

105	JUDGE	Romaine Heilger, will you go back into the witness box? (<i>ROMAINE rises and enters the witness box</i>) You have heard that letter read. What have you to say?
	ROMAINE	(<i>frozen in defeat</i>) Nothing.
	LEONARD	Romaine, tell him you didn't write it. I know you didn't write it.
	ROMAINE	(<i>turning and fairly spitting out the words</i>) Of course I wrote it.
	SIR WILFRID	That, my lord, concludes the case for the defence.
	JUDGE	Sir Wilfrid, have you any evidence as to whom these letters were addressed?
	SIR WILFRID	My lord, they came into my possession anonymously, and there has been as yet no time to ascertain any further facts. It would seem likely that he came to this country illegally and is engaged on some subversive operations here. . .
	ROMAINE	You will never find out who he is - never. I don't care what you do to me. You shall never know.
	JUDGE	Do you wish to re-examine, Mr. Myers?
		(<i>SIR WILFRID sits.</i>)
	MYERS	(<i>rising rather unhappily</i>) Really, my lord, I find it somewhat difficult in view of these startling developments. (<i>to ROMAINE</i>) Mrs. Heilger, you are, I think, of a highly nervous temperament. Being a foreigner, you may not quite realize the responsibilities that lie upon you when you take the oath in an English court of law. If you have been intimidated into admitting something that is not true, if you wrote a letter under duress or in some spirit of make-believe, do not hesitate to say so now.
106	ROMAINE	Must you go on and on torturing me? I wrote the letter. Now let me go.
	MYERS	My lord, I submit that this witness is in such a state of agitation that she hardly knows what she is saying or admitting.

	JUDGE	You may remember, Mr. Myers, that Sir Wilfrid cautioned the witness at the time of her previous statement and impressed upon her the sacred nature of the oath she had taken. <i>(MYERS sits)</i> Mrs. Heilger, I wish to warn you that this is not the end of the matter. In this country you cannot commit perjury without being brought to account for it, and I may tell you that I have no doubt proceedings for perjury will shortly be taken against you. The sentence for perjury can be severe. You may stand down.
	<i>(ROMAINE exits.)</i>	
	JUDGE	Sir Wilfrid, will you now address the Jury on behalf of the defence?
	SIR WILFRID	<i>(rising)</i> Members of the Jury, when truth is clearly evident it speaks for itself. No words of mine I'm sure can add to the impression made upon you by the straightforward story which the prisoner has told, and by the very wicked attempt to incriminate him, evidence of which you have just witnessed..... <i>(the lights dim to blackout. After a few seconds the lights come up)</i>