

To Kill a Mockingbird - What If...?

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2. What if Atticus had not killed Tim Johnson?
3. What if Mrs. Dubose never broke her morphine habit?
4. What if Burris Ewell had attacked Miss Caroline?
5. What if Scout had seen Boo Radley give her the blanket?
6. What if Dill came back to marry Scout?
7. What if Calpurnia wanted to go to college?
8. What if Jean Louise had turned into a "little lady"?
9. What if Jem and Scout hadn't shown up at the jail?

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What if the police came?

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