

# Pity the Poor Monster

France must ask itself why Karim Cheurfi was out of prison.

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The murder of a policeman by a Muslim terrorist on the Champs-Élysées is another illustration of the laxity of the French criminal-justice system—a laxity that it shares with the British system, and which demonstrates a corrosive lack of cultural self-confidence.

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