

"Twelve Angry Friends" by Jeremy Friedman

(scene opens in Simpsons' kitchen)

They're having breakfast.

Bart: Bye, Mom. I have to go to school early today.

(He runs out the door.)

Marge: That's weird.

Lisa: Yeah, I'm usually the only one who wants to go to school.

Marge: Well, I think it's great!

Homer: Yeah, it's nice to get Bart out of the house early for a change!

(Scene ends. Scene opens in school with Ms. Krabappel holding a dead hamster by its tail.)

Ms. K: When I walked in this morning, our class hamster was dead! I considered it dying of natural causes...until I saw a pencil with "El Barto" written on it lying near its cage....Bart what do you have to say for yourself?

Bart:I didn't do i-

Ms.K:Go to Mr. Skinners office NOW!

(Bart slinks out into the hall)

Ms.K: Does anyone else know anything about this?

Database:I came early today,I stopped in front of the classroom to defog my glasses and saw

Bart stabbing down into something.Immediatly after, I ran into the room and saw Bart sitting

down in his seat, looking guilty.

Milhouse: You don't have much evidence. How can you say that it's Bart right away?

Martin: He does have a history of being a troublemaker, you know.

(recess bell rings/kids rush out. Scene ends.)

(Scene starts near the sandbox on the yard where Milhouse, Martin, Database, Kearney, Dolph, Nelson, Ralph, Rod, Lisa and three other kids are discussing Bart's alleged crime)

Milhouse: There's so many reasons why Bart could not have done this.

Nelson: Yeah, name one!

Milhouse: Uh..Uh..

Nelson: Ha!Ha!

Milhouse: Okay, if anyone else thinks Bart is innocent, stand up. If not, I'll drop the whole thing.

(Rod Flanders stands up.)

Nelson: Ah crud, he's guilty and we all know it. Give it up.

Dolph: He has to be guilty. Database saw him kill it with his own eye. (He punches out Database.)

Rod: Yeah, but he said he took off his glasses to defog them when he saw Bart commit the supposed crime.

Lisa: Database is almost blind without his glasses. He could have seen a blur and mistaken it for Bart.

Martin: Yes, you're right.

Kearney: Yeah, but you can't refute the one vital piece of evidence--the "El Barto" pencil! Everyone knows that's Bart's fake name. No one else would own a pencil like that.

Milhouse: Let me see that pencil.

(Kid #1 goes to get the pencil from the room and brings it out to the yard.)

Kid #2: Why don't we run a DNA test and see if it belongs to Bart?

Kid #3: That's a pretty crazy idea but let's put it out on the porch and see if the cat licks it up.

Milhouse: Let's take a close look at that pencil.

Lisa: Hey, this isn't even Bart's writing! Someone framed him!

(End of scene.)

(Scene starts back in the classroom in the middle of the lesson.)

Miss K: ...and that's how come there's spaghetti in America.

(Bart enters room.)

Bart: I just came back to get my backpack. Skinner just suspended me.

Milhouse: Miss Krabappel-Bart's innocent!! Database couldn't have seen Bart because he wasn't wearing his glasses at the time. And "EL Barto" isn't even in Bart's handwriting!

Kid #1: He was framed!

Bart: That's what I tried to tell Skinner! I came to school early to finish my paper. When I finished the final sentence, I made the final period with a big stab onto my paper. That must be what Database saw.

Miss K: But how do you explain the part about the pencil. Go on, Bart, I'd love to hear your story. (sarcastically)

Bart: I do-

Nelson: I admit! It was me! It was me! That stupid hamster bit me! So I grabbed the nearest pencil and stabbed it! To cover my tracks, I wrote "El Barto" on the pencil.

Miss K: Nelson, I am thoroughly disappointed in you. Go to Mr. Sk-

(end of school bell rings)

Nelson: Ha!Ha! (runs out of the classroom).

Miss K: I'm sorry for accusing you, Bart.

Bart: Oh, that's okay.

(Kids leave the classroom.)

Miss K: Bart, I expect to see you in study hall. You still haven't finished the rest of your assignments.

Bart: D'oh!

(scene ends/episode over)