

NONJUSTICE SYSTEM GROUP GRIEVANCE SCENARIO

In this fictional story, you will be the main character. The other character's name is "Billy."

The story begins on the next page. It will take only 5 or 10 minutes to read. Although the story is fictional and there are no graphic words or images, the story involves an emotional and disturbing situation that could cause you to experience strong emotions. **You can stop reading the story at any time for any reason.**

After the story, you will have the opportunity to put Billy on trial in The Nonjustice System for what he did and experience getting justice.

When you're ready, please go to the next page and begin the story....

This is a picture of your dog Harley and your cat Lucy.



You rescued Harley and Lucy from an animal shelter when they were both young. They both had been badly abused by their prior owners. Because you care deeply for animals, you took them into your home and nursed them back to health. You love them very much, and they love you, too. And they obviously love each other, too.



Harley and Lucy are the sweetest and most gentle pets in the world. They bring you joy and happiness whenever you see them



This is your neighbor, Billy. You've known Billy for about a year but not very well. He seems like a decent enough guy and keeps mostly to himself. And he has a dog.



There is just one problem.... This is Billy's dog, King. Everybody in the neighborhood is scared of King. He has even tried to attack Harley and Lucy several times.



One day, Billy came to your door. He said that he was in a real jam. He was being called away unexpectedly for a couple of days, and the person who normally watches King was away too. Billy asked if you could please take care of King at his house—just come over and give him some food and water and let him out a few times a day.

You were reluctant. But Billy kept begging you and saying how good you are with dogs—and that King is really very sweet and gentle when you get to know him. Billy also offered to return the favor anytime. You wanted to be nice, so you said okay. Billy was very happy and very grateful to you.

You took good care of King while Billy was away. You fed him twice a day and even took him to the park to play, leaving Harley and Lucy behind. King did seem like a nice dog once you got to know him. When Billy returned from his trip, you gave him this picture of King from your day together at the park. Billy was thrilled.



A month later, you found yourself in the same jam as Billy. You were called out of town on a family emergency, and the person who normally watches Harley and Lucy for you wasn't available. So, you asked Billy if he could help you out. Billy said, sure, absolutely, he was happy to return the favor and take care of Harley and Lucy for you.



When you got home from your trip a couple of days later, you found Lucy, your cat, sleeping in her normal spot. But Harley was missing. You called Billy and asked if he had Harley. Billy said that he was very sorry but that Harley had escaped when he took him out for a walk at the park. Billy felt terrible. He had been looking everywhere for Harley but couldn't find him.



You were frantic to find Harley. You searched all through the night and all through the next day. You put up posters and called animal shelters. Billy helped you. He drove around searching for Harley and putting up posters too. You were desperate to find Harley and reunite your family.



Two weeks passed. Harley was still missing. Billy had given up searching for him. You were heartsick and didn't know what else to do. Poor Lucy seemed heartsick too. She wouldn't sleep and kept pacing all through the night. You were worried that you would never see Harley and Lucy together again.



The next day, you received a call from a man named Sean, who said he was a friend of Billy's. Sean sounded drunk or high and asked if you could get him another bait dog like you did for Billy a couple of weeks ago. You said you didn't know what Sean was talking about. Sean explained how much he and Billy loved dogfighting, and how Billy's dog, King, was the best fighter around. Sean said that Billy showed him his secret to training King a couple of weeks ago by putting a weak, scrawny bait dog into a ring with King and provoking King to kill it. Sean said that it worked great because King attacked the dog and snapped its neck almost instantly. Sean said Billy told him that he got the bait dog from you, and that you got it from a local animal shelter. Sean asked again if you could get a bait dog for him.



You were shocked by what Sean said, and you immediately went to Billy and confronted him. Billy denied that he engaged in dogfighting and acted offended and outraged that you would accuse him of harming Harley.



You didn't believe Billy. He was acting suspicious. And when you were watching King, you had noticed some equipment in Billy's house that, upon reflection, looked like it could be used for dogfighting.

Billy finally admitted that he had put Harley into the ring with King, and that King killed him. Billy said he threw Harley's dead body in a dumpster. But Billy was not sorry he did it.

