

Murder on the Grill

Audio Files Transcript

Warning, page 4 reveals the murderer! Don't look ahead

Introduction:

Track 1 (Play to introduce the game after everyone has had a chance to read the rules and their character pages, before they introduce themselves)

(Step 2 in the Party Planner)

Dazzling Dan:

Hey there guys & dolls! This is Dazzling Dan the Music Man! Coming to you from the most happening place in the Midwest... Kansas City, Missouri!

It's a hot day in July of 1959, and a great time to be alive! Hula-Hoops! Hot Rods! Rock & Roll! America – we love you!

I'm broadcasting from the posh home of Kansas City car dealer, Tom Dooley! He's invited a few friends and neighbors together for a backyard cookout and rock & roll party! I'm here to handle the vinyl and spin the 45's!

You all came here for some good rockin' and to enjoy Tom's fabulous cooking!

As you know, Tom owns the coolest car dealership in town, Honest Tom's, and when he's not dealing wheels, he's at home doing the other thing he does best, flaming a hot charcoal grill!

Tom's a master at the cookout! At least he was until today. I'm sorry to report someone iced him today!

That's right, poor Tom took it in the chest with... oh give me a break! A barbeque fork!

The fork pierced his heart, and he bled to death very quickly.

Here's the scary part...

ONE OF YOU DID IT!

Yeah, I know, VERY uncool.

Chronologically, here's how it went: The party was JUST getting jumpin', and suddenly a thunderstorm came out of nowhere! You all ran indoors to get out of the rain, but Tom stayed at the charcoal grill tending the meat. The storm blew over in about 15 minutes. When you all came back, there Tom was, lying down on the job beside his grill with the Bar B Que fork sticking out of his chest! Oh man! That must have hurt! The ambulance came. The cops came. The neighbors gawked. It's been a zoo for the past couple of hours. But everyone is gone now, except for you folks – Tom's FRIENDS and FAMILY. The local police chief has asked you to stay here at Tom's until their investigation is complete.

The detective in charge will be back shortly – so here's what I want you to do in the meantime – who's got the answer to this mystery? The cold-hearted murder has to be one of you! So get your heads together and solve this thing! Do it before the cops get back – then we can get on with the party!

By the way, did I tell you I'm available for wakes and weddings? Dazzling Dan the Music Man! Oh yeah, why don't you all introduce yourselves and let everyone know who you are!

Round 1: Now start the "First Dialogue".

(Step 3 in the Party Planner)

Track 2 (summarizes and wraps up Round 1, after the Round One)

(Step 5 in the Party Planner)

Dazzling Dan:

My My My My! The things you people have been up to! Are we having fun yet?

Johnny Angel, such a heavenly name for a black leather jacket wearing mechanic! Johnny, you did such a great job on Ivan's car! Why... it almost made it once around the block! Could it be you rigged their car to deliberately crash... or could it be you aren't as good of a mechanic as you claimed to be? As my momma used to say, if it ain't broke, don't fix it, baby!

Ivan Spudnik, comrade, let me see – you used to be a communist rocket scientist – now you defected to Kansas City of all places! But your aren't a spy... you have to forgive us Americans for being suspicious. You know, with the Cold War and the Space Race, we have a tendency to mistrust you Iron Curtain types. Although you do produce a good vodka. Man that stuff has a kick! But I see you already know that. Let's see if you can hold your temper better than you can hold your drink, IVAN.

Bobby! The hula-hoop champion and wannabe actress! Condolences kid, your big brother – excuse me – HALF brother was like a father to you... or maybe you feel like he was more like a jailer? After all, you are young and easy on the eyes and dream of going places! You are tired of hanging around the car lot, and of course you don't care about money. All you care about is having fun and appearing on TV shows. (Sings) Qué será, será Whatever will be, will be... right kiddo?

Now I have a confession to make. I LOVE reading other people's diaries. People are so candid in them! Now Tiara, you certainly sounded peeved at Tom in that diary entry of yours, I mean... your fiancée fooling around on you? And with your own twin sister? SHOCKING! But I forgot – you kissed & made up with Tom. To know him is to love him. I just love happy endings!

And mister twister, my boy Chubby! We play your records all the time at the radio station W-H-I-T, where we bring you all the hits! Yes, you are on top, Chubby! I guess big stars like you always carry large sums of money around in envelopes... sure! Why not? And you aren't hurting in the adoring fans department either – especially with the chicks! They are going ga-ga over your dance moves! So what if Tiara dumped you! I agree, man!

Barby... funny how a woman feels so insecure around you divorced ladies! I can't understand why? You would think they don't trust their husbands, or their fiancée, but hey! It's good to know you still got what it takes! Keep up those front yard tanning sessions – I may just change my driving route home after work!

Well, I'm of a mind that there are a lot more juicy details to come out of this mystery yet – talk it over and I'll be back in a flash!

Round 2: Now start the “Second Dialogue”

(Step 6 in the Party Planner)

Track 3 (summarizes and wraps up Round 2, after the Round Two)

(Step 8 in the Party Planner)

Dazzling Dan:

After 7 Years in the music biz, I thought I had seen it all – but I was wrong!

You people have shown me the light at the end of the tunnel – but lookout! It's a train coming!

Let me see if I've got all the juice...

Barby, you were overheard on the phone saying you were going to kill Tom Dooley – a double-crossing skunk you called him! Pretty strong words to describe a fellow committee member to the president of the country club. Was that REALLY who you were talking to, and just were you and Tom up to in his office behind closed doors? Well – too late to ask Tom, isn't it?

Now Chubby, you've got a whole lot of problems going on! I can't believe you didn't write all those great songs! And you don't even sing them for real? Man, our station is going to drop you like a hot potato! Rock & Roll may be here to stay, but Chubby, baby, you are HIS-TOR-Y!

Ivan, our imported space cadet! You've gone from building rockets for Sputnik to designing rocket engines for Tom's hot rod... what were you planning to call it, the Sput-ford? Or the Ruskimobile? Whatever it is, you've scored big time! 100,000 American dollars equates to a lot of Russian rubles – neht? With money like that, a person could buy a ton of engine parts, and have enough moolah left over to impress our decadent Western babes! Too bad Miss Kansas City was not impressed, but then Tiara already has a man. Was that the real obstacle you had to overcome?

Johnny, you said the blood on your shirt was caused by hitting yourself in the nose with a wrench. Of course, ace mechanics do this all the time. That's how monkey wrenches were invented – dontcha know? Hey – even radio jocks have their occupational hazards – just the other day I cut my finger on the edge of a 45! My advice to you is to be extra careful carrying that switchblade of yours around – remember – keep the blade pointed down!

Now Tiara, you threw your engagement ring at Tom last night during an argument. And you think he held onto it to show you in his dying moments that he loved you? Really? Truly? Sweetheart, baby... you are reading way too many romance novels. Get a grip! But then, you've been acting differently the past few days... maybe you made the hard decision to kill your philandering fiancé and were just waiting for the perfect moment?

And last but not least, little sister Bobby! You tell us you were talking on the phone to a girlfriend at the exact time your brother was murdered? But no one saw you! Bobby, there is absolutely no doubt in my mind that you're telling the honest truth. No doubt at all. Not a bit! Nuh – uh! Nope! None! Zip! And even if your elopement plans with Johnny fell through, you would have gotten away from your nasty brother Tom somehow.

Yep, I think we are nearly at the end of this gig. As a matter of fact, I'm pretty certain *I* know who did it! That's why they call me Dazzling Dan! But seriously, just a few more questions for each of you, and I'll let you each take a stab at who did it! Stay tuned!

Now start the “Third Dialogue”

(Step 9 in the Party Planner)

Track 4 (After Round Three, and Optional Final Statements, and Accusations, **this will reveal the murderer!**)

(Step 13 in the Party Planner)

Dazzling Dan:

Well rock & roll fans, it's been an entertaining time, but as we say in radio land, all good things must come to an end. And finally, the moment of truth is at hand... you've all had your say at who you think the murderer is. NOW I'm going to let the cat out of the bag!

The backstabber, the killer of Tom Dooley, the heartless, cold, and unmerciful villain, the do-er of many other very bad deeds, and lastly, the great pretender, is none other than Miss Kansas City herself, Tiara Diamond!

Actually, that's not exactly true. You see, Tiara is not here with us today. She's resting quietly in a private sanitarium far far away. The beautiful lady in our presence is really her identical twin sister, Hope! And Hope springs eternal! At least she did when she stabbed poor Tom Dooley with a barbecue fork!

You see, cruel Tom Dooley's antics towards twin #1, Tiara, pushed this mild-mannered meek girl over the edge, causing her to have a nervous breakdown! In stepped twin #2, Hope! Remember the drastic personality change in the past few days? Hope, unlike her sister, has assertiveness oozing out her gorgeous pores, and right through that different hairstyle of hers. This evil twin had no qualms about solving her sister's problem by dispensing with the two-timing Tom! But not before she handed him Tiara's engagement ring, which she had taken from Tom's bedroom dresser during the thunderstorm, and scolded him for lying to Tiara about having an affair with her. As IF she ever would! Tom was a loser! And DEFINITELY not on her dance card!

May he rest in peace!