

In August 1947, Joe Keller, a self-made businessman, and his wife Kate are visited by a neighbor, Frank.

Shortly afterwards, George Deever arrives and reveals that he has just visited the prison to see his father Steve. The latter has confirmed that Joe told him by phone to cover up the cracked cylinders and to send them out, and later gave a false promise to Steve that he would account for the shipment on the day of arrest.

Chris returns, and is torn about whether to bring Joe in himself, knowing it doesn't erase the death of his fellow soldiers or absolve the world of its natural merciless state.

While Kate still believes Larry is coming back, the Kellers' other son, Chris, believes differently.

Finally, the letter, read by Chris, reveals that because of his father's guilt, Larry planned to commit suicide. With this final blow, Joe finally agrees to turn himself in, goes inside to get his coat but then kills himself with a gunshot.

After a heated argument, Chris breaks in and later proposes to Ann, who accepts. Chris also reveals that, while leading a company, he lost all his men and is experiencing survivor's guilt.

Joe and Kate react to this news with shock but are interrupted by Bert, the boy next door. In a game, Bert brings up the word "jail", making Kate react sharply.

When Ann arrives, it is revealed that her father, Steve Deever, is in prison for selling cracked cylinder heads to the Air Force, causing the deaths of 21 pilots in plane crashes. Joe was his partner but was exonerated of the crime.

Chris wishes to propose to Ann Deever, who was Larry's girlfriend at the time he went missing and who has been corresponding with Chris for two years.

Chris cannot accept this, and roars despairingly that he is torn about what to do with his father now.

Ann admits that neither she nor her brother keep in touch with their father any more and wonders aloud whether a faulty engine was responsible for Larry's death.

Meanwhile, Joe receives a phone call from George, Ann's brother, who is coming there to settle something.

At Kate's request, Frank is trying to figure out the horoscope of the Kellers' missing son Larry, who disappeared three years earlier while serving in the military during World War II. Although Chris and Ann have become engaged, Chris avoids telling his mother.

When Kate dismally claims to Chris (still intent on marrying Ann) that moving on from Larry will be forsaking Joe as a murderer, Chris concludes that George was right.

Their next door neighbor Sue emerges, revealing that everyone on the block thinks Joe is equally guilty of the crime of supplying faulty aircraft engines.

When Joe returns and refutes his guilt on account of his life's accomplishments, his son wearily responds, "I know you're no worse than other men, but I thought you were better. I never saw you as a man...I saw you as my father."

George insists his sister Ann cannot marry Chris Keller, son of the man who destroyed the Deevers.

As he only sought to make money at the insistence of his family, Joe is adamant that their relationship is above the law.

Meanwhile, Frank announces his horoscope, implying that Larry is alive, which is just what Kate wants to hear. Joe maintains that on the fateful day of dispatch, the flu laid him up, but Kate reveals that Joe has not been sick in fifteen years. Despite George's protests, Ann sends him away.

Joe, out of excuses, explains that he sent out the cracked airheads to avoid closure, intending to notify the base later that they needed repairs. However, when the fleet crashed and made headlines, he lied to Steve and left him at the shop for arrest.

Chris has gone missing. Reluctantly accepting the ubiquitous accusations, Kate says that, should Chris return, Joe must express willingness to go to prison in hopes that Chris will relent.

Soon after, Ann emerges and expresses intent to leave with Chris regardless of Kate's disdain. When Kate angrily refuses again, Ann reveals to Kate a letter from Larry. She had not wanted to share it, but knows that Kate must face reality.

At the end, when Chris expresses remorse in spite of his resolve, Kate tells him to not blame himself and to live onward.

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