

KIM OK, I suppose we should get a few details first. Name?

ROBYN Robyn Brennan 39 Wheeler St Clayfield

KIM Married?

ROBYN Widowed.

KIM When did your husband die?

ROBYN Which one?

KIM How many are there?

ROBYN 4 well no 5, I always forget the first one. Gerry died of a heart attack in 83. Anton was next; he died in 89, then there was Donald in 97, Willy in 2002 and then of course Frankie died today.

KIM Today?!

ROBYN Yes (*looks at her watch*) He'll be dead by now, probably for almost an hour.

KIM Where is he?

ROBYN At home.

KIM How did he die?

ROBYN Poison. They all died of poison, except Gerry of course.

KIM What sort of poison could kill four of your husbands over a period of 23 years?

ROBYN Well I couldn't tell you that, I might need it again.

KIM Are you about to confess a crime to me?

ROBYN Some people might call it that but I ...

KIM I'm sorry... we have to stop right here. If I know you are guilty, I am seriously limited in the sorts of defences I can assist you with. It is much better for you if you tell me everything short of confessing the crime.

ROBYN I don't think I'm guilty of anything; besides I don't need a lawyer **to defend me**, I just need some help with this problem.

KIM Oh, OK, ummm ... has this, er ... have these deaths come to the attention of the police?

ROBYN Oh no, I am very careful about that too.

KIM I'm sure you are.

ROBYN You have to get the dosage right in case there's an autopsy. You have to prepare for everything you know.

KIM There were autopsies?

ROBYN Only for Gerry. You see in most states, if the deceased has seen a doctor in the three months before death then a death certificate is more likely to be issued and an autopsy is not required.

KIM And they all saw doctors in that time period?

ROBYN Yes, I gave them a little something to make their hearts race and beat a little irregularly ... just enough to give the doctor cause for concern and sow the seed in his mind that their hearts were not in the best of shape.

KIM But even so surely some police officer has noticed that you have remarkably bad luck with husbands?

ROBYN No, not at all, that is the benefit of living in a federation, Gerry and Anton died in Victoria, Donald in South Australia, Willy in New South Wales and now Frankie here in Queensland. I hated to move all the time, dreadfully inconvenient. But you have to do what you have to do.

KIM Mrs Brennan, What exactly is it you want *me* to do?

ROBYN I want the house of course.

KIM Which house?

ROBYN MY house of course!

KIM Whose name is on the title now?

ROBYN My husband Frankie, I picked up the will after I gave him the tea with the poison and realised he hadn't put my name as the beneficiary.