

# Furious Riding

## **Characters:**

Judge Nui  
Bailiff  
Court Clerk  
Maile  
Koa

*The whole class will participate in a group discussion after the trial has been performed.*

**Bailiff**

**(knocks gavel two times)**

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! The court of the Kingdom of Hawai‘i is now in session. All rise!

**Judge**

**(enters, sits down)**

**Bailiff**

The Honorable Judge Nui. This court is now in session.

**Judge**

Be seated. Call the first case.

**Bailiff**

Maile is the plaintiff. Maile accused Koa of a crime. Koa is the defendant.

**Judge**

What is the charge?

**Maile**

I accuse Koa of furious riding.

**Judge**

You accuse him of riding his horse too fast?

**Maile**

Yes.

**Koa**

I did not!

**Judge**

**(hits the gavel)** Koa, you must be quiet. It is not your turn to speak. Maile, you will come to the witness stand first.

**(Maile goes to the witness stand)**

**Court Clerk**

Do you promise to tell the truth when you are asked a question?

**Maile**

Yes

**Judge**

Did you see Koa ride fast?

**Maile**

Yes. I saw him ride very fast! I live near Printer's Lane where there are many houses. He raced past our house on his horse. It was very dangerous.

**Judge**

Thank you, Maile, you may sit down.

**(Maile goes back)**

**Judge**

Koa, you must come to the stand.

**(Koa goes to the witness stand)**

**Court Clerk**

Do you promise to tell the truth when you are asked a question?

**Koa**

Yes

**Judge**

Koa, did you ride fast?

**Koa**

The horse ran fast. I could not stop it. It was not my fault.

**Maile**

I saw him! I saw him make the horse go fast! I saw him hit the horse with a stick!

**Judge**

**(hits the gavel)** Maile, you must be quiet. It is Koa's turn to speak. Koa, you promised to tell the truth. Did you ride fast on purpose?

**Koa**

Yes. I rode fast. I hit the horse with a stick.

**Judge**

Thank you, Koa. You may sit down.

**(Koa goes back)**

**Judge**

Here is what I have decided. Koa, you are guilty of furious riding which is a very dangerous thing to do. You will have to pay a fine, but because you admitted the truth you will only have to pay \$5.00. You must also promise not do this again.

**Bailiff**

**(Hits the gavel)** This court is now adjourned.