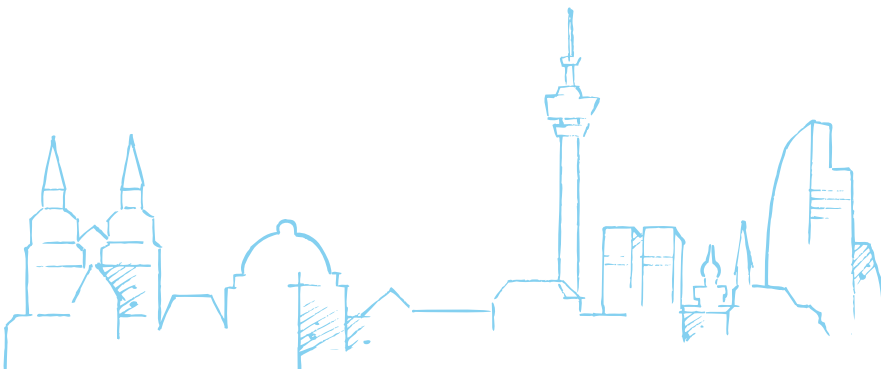


Resolution

Kevin Doogood, who is to be the keynote speaker at the big gala in the town of Chocville, is no longer able to deliver his speech. Even before the official part begins, he collapses and cannot be revived even by the emergency doctor.

He was allergic to the nuts in the topping of the cupcakes. As an allergy sufferer, he always played it safe and did not eat anything he did not know the ingredients of. He had already eaten these cupcakes before. So something was wrong with them...

Was it all a tragic accident or did someone have their fingers in the pie?



There are enough motives:

Does **Jane Doogood** have a motive to dispatch her husband? She knew about his life-threatening nut allergy. As a private investigator she certainly had the best opportunities to monitor her husband. Who knows what kind of skeletons she found in his closet? Maybe his affair with Rebecca?

Rebecca, the town's marketing director, had actually fallen head over heels in love with Kevin and had a brief but passionate affair with him, which he quickly ended, though. Rebecca knew at the time that he was married, but not that she knew his wife Jane from the Zumba class. At the gala evening, she wanted to ask him for a second chance, but he quickly brushed her off. Did she lose it? After all, she was seen in the kitchen...

Nikos Zanidis is actually a good friend of Kevin's and would certainly do nothing that could threaten his health. On the other hand, he was deeply in love with Jane, Kevin's wife, and he still had a big debt to pay back to him. He too was in the kitchen just before Kevin's death.

John Rock, the president of the Chocville Heritage Society, is the proud owner of a bull breeding estate, and Jane's father. His relationship with his son-in-law was very difficult. John was convinced that not only had Kevin taken his daughter, but also denounced him to the veterinary office. The samples are still being analysed and a positive finding could mean the end of his entire bull breeding operation. Did John want to take revenge?

But not only John's existence was being threatened, so was **Andrew Mason's**. Kevin had found out that Andrew used stones in his natural stone distribution business that had been produced by child labour. Many customers now request certificates that preclude child labour. Andrew, who had been awarded the town's contract for the paving of the new market square, could have forgotten this major commission had Kevin gone public with his knowledge. Did Kevin have to be wasted for this reason?

Yusuf Karaca, the managing director of the ShopHere supermarket, noticed a massive decline in sales soon after the opening of 'Fair Space', Kevin's shop. Surely not a reason to kill someone, is it?

Natalia, Yusuf's girlfriend, owns the well-established catering business 'Delibites', which was responsible for the guests' gala dinner. However, she also employs a lot of clandestine workers in her company. Maybe Kevin knew about this? After all, it was Natalia who handed Kevin the deadly cupcake.

Frank Bellows, Natalia's business partner whose large company supplies her with Fair Trade products, definitely knew about the clandestine workers. It was he who asked her to mix the nuts into the topping of the cupcakes and to offer one to Kevin. Natalia was afraid of reprisals and complied with his instructions. She was not aware that this would make her complicit in a murder case.

But why did Kevin have to die?

Through his wife's detective work he had acquired explosive information. While some of the products sold by Frank's 'Fair Space' comply with standards, the rest are cheap imports provided with counterfeit labels and incorrect information. A clear case of fraud!

Kevin decided to drop the bomb at the gala in his opening speech and to uncover Bellows's machinations. Regrettably, out of nervousness he had left his speech in the toilet. Frank found the speech, learned about Kevin's intention and had to act quickly. Since he knew about Kevin's allergy, he only saw this one option. He got hazelnuts in the nearby ShopHere supermarket, pressured Natalia to mix them into the topping of the cupcakes, and the rest is history...

