

PRESUMED INNOCENT



MAIN CHARACTERS

- * ROZAK (RUSTY) SABICH → CHIEF DEPUTY ATTORNEY
- * CAROLYN POLHEMUS → DEAD
- * RAYMOND HORGAN → PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
- * NICO DELLA GUARDIA → RAYMOND'S RIVAL
- * TOMMY MOLTO → NICO'S FRIEND
- * LIPRANZER (LIP) → RUSTY'S DETECTIVE FRIEND
- * PAINLESS KUMAGAI → FORENCICS DOCTOR
- * EUGENIA → RUSTY'S SECRETARY
- * NAT → RUSTY'S SON
- * BARBARA → RUSTY'S WIFE
- * MAC → DEPUTY WORKING AT RUSTY'S OFFICE
- * ALEJANDRO STERN → RUSTY'S LAWYER
- * LARREN LYTTLE → THE JUDGE
- * LIONEL KENNEALLY → NORTH BRANCH DETECTIVE
- * LEON WELLS → THE ONE WHO PAID THE BRIBE

ATTORNEYS

WRITE THE EVENTS IN PASSIVE VOICE:

1. Someone murdered Carolyn Polhemus. (WAS)

2. At the beginning, experts suspected a rapist killed her. (IT)

3. Raymond Horgan persuaded Rusty to take the case. (WAS)

4. Raymond gave Rusty a Bribery file he had hidden. (WAS)

5. Tomy and Nico were carrying out an informal investigation on the case. (BEING)

6. They claimed Rusty had killed Carolyn. (HAVE)

7. Rusty and Stern thought Dr Kumagai had been telling Molto and Della Guardia his forensic findings. (TO)

8. Rusty suspected that they were framing him. (FRAMED)

REPORT THE SENTENCES.

1. 'You killed her', Nico and Tomy told Rusty. (BLAMED)

2. 'I didn't kill her', Rusty told Stern. (DENIED)

3. 'Please, don't include my calls to Carolyn in the list', Rusty told Lip. (ASKED)

4. 'I'm sorry that you are involved in all this, Barbara', Rusty said. (APOLOGISED)

5. 'Did you have an affair with Carolyn, Raymond?' Rusty wanted to know. (ASKED)

6. 'I will lie in court', Raymond said. (ADMITTED)

7. 'You've been taking bribes' Stern told Judge Lyttle. (ACCUSED)

8. 'The case is dismissed', said Judge Lyttle (REFUSED)

9. 'Do you still love her?' Barbara asked Rusty. (ASKED)

10. 'Why don't we stand for the election, Rusty?' Barbara asked him. (SUGGESTED)

REWRITE THE SENTENCES USI PARTICIPLE CLAUSES:

1. First, Carolyn left Rusty. Then she started dating Raymond.

AFTER _____

2. Tomy didn't have the glass with the fingerprints. He mentioned it to the jury anyway.

WITHOUT _____

3. Stern mentioned the bribes in the court. Then he knew the case was over.

HAVING _____

4. Rusty was cleaning the garage when he found the murder weapon.

WHILE _____

Rusty suspects they are framing him so he wants to introduce the bribery case into his trial.

SUSPECTING _____

Rusty decides to keep silent even after he knows the true.

HAVING _____

ANSWER:

- 1) What is the story about?
- 2) Who was your favourite character? Why? Explain in about 60 words.
- 3) Who was Carolyn? Describe her in about 60 words.
- 4) How and why was she killed?
- 5) Why did she start an affair with Raymond?
- 6) Who accuses Rusty of murdering Carolyn? Why? Do you think politics had to do with it?
- 7) How is Leon Well essential to the story?
- 8) Why was Carolyn's use of contraceptives suspicious?
- 9) Why do you think Rusty decides to keep silent even after knowing the truth?
- 10) Why does Nico resign after losing the case?
- 11) Why does Barbara leave Rusty after the trial?
- 12) Who is the murderer? Which were his/her motives?
- 13) What happens to Rusty in the end? Do you feel sorry for what he's been through? Do you think he deserved what happened?
- 14) Do you think Carolyn's murder was partly her own fault? Do you feel sorry for her? Why? Why not?