 12)

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The Absence of Lawyers in ^{Heaven} Paradise

There was once a boundary dispute between the residents of Paradise and those of ~~(HELL)~~. The Paradise dwellers said that the wall separating the two regions belonged to them, while the Hell dwellers insisted that it was theirs. The dispute could not be settled between them, and so eventually the matter was taken to court

As each side was presenting its evidence, the case seemed to be favoring the residents of Hell. Their arguments seemed the more convincing, partly because they had a very good lawyer. When the judge handed down his decision, it gave the victory to the Hell dwellers.

That evening a leading member of the Paradise community asked several of his friends, "Why are you so depressed this evening?"

"Well, we lost a very important lawsuit today that we should have won."

did you lose, then?"

"Because our opponents had a very good lawyer."

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"Why didn't you have an equally good lawyer?"

"Well, we wanted very badly to hire a lawyer, but after searching Paradise from one end to the other we could not find a single lawyer!"