

My parents sign an agreement  
in court

What happens in court?





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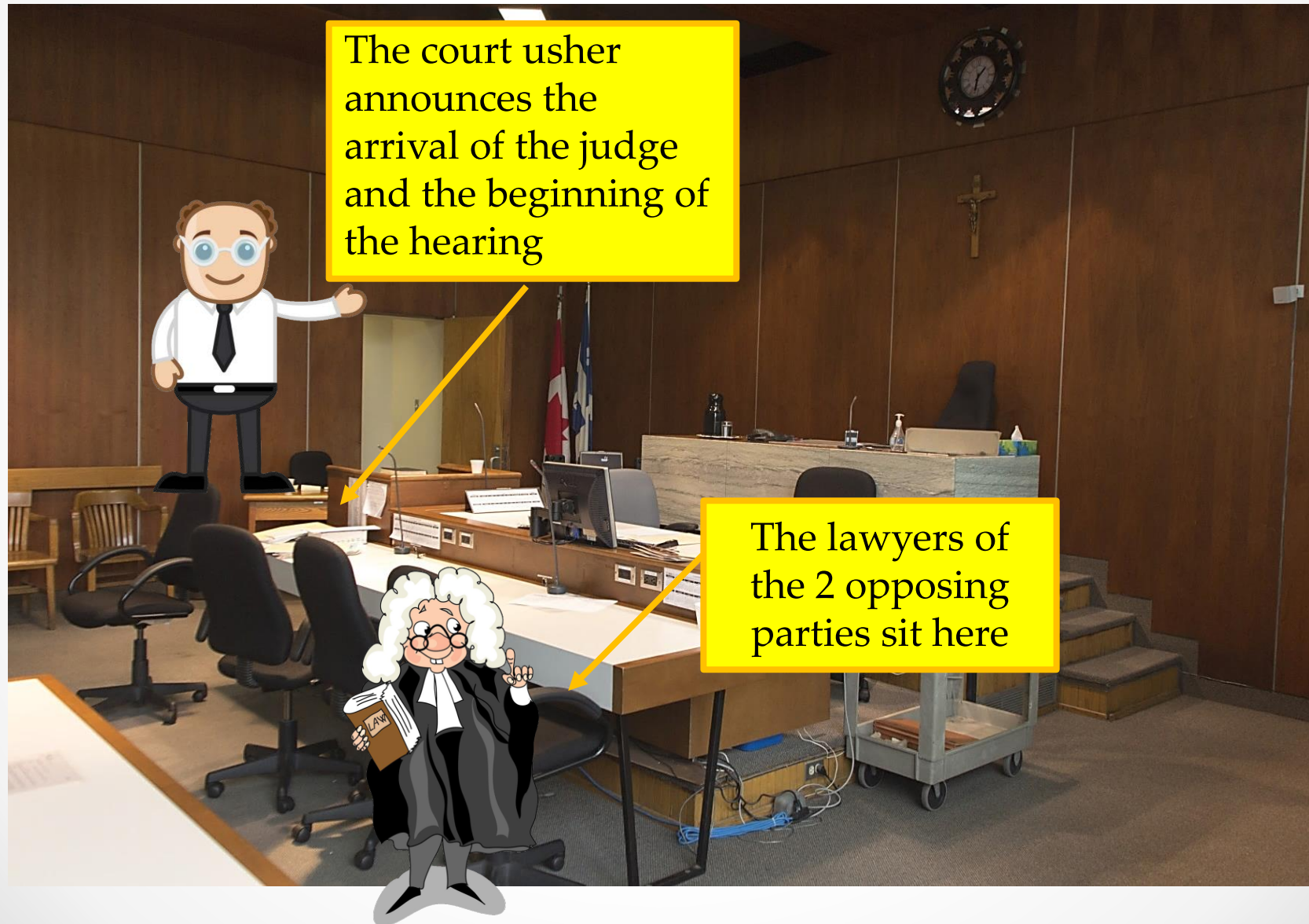
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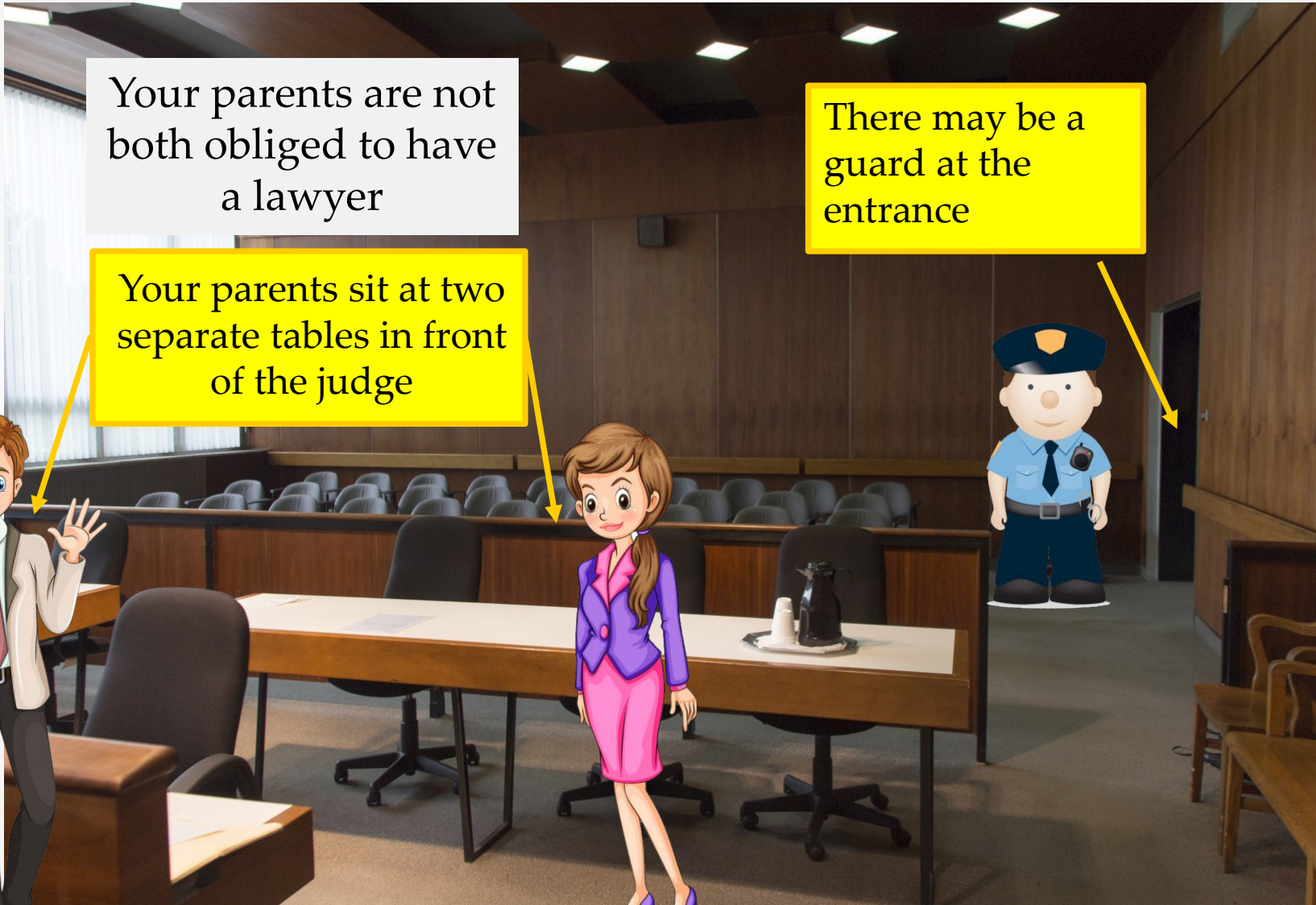


# What do my parents do?

Your parents are not both obliged to have a lawyer

Your parents sit at two separate tables in front of the judge

There may be a guard at the entrance



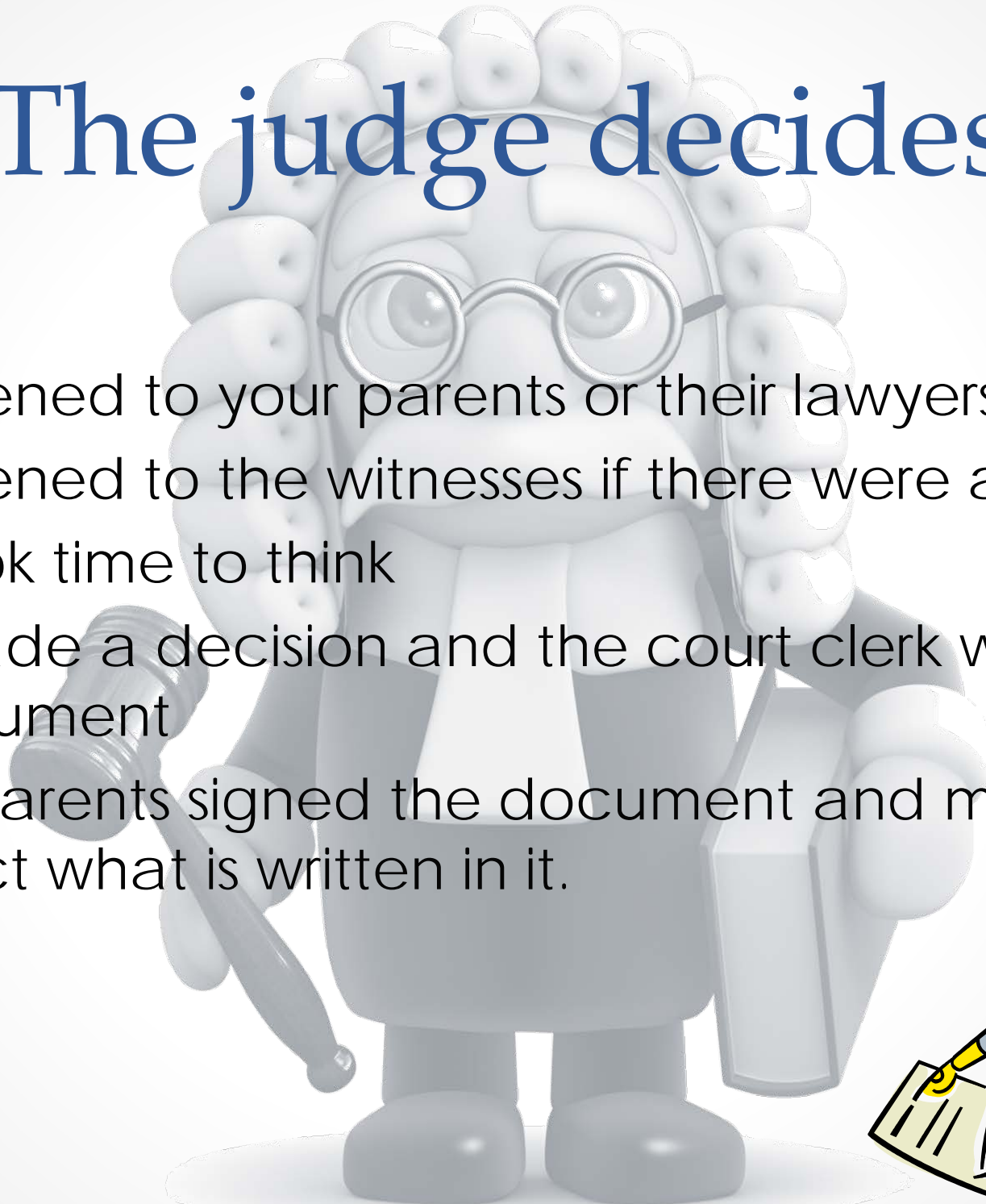
# The witnesses

The witnesses are chosen by the lawyers or your parents. They are heard by the judge. Their presence is not obligatory.



# The judge decides

- He listened to your parents or their lawyers
- He listened to the witnesses if there were any
- He took time to think
- He made a decision and the court clerk wrote it in a document
- Your parents signed the document and must respect what is written in it.





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