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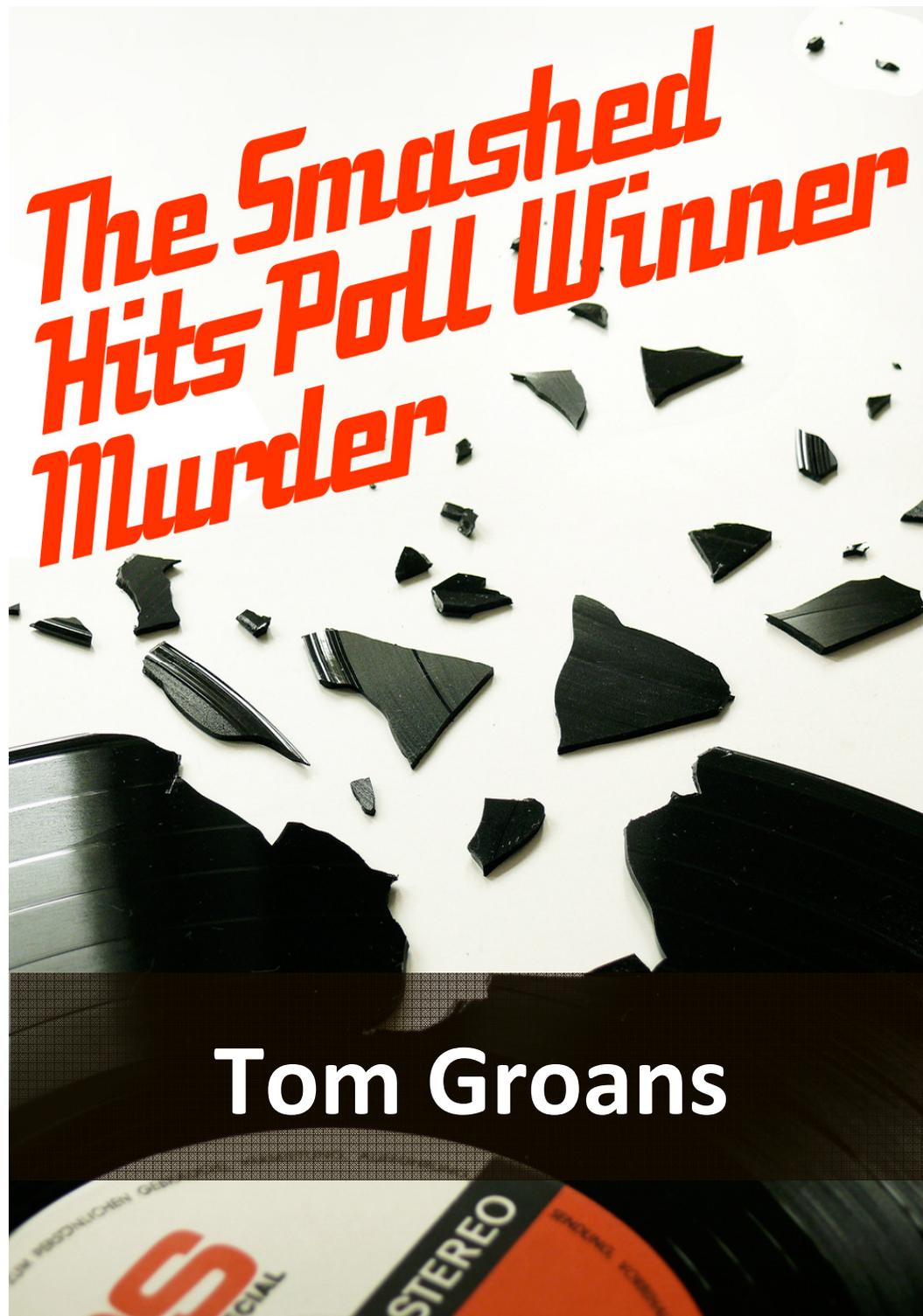
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**The Smashed
Hits Poll Winner
Murder**



Tom Groans

Congratulations! You are taking part in a murder mystery by Red Herring Games.

A few simple instructions to help you along:

Firstly: Don't Panic!

This booklet contains all the information you need as a guest to help you act your part throughout the murder mystery party.

The first page provides you with additional background information to help you get into character, however there are no special acting abilities required and you can make as much or as little of your character as you wish.

After that on each page you are given either something to read out (dialogue), questions to ask, or information to help you answer questions you will be asked. These questions and answers are not intended to be read out word for word. Instead read them, digest the information and then ask and answer any questions in your own words. You are encouraged to ad lib, but it is very important you do not lie, so please provide the information contained within your booklet when asked.

Your host for the evening will direct you where necessary and tell you when to move on to the next round when the time is right.

If you are the murderer you will not be told. When you finally come to guess who did it – it could easily be you and feel free to point the finger at yourself if you feel you must!

And lastly: Have fun!

Tom Groans

Background Character Information:

Keep this information to yourself, and use it to help you to act in character throughout the mystery:

You are so in love with yourself it is scary! You are THE man. You know, of all the other people here, you are the only singer worth anything, and ladies just adore you.

In fact all the screaming fans have quite gone to your head. You know they all want your body, (who wouldn't – you are a sex bomb!) so make sure you make a big thing of making them keep back, but teasing them at the same time by showing off your pelvic rotations.

You have a fabulously deep, rich voice, so if you can, try and sing the occasional lines such as "Why, Why, Why – do you think such and such."

Tom Groans

Introductions:

Use the following dialogue to introduce yourself to the other guests, speaking when indicated below.

Tom Groans speaks first using the following dialogue:

Well I have to say this is most unusual! I mean it's not unusual to be loved by anyone – but murdered? That's something else entirely! My name is Tom Groans, you might know of me as the sex bomb of the pop world. And I have to say it's not entirely undeserved – I mean I am sexy – I have fans positively lusting over me whenever I walk on stage, and if I happen to brush past any on my way in or out of a building – well, they just collapse!

After you have heard from everyone, please continue reading and begin round 1.

Scripted Dialogue Round 1

Tom Groans	I should have listened to my mum. Momma told me not to come, and now look what's happened.
Mimi Mia	Poor Tom. Try not to let it worry you. It's a real crazy world we live in. Sometimes you've just got to take a chance, and follow your instincts.
Mike Jaggedy	A bit like tumbling dice. Sometimes you get a six, and sometimes you get knocked for one.
May Donna	Still, at least we've all lived to die another day.
Elton Gone	That's really reassuring May, thanks (not)!
Katie Shrub	Yeah, thanks May, you always did have a tendency to drop in the old verbal hand grenade. You just pull out the pin, let it drop and see what happens next. Usually a cat fight where you are concerned!

Cont.

Mimi Mia

And one that goes on and on and on!

Elton Gone

You are quite right Mimi – I've seen the kind! So let's do what Inspector Stung suggested instead and begin a little enquiry of our own.

Tom Groans - First Round

Questions you should ask:

Do Mike Jaggedy and Doug Beldof share anything in common other than music?

Katie Shrub said she was a good friend of Doug. How long has she known him?

Information you should reveal about yourself only when asked.

You saw Doug Beldof just once before tonight. He walked ahead of you into the Awards hall last year to screaming crowds. It was all something to do with his organisational role in the Elastoplast concert – nothing to do with his talent as a singer – which quite frankly is poor. You were going to meet him properly tonight for the first time.

You on the other hand have steadily drawn in crowds through your sheer musical brilliance, and sex appeal – of course! At the moment you have just over 2 million fans worldwide. Obviously you can't communicate with all of them, but you have a very good team of people on the fan club side who reply to every letter for you.

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Scripted Dialogue Round 2

- Tom Groans** It's the why, why, why of it that I can't understand. Why would anyone hate Doug enough to kill him?
- Mimi Mia** What worries me more is that it was one of us that did it!
- Mike Jaggedy** You know how it is Mimi – us rock stars are not all the respectable people we maintain. All of us have dirty secrets.
- May Donna** Speak for yourself! Some of us are just like a virgin when it comes to the politics of pop.
- Elton Gone** I hope you aren't referring to yourself May. Whenever I've seen you I've always thought "Hey – the bitch is back!"
- May Donna** Gee - thanks!
- Mimi Mia** Just listen to yourselves! We should be pulling together at a time like this!

Cont.

Tom Groans

I agree, all this bickering is enough to make a grown man cry!

Katie Shrub

And that would be very moving. On the plus side however, I am just glad the rest of us are still breathing.

Mike Jaggedy

And that's supposed to be reassuring is it? Great! Shall we just get back to work then?

Tom Groans - Second Round

Questions you should ask:

Did Elton Gone have anything to do with the Elastoplast concert other than singing?

Doug Beldof was a judge at one of the music awards last year. Does May Donna recall which one? And what award was she up for?

Information you should reveal about yourself only when asked.

Although you have a lot of fans (2,323,728 to be precise, you know Doug Beldof was actually ahead of you in the fan stakes by 1,256. It may not seem like much, but given that he has such a poor singing voice it has you a little cross. After all, you could have organised Elastoplast, it was just that you didn't have time as you were fitting in all your concerts – can't go upsetting the fans now can you?

As it was you actually agreed to perform for the Elastoplast live concert, waived your usual fee, and gave up 2 minutes of your time for a quick sound bite on the single release. But the fans still flocked to Doug. Grrr. Still, now he's dead you ought to make a little headway!

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Scripted Dialogue Round 3

Tom Groans	I wish this had all happened to some other guy! I'm not sure whether it was the champagne, or trying to work out who is the murderer; but I've really got a bad headache now. My mum always used to kiss it better...
May Donna	Well you needn't look at me! I've never pretended to be crazy for you – and I want to live to tell another day.
Mike Jaggedy	Whoa! Who do you think you are May? Hot stuff? I wouldn't want a kiss from you if you were the last girl on earth!
Katie Shrub	And if I were the last girl on earth I wouldn't want to kiss either you or Tom! Still, we don't want to be bickering right now, we need a deeper understanding of what happened tonight to try and solve this murder.
Elton Gone	I agree. I don't want to let the sun go down on this enquiry without us having solved it.
Mimi Mia	Well, the way I see it. It's either going to be about love or money, money, money.

Cont.

Mike Jaggedy

Its so funny.

Katie Shrub

In a rich man's world.

Tom Groans

Shall we crack on?

Tom Groans - Third Round

Questions you should ask:

You saw Mimi Mia enter the men's toilets earlier this evening. What was she doing in there?

You saw Doug Beldof and Elton Gone passing something small between them earlier – what was it?

Information you should reveal about yourself only when asked.

You have a bit of a sweet tooth and tend to go for sweet white wine rather than dry when given the choice. Tonight, the awards ceremony was only offering dry champagne for their nominees (they got a deal from a wine club you think) anyway, you came prepared and brought your little artificial sweeteners with you. When you got given your glass you dropped a few tablets inside, watched it fizz for a bit and then drank. Hmmm. Good stuff.

In fact – it was so much better than how it tasted originally you decided to go around the whole table and drop a tablet in each glass – that's how magnanimous you are! Doug would probably have drunk from one of the glasses when he arrived – he would probably have enjoyed the flavour too.

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Tom Groans

Concluding Statement

Use the following dialogue to summarise your position, speaking when indicated below.

Tom Groans speaks first using the following dialogue:

Okay – so I admit I was jealous of his success, but that doesn't make me a killer does it? And you can hardly say artificial sweeteners are poisonous – they've been around for ages with no noticeable side effects, except perhaps as a laxative, depending on the brand – but I can assure you these were top of the range! And certainly not poisonous!

After you have heard from all the guests make a prediction as to who the murderer is and why.

Tell the others.

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