

AT SEVEN O'CLOCK ON CHRISTMAS EVE IN CALIFORNIA, ROBERT WAS MAKING THE LAST PREPARATIONS TO WELCOME HIS GUEST. HE HEARD A NOISE FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE HOUSE AND WENT TO SEE WHAT IT WAS. IT WAS JUST THE NEIGHBOUR'S CAT THAT WAS MEWING. SOMEBODY KNOCKED AT THE DOOR. A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN DRESSED IN A RED EVENING GOWN ENTERED. SHE WAS ROBERT'S FIANCÉE. HER NAME WAS CAROLINA. THE TWO LOVERS DISCUSSED THEIR DAYS BEFORE HAVING THE TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS DINNER. AFTER DINNER, AS SHE WAS WASHING HER HANDS, THE YOUNG WOMAN DISCOVERED PHOTOGRAPHS OF ROBERT WITH AN OLDER WOMAN. AT THE BACK OF THESE PHOTOS, THERE WERE LOVE WORDS. CAROLINA BECAME CRAZY, TOOK THE GUN FROM ROBERT'S OFFICE AND WENT DOWN STAIRS. «BANG! BANG!» THE NEIGHBOURS HURRIED TO ROBERT'S HOUSE AND FOUND HIM LYING ON THE FLOOR.



MISTER ILYES MEGHERBI

ON CHRISTMAS EVE, MRS AND MR SMITH WERE AT HOME TO CELEBRATE THEIR FIRST ROMANTIC CHRISTMAS. WHILE MR SMITH WAS PREPARING THE MEAL, MRS SMITH WAS PUTTING PRESENTS UNDER THE CHRISTMAS TREE AND DECORATING THE FIREPLACE. THEY HAD DECIDED NOT TO MAKE A LIST AND TO BE ALLOWED TO CHOOSE WHAT THEY LIKED. LATER, WHEN MR SMITH CAME DOWN TO CHECK IF THE FOOD WAS READY, HE SAW A MAN WITH A CAP TAKING ALL THE PRESENTS. HE RAN AFTER THE THIEF AND SHOUTED TO HIS WIFE TO BRING THE GUN BUT THE THIEF STRUCK HIM ON THE HEAD WITH A CANDLESTICK. WHEN MRS SMITH CAME DOWN WITH THE GUN SHE SAW HER HUSBAND LYING ON THE FLOOR.



OCÉANE GAVARO

MR AND MRS PATTERSON LIVED IN A VAST HOUSE IN SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. MR PATTERSON WAS A DETECTIVE AND MRS PATTERSON WAS A HOUSEWIFE. THEY HAD TWO CHILDREN, JOHN AND BETTY. ON DECEMBER 24TH 1986, THE FAMILY HAD THEIR CHRISTMAS MEAL THEN BOTH CHILDREN WENT TO BED UPSTAIRS WHILE THEIR PARENTS STAYED IN THE LOUNGE. AT MIDNIGHT, MR PATTERSON WENT TO HIS ROOM TO GET THE CHRISTMAS PRESENTS. AS HE WAS LOOKING FOR THEM, HE DISCOVERED A PATERNITY TEST AND UNDERSTOOD THAT HE WAS NOT JOHN AND BETTY'S FATHER. HE ASKED HIS WIFE FOR EXPLANATIONS. SHE WAS PANICKED AND HIT HIM WITH A WOODEN LOG FROM THE FIRE PLACE. SHE RAN UPSTAIRS, WOKE UP HER CHILDREN AND EXPLAINED TO THEM THAT THEY HAD TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY. SHE PACKED SOME LUGGAGE AND CALLED HER CHILDREN'S REAL FATHER.



RAPHAEL OBADIA

ON DECEMBER 24TH, SOMETHING STRANGE HAPPENED TO THE LANQUETINS. MRS LANQUETIN WAS TIDYING UP THE HOUSE FOR CHRISTMAS EVE WHEN SHE HEARD A NOISE. IT COULD NOT BE MR LANQUETIN BECAUSE HE WAS IN THE BEDROOM WITH THEIR YOUNG BOY. NOISELESSLY, SHE WENT TO THE KITCHEN; IT WAS ONLY THE CAT WHICH HAD COME IN THROUGH THE WINDOW. SHE CLOSED THE WINDOW AND JOINED HER HUSBAND AND SON UPSTAIRS. SUDDENLY, THEY HEARD A GUNSHOT! THE PARENTS RAN DOWNSTAIR AND FOUND THE CAT DEAD. THEY LOOKED ROUND THE HOUSE, THEN MRS LANQUETIN RETURNED TO THE KITCHEN WHILE HER HUSBAND VERIFIED IF THEIR CHILD WAS WELL.



CASSANDRA JOLY

ON CHRISTMAS EVE A DELIGHTFUL WOMAN WAS GETTING READY UPSTAIRS TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH HER FAMILY. A MAN CAME BY THE HOUSE AND SAW SOME LIGHT. THIS MAN WAS LOOKED FOR BY THE POLICE AND HE WAS ARMED. WHEN HE HEARD THE POLICE APPROACH HE CAME INTO THE LIVING ROOM. HE HAD THE TIME TO THROW HIS GUN UNDERNEATH THE CHRISTMAS TREE AND LAY DOWN ON THE FLOOR. THE WOMAN HEARD A NOISE AND WENT DOWNSTAIRS VERY FAST WITH A GUN. AT THE BOTTOM OF THE STAIRCASE SHE SAW A MAN ON THE FLOOR.



LIONEL MARTINS

CINDY AND MARK HAD BEEN MARRIED FOR TWO YEARS. THEY WERE HAPPY AND LOVED EACH OTHER BUT ON CHRISTMAS EVE, CINDY KILLED HER HUSBAND MARK. WHY DID SHE DO THAT? THAT NIGHT CINDY WAS GETTING READY TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH HER HUSBAND. SHE HAD PUT ON HER MOST BEAUTIFUL DRESS. SHE WAS GOING DOWN WHEN SHE HEARD MARK'S PHONE RING. SHE WENT BACK TO HER BEDROOM AND TOOK THE PHONE. MARK HAD RECEIVED A NEW MESSAGE FROM A CERTAIN LINDA. SHE HESITATED BEFORE READING IT. IT WAS WRITTEN «I MISS YOU, SEE YOU AT 7 PM.» SHE COULDN'T BELIEVE WHAT SHE SAW. SHE SHIVERED AND SHE WENT DOWNSTAIRS. MARK ASKED HER IF SHE WAS FINE AND SHE SAID SHE WAS OK. THEN, MARK WENT UPSTAIRS. TEN MINUTES LATER, HE WENT DOWNSTAIRS AGAIN WITH HIS COAT ON, AND WHEN CINDY ASKED HIM WHERE HE WAS GOING, HE SAID: «I'M GOING TO WORK DARLING!» «ON CHRISTMAS EVE? ARE YOU SURE?», SHE SAID. MARK WAS GOING TO LEAVE WHEN SHE TOOK A GUN FROM A CLOSET AND KILLED HIM. SHE WAS AFRAID SO SHE TOOK THE DEAD BODY AND BURIED HIM IN HER GARDEN.



MONIA OUENDADJI

Murder at the Johnsons'



DURING CHRISTMAS NIGHT A TRAGEDY TOOK PLACE IN A BIG HOUSE. THE JOHNSONS, A COUPLE OF NEWLYWEDS, WERE THE RICH OWNERS OF THIS HOUSE. IN THE NIGHT TWO CRIMINALS WITH GUNS BROKE INTO THE HOUSE. BETTY JOHNSON WAS IN HER BEDROOM AND HER HUSBAND WAS IN THE LIVING ROOM. AT MIDNIGHT BETTY TOOK HER HUSBAND'S GUN AND WENT DOWNSTAIRS. THE SCENE WAS HORRIBLE: MR JOHNSON WAS DEAD, LYING FACE DOWN ON THE CARPET. THE PRESENTS UNDER THE CHRISTMAS TREE WERE UNPACKED...



ROSELANE ETTALI

IN THE EVENING OF DECEMBER 24TH, A PARTY HAD BEEN ORGANIZED BY THE TRICKS. EVERYBODY WAS DANCING, EATING, DRINKING WHEN THE LIGHT WENT OFF. SURPRISED, SAHRA TRICK CALLED HER HUSBAND. BUT HE DID NOT ANSWER. THE LIGHT RETURNED. MRS TRICK APOLOGIZED BUT SHE PREFERRED TO STOP THE PARTY. WHEN THE GUESTS HAD LEFT, SHE LOOKED FOR HER HUSBAND. WHEN SHE ARRIVED AT THE TOP OF THE STAIRCASE THE LIGHT WENT OFF AGAIN AND SHE HEARD A CRY FROM THE LIVING ROOM. SHE GOT PANICKED AND DECIDED TO TAKE HER HUSBAND'S GUN. SHE WENT DOWNSTAIRS AND THE LIGHT WAS ON AGAIN. UNDER THE VERY TALL CHRISTMAS TREE THE PRESENTS HAD BEEN UNWRAPPED. NEXT TO THEM SHE SAW HER HUSBAND LYING ON THE FLOOR.



MARINA FERNANDES

ON CHRISTMAS DAY, IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, IN A HOUSE ENCIRCLED BY POLICEMEN, A CRIME HAD BEEN COMMITTED. THE VICTIM WAS A 23-YEAR-OLD LAWYER NAMED STEVEN HYDE. THE POLICE FOUND HIM DEAD IN THE LIVING ROOM. THE PRINCIPAL SUSPECT WAS HIS WIFE, MARIA HYDE, WHO WAS HOLDING A GUN NEXT TO HIM. THE OTHER SUSPECTS WERE THE MAID AND MRS HYDE'S FRIEND, MISS ANITA. THE DETECTIVE EXAMINED THE GUN AND LOOKED AT THE THREE SUSPECTS. THE MURDERER WAS MISS ANITA BECAUSE HE HAD FOUND A SHORT CURLY BLACK HAIR ON THE REVOLVER. ANITA WAS IN LOVE WITH MR HYDE AND HAD KILLED HIM OUT OF DESPAIR AND REVENGE.



ADAM BEKKAL



JAMES AND HIS WIFE CHRISTIE DECIDED TO SPEND CHRISTMAS EVE TOGETHER. CHRISTIE WENT UPSTAIRS TO PUT ON A RED NIGHT DRESS FOR HER HUSBAND. WHEN SHE WAS IN THE BEDROOM SHE HEARD A BIG NOISE: "BANG!" SO SHE TOOK HER GUN AND RAN DOWNSTAIRS. SHE STOPPED WHEN SHE SAW JAMES LYING FACE DOWN ON THE CARPET. AT THE SAME TIME SHE LOOKED AT THE PRESENTS: ONE OF THEM HAD BEEN UNWRAPPED; A GIFT HAD BEEN REPLACED BY A NOTE WHICH READ: "YOU'LL BE THE NEXT"...

AMINA BOUARFA



A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN WITH LONG BLOND HAIR WAS ON THE PHONE WITH HER HUSBAND WHEN SHE HEARD HIM SHOUT: "PLEASE, PLEASE WHY? OH MY GOD, OH MY GOD, BANG!!" SHE TOOK A GUN FROM HER CAR AND WHEN SHE WENT BACK HOME SHE DISCOVERED HER HUSBAND LYING ON THE FLOOR. WAS HE DEAD OR ALIVE? SHE KNEW HE WAS IN DANGER BECAUSE OF THE SCIENCE BOOK HE WAS WRITING. BUT WHO COULD HAVE KILLED JUST FOR A BOOK? WHAT A HORRIBLE CHRISTMAS...

AIMEN ESSID

ON CHRISTMAS DAY MR AND MRS GARRY WERE QUARRELLING: MR GARRY ACCUSED HIS WIFE OF HAVING A LOVE AFFAIR WITH JASON SMITH, THEIR NEIGHBOUR. MISTER GARRY DECIDED TO INVITE JASON FOR CHRISTMAS EVE. HE WAS UPSTAIRS WHILE THE TWO LOVERS WERE HAVING A LONG DISCUSSION. MRS GARRY TOLD JASON SMITH THAT SHE WOULDN'T LEAVE HER HUSBAND. MR SMITH TRIED TO CHANGE HER MIND, BUT IN VAIN. WHEN MR GARRY WENT DOWNSTAIRS, JASON GOT CRAZY, TOOK HIS GUN AND SHOT MR GARRY.

JULIE GODEFROY



IN NEW YORK, ON THE 24TH OF DECEMBER, ALL THE NEW YORKERS WERE CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS HAPPILY EXCEPT FOR A COUPLE. AT 9 PM, JOHN STEWART AND JENNY JEFFERSON HAD FINISHED DINNER. JENNY WENT TO HER BEDROOM TO GET HER FAVOURITE DRESS: A LOW-CUT RED EVENING GOWN. AS SHE WAS PUTTING IT ON, SHE HEARD A BIG NOISE AND JOHN CALLING FOR HELP, SO SHE TOOK A GUN HIDDEN UNDER HER BED AND RAN DOWN THE STAIRS. BUT WHEN SHE ARRIVED, IT WAS TOO LATE; SHE FOUND JOHN LYING FACE DOWN ON THE CARPET, COVERED IN BLOOD.

MOHAMED KADDOUR



MRS JOHNSON WAS A FAMOUS PHOTOGRAPHER WHO LIKED HER JOB. SHE LIVED WITH HER HUSBAND MAX AND HER TWO CHILDREN, ROSE AND LEO. MRS JOHNSON OFTEN RETURNED HOME VERY LATE. ON CHRISTMAS EVE SHE WANTED TO MAKE A SURPRISE TO HER HUSBAND AND CHILDREN AND RETURNED EARLY BUT NOBODY WAS AT HOME. THERE WAS NO NOISE AND SHE BEGAN TO WORRY. SHE STARTED TO LOOK IN ALL THE ROOMS UPSTAIRS BUT THEN SHE HEARD FOOTSTEPS FROM THE LOUNGE. SHE WENT DOWNSTAIRS SLOWLY AND DISCOVERED HER HUSBAND LYING BY THE CHRISTMAS TREE. SHE SHOOK HIM BUT HE DIDN'T REACT. SHE RUSHED TO THE TELEPHONE AND CALLED THE POLICE. HER HUSBAND HAD BEEN MURDERED AND HER TWO CHILDREN WERE MISSING...

MARINE LEMOUX



THE TRAGEDY TOOK PLACE IN MR JORDAN'S HOUSE. IT WAS IN THE EVENING OF THE 24TH OF DECEMBER. MARIE AND MARK WENT BACK HOME AFTER HAVING SPENT CHRISTMAS EVE WITH FRIENDS. MARIE WAS HAVING A SHOWER WHEN SHE HEARD SCREAMS. SHE WANTED TO SEE WHAT HAPPENED, AND TOOK A GUN. SHE SAW HER BOYFRIEND DEAD IN THE FLOOR NEXT TO THE FIREPLACE. SHE WAS SHOCKED AND CALLED THE POLICE. SHE DID NOT UNDERSTAND WHAT HAPPENED TO HER. THE POLICEMEN DISCOVERED MARIE WITH A GUN. SHE SAID TO THE POLICE THAT IT WAS NOT HER BUT THE POLICEMEN DID NOT BELIEVE HER. SHE STRUGGLED AND SHOT ONE OF THE POLICEMEN BY ACCIDENT. HAD SHE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THAT CRIME? IT WAS A MYSTERY...

BRYAN AMARI



ON CHRISTMAS EVE, A MAN CALLED MRS PACHINO ON THE PHONE AND SAID "I WANT A GIFT FOR CHRISTMAS OR I WILL KILL YOUR HUSBAND" AND HE HUNG UP. MRS PACHINO TOLD HER HUSBAND THAT HE HAD TO MAKE A GIFT FOR THE UNKNOWN MAN OR HE WOULD DIE. MR PACHINO PUT 10,000 \$ IN AN ENVELOPE AND PUT IT UNDER THE TREE. FIVE MINUTES LATER, MRS PACHINO HEARD A NOISE, WENT DOWNSTAIRS WITH A GUN, AND DISCOVERED A DEAD BODY...

MINH-TRI NGUYEN



SARAH, A 25-YEAR-OLD MODEL, LIVED IN QUEENS, NEW YORK WITH HER BOYFRIEND PAUL. SHE RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM HER MODELLING AGENCY, SAYING THAT ANOTHER GIRL HAD BEEN KILLED. THREE MODELS HAD BEEN MURDERED WITHIN A MONTH AND THE NYPD HAD BEEN INVESTIGATING. ON A WEDNESDAY MORNING, INSPECTOR ADAM QUESTIONED PAUL AND SARAH ABOUT THE VICTIMS: PAUL WAS A FAMOUS PHOTOGRAPHER IN NEW YORK AND HE HAD TAKEN PHOTOS OF THE THREE MODELS. THEY COULDN'T STAY LONG BECAUSE THEY BOTH HAD TO TAKE PICTURES FOR THE CHRISTMAS ISSUE OF THE NEW YORKER. WHEN THEY LEFT, THE INSPECTOR LOOKED AT THE PHOTOS CLOSELY AND REALIZED THAT SARAH WAS IN GREAT DANGER. HE DROVE TO THEIR APARTMENT QUICKLY. WHEN HE ARRIVED, THE DOOR WAS OPEN. HE WENT IN AND SAW PAUL LYING BY THE CHRISTMAS TREE AND SARAH STANDING ON THE STAIRS WITH A GUN IN HER RIGHT HAND. THE SERIAL KILLER WAS DEAD.

SOFIA SELMOUNI