

Extend Interpretations

- 7. What If?** What if the story, instead of being told by someone offstage, were told from the point of view of Charlie? How would Charlie defend his actions?
- 8. Connect to Life** This teleplay shows what can happen when a crowd becomes a mob. How does being in a crowd change the way people act? What other examples of “mob mentality” have you heard about?

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7. What If? This question is well suited for advanced students. If you wish to make this question easier, facilitate a group discussion of how the story would be different if told from Charlie's point of view. **Possible Responses:** Have someone other than Charlie remark that Van Horn isn't back yet, or play up Charlie's concern; make “monster” look as inhuman and threatening as possible, to excuse his mistake; have another character encourage him to

shoot; have others remark that Van Horn seemed suspicious; state his defense more calmly and rationally; give reasons for turning on Tommy.

8. Connect to Life Possible Response: People seem to take less responsibility for their actions when they are in a crowd. An example of “mob mentality” might be a crowd stampede at a sports event.