

Monster

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Directions: Below is a passage from *Monster* that we have not yet read. I have deleted words from the passage. It is your job to go through the passage and fill in the blanks with what you think the author may have written. As far as strategy goes, first read the entire passage through. After you have finished, go back through and fill in the blanks with the appropriate words. Remember, this isn't a timed test. You will have as much time as you need. Be thoughtful! We will go through the answers when everyone has finished.

As for Osvaldo Cruz, he is putting as much distance between himself and this crime as possible. All he was supposed to do was to _____ outside and push a _____ can in front of _____ potential pursuer. But there _____ a pursuer, because Mr. _____ and whoever he was _____—if indeed he was _____ anyone else—made sure _____ that. And think about _____ : Lorelle Henry, who seemed _____ all the world like _____ decent, law-abiding human being, _____ that she was sure _____ there were 2 men in _____ store, 2 men involved in _____ robbery. And we have 2 _____ who have admitted participation. _____ submit to you that _____ no need to go _____ these two when you _____ for the perpetrators of _____ crime. Ultimately, what this _____ is about it whether _____ believe people who are _____. _____ participants in this crime _____ who are saving their _____ hides. If you believe, _____ I do, that their _____, their stated characters, so _____ their testimony that everything _____ say is well within _____ area of reasonable doubt, _____ you have no choice _____ to find Mr. King _____ guilty. And when you _____ away from the sorry _____ of the State's witnesses, _____ have nothing else from _____ prosecution. Nothing else. Ladies _____ gentlemen, at the beginning _____ this case the prosecutor _____ of monsters. She not _____ found them, but she _____ brought them here to _____ for the State. I _____ faith in you, and _____ in the American judicial _____. And that faith leads _____ to believe that justice _____ this case demands more _____ than you have seen in this case. I believe _____ justice demands that you _____ the testimony of these men, consigning their stories to the area of deep doubt. I believe that justice demands that you return a verdict of Not Guilty.