

MY EXCELLENCE HAVE
THOMAS JENKINS CO-ACCUSED
Mr Jenkins: Mr Kirk has a headache, he said, and he would like a couple of aspirins. What is the problem with that?

His Honour Judge Thomas: Were you here when I said that nothing was to be passed into the dock?

Mr Jenkins: I was.

His Honour Judge Thomas: Did you hear what I said?

Mr Jenkins: Yes.

His Honour Judge Thomas: Why, then, did you do exactly what I told you not to do?

Mr Jenkins: Because once the Court is closed there is no dock.

His Honour Judge Thomas: Are you trying to deliberately be facetious?

Mr Jenkins: No, Sir. Can I tell you something? This morning Mr Kirk asked for his computer and Mr Twomlow said --

His Honour Judge Thomas: Well, wait.

Mr Jenkins: Just a minute. Just a minute.

His Honour Judge Thomas: Wait a minute. Don't you bandy words with me. You deliberately passed tablets, in defiance of my order.

Mr Jenkins: I didn't pass tablets to him.

Dock Officer 1: Tried.

His Honour Judge Thomas: You tried to. You knew that that had been forbidden. Now, that puts you very close to and, in my book, over the limit of contempt of Court, which means that I have powers which include being able to send you to prison. Do you understand that?

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Mr Jenkins: Yes.

His Honour Judge Thomas: Is that what you want me to do? Do you want to go to prison for contempt of Court?

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Mr Jenkins: Well, why are, why are barristers allowed to get away with contempt of Court and contempt of justice?

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His Honour Judge Thomas: You are skating on very thin ice at the moment, and if I were you what I would be doing is apologising and saying that you will never pass tablets again. Do you think that's a good idea?

Mr Jenkins: Yes.

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His Honour Judge Thomas: Are you going to do it?

Mr Jenkins: I apologise and I won't pass any tablets again.

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His Honour Judge Thomas: You have come as close it is, as it is possible to being sent to prison for contempt of Court. Are you coming tomorrow?

Mr Jenkins: I think I will now.

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His Honour Judge Thomas: You think you will come to Court?

Mr Jenkins: Yes.

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His Honour Judge Thomas: Well, you will not be in this courtroom. I will not allow you to come into the courtroom. Do you understand that? Do you understand that?

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Mr Jenkins: Yes, Sir.