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Kafka's assistants

In *The Trial* K. is fetched by two men and killed by two men at the end, in *The Castle* he gets the previously purported assistants apparently assigned by the castle instead, also two.

Franz Kafka was the eldest child, two brothers were born after him, but both died before he was 7, and he had three again younger sisters who all grew up to adults. In his early childhood, the Kafka family moved several times, always in the old town of Prague.

These two things probably lead to Franz Kafka's home being primarily old Prague and that a possible death of his in childhood would have been omnipresent in a way, so that when two men appear in his novels, it would be a sign that his two brothers would be coming to pick him up to their place in the realm of the dead. Therefore in *The Trial* no trial in the human-worldly sense, simply fate, which does not explicitly state a reason why it hits someone and not others, and very similarly in *The Castle*.