

PART I: ESSAY QUESTION

Al and Bee decided to host a dinner at their estate and invited friends to an evening of “murder, mystery, and masquerade.” Bee hired actors for the evening to act as invited guests but enact a story line involving international secret agents, their lovers, and enemies. No one would know who was an actual guest versus a hired actor. Everyone was required to come in costume. Al planned to fatally poison Bee by serving her improperly prepared fugu (pufferfish) sushi.

Dean and Ed had been in a relationship for over a year. Although Ed had tried to break off the relationship several times, Dean was violent and threatened to kill Ed and his family. When Dean and Ed were hired as actors for Al and Bee’s mystery murder party, Ed asked his friend Fiona to help him kill Dean at the party. Fiona agreed because she hated Dean’s abusive behavior to Ed. Ed told Fiona that Dean would be dressed in a black Spiderman costume and Ed would be in a red Spiderman costume. Hidden in a tree, Fiona planned to shoot Dean using a high powered rifle. At the last minute before the party, Dean and Ed switched costumes. Just as Fiona aimed, ready to shoot the black Spiderman (Ed), she changed her mind and decided to go home. At that moment, a bat flew into Fiona, jostling her and she pulled the trigger, fatally shooting Gil, another guest at the party.

Although Ida was not invited to the party, she was able to sneak in past the security dressed as Supergirl. When offered a cigarette of marijuana to smoke, Ida gladly accepted. Unknown to Ida, the marijuana was laced with PCP a hallucinogenic drug. After smoking the drugs, Ida became disoriented and violent. She grabbed a kitchen knife and slashed Hector one of the guests. Hector grabbed a knife to defend himself and fatally stabbed Jax.

Rolf arrived at the party dressed as Jack the Ripper. Assuming the identity of Jack the Ripper triggered a psychotic episode for Rolf who had been sexually abused as an alter boy. Rolf grabbed Bee, ripped her dress, and tried to have intercourse with her. Bee was unable to speak or move because of the paralyzing effects of the fugu poison. Tyra, Uma, and Vil watched Rolf and clapped in encouragement, uncertain whether Rolf and Bee were pretending. As Rolf began to have intercourse, the combination of the stress and poison caused Bee’s heart to fail and she died.

The police have taken all survivors into custody.

What crimes should be charged? What defenses should be raised?

If Rolf has been found guilty of several sexual assaults, is chemical castration a constitutional form of punishment?

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