

# 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)  
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2. At the beginning, experts suspected a rapist killed her. (IT)  
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3. Raymond Horgan persuaded Rusty to take the case. (WAS)  
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4. Raymond gave Rusty a Bribery file he had hidden. (WAS)  
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5. Tomy and Nico were carrying out an informal investigation on the case. (BEING)  
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6. They claimed Rusty had killed Carolyn. (HAVE)  
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7. Rusty and Stern thought Dr Kumagai had been telling Molto and Della Guardia his forensic findings. (TO)  
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8. Rusty suspected that they were framing him. (FRAMED)  
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## REPORT THE SENTENCES.

1. 'You killed her', Nico and Tomy told Rusty. (BLAMED)  
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2. 'I didn't kill her', Rusty told Stern. (DENIED)  
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3. 'Please, don't include my calls to Carolyn in the list', Rusty told Lip. (ASKED)  
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4. 'I'm sorry that you are involved in all this, Barbara', Rusty said. (APOLOGISED)  
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5. 'Did you have an affair with Carolyn, Raymond?' Rusty wanted to know. (ASKED)  
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6. 'I will lie in court', Raymond said. (ADMITTED)  
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7. 'You've been taking bribes' Stern told Judge Lyttle. (ACCUSED)  
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8. 'The case is dismissed', said Judge Lyttle (REFUSED)  
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9. 'Do you still love her?' Barbara asked Rusty. (ASKED)  
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10. 'Why don't we stand for the election, Rusty?' Barbara asked him. (SUGGESTED)  
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## REWRITE THE SENTENCES USE 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 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?