



Medieval Madness

**Do not read any
further unless you
want to know who
the murderer is!**

The following pages contain the full story.

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The Full Story

Read through this at the end of the game and ask the group questions as you go to keep them involved.

You can read the “Nutshell” version to be quick, or The Full Story for all the events.

In A Nutshell Version (Summary)

The battle today was ferocious and many were killed.

To motivate the troops, Queen Madge Estee had many people tortured.

Finally, Madge Estee won the battle and her rival Sir Osis of the Liver took the knee and pledged fealty to her.

At this feast tonight, Madge Estee was given gifts by the lords.

Sir Osis of the Liver gave her a bottle of eucalyptus oil that is very toxic.

Lance Aboil told Maid Mybed, wife of Sir Osis of the Liver how toxic the oil was.

Maid Mybed had her childhood friend Jess Terr distract the queen while her other friend Maddi Eval snuck behind the queen.

The queen sent her guard Knight Mare away to release Shane Mail.

While the queen was laughing and Knight Mare was away, Maddi Eval poured the oil into her goblet of mead.

The queen took a large gulp of the poisoned mead and died not long after.

So, Maddi Eval is the murderer.

The Full Story

As you know, our glorious Queen Madge Estee was poisoned after winning a hard day of battle against her long-standing rival Sir Osis of the Liver of the Rustiarmour Dynasty.

Q) What did the dead queen smell of?

A) Eucalyptus oil

The Rivalry

Madge Estee, is the queen of the Rottingham Empire and Sir Osis of the Liver is lord of Rustiarmour County and wannabe King. The two have enjoyed a long and murderous rivalry.

Maid Mybed's Childhood

Despite living outside the Rottingham Empire, as a child Maid Mybed would often travel to markets close to the castle to help her father Ray Bees sell goods. During these visits she became best friends with Maddi Eval and Jess Terr.

Maddi Eval and Jess Terr would tell Maid Mybed about all the horrible things that Madge Estee would do to the people. One time, Madge Estee hung Mal Nutrition in an iron cage off the side of the castle for a whole month with no food. After many visits to the Rottingham Empire, Maid Mybed pledged to her friends Maddi Eval and Jess Terr that one day she would put an end to the tyranny of the evil Madge Estee.

Maid Mybed as the eldest daughter of a lord was quite the catch. She searched for the most powerful potential husband in Rustiarmour County. She was pleased that Sir Osis of the Liver was a good man and commanded the most powerful army in Rustiarmour.

The Battle and Motivating the Troops

With hundreds of men and women facing off against each other, the call to charge was given by Madge Estee. Anne Tiquity bravely led her army during battle, but it wasn't enough for Madge Estee. She said, "Bring forth your best soldier and into the Iron Maiden they go!" Anne Tiquity presented Mace Myhead her best soldier, but pleaded with Madge Estee to spare him.

Q) What saved Mace Myhead's life?

A) The long spikes of the Iron Maiden were at the blacksmiths for sharpening and so he was just punctured a little bit.

After the first 15 minutes of battle, Queen Madge Estee was getting a little tired. "Have we won yet?" She kept asking. "I'm bored, send my jester Jess Terr in to entertain me." Said the queen.

Q) What did the queen do when Jess Terr didn't alleviate the boredom?

A) She had the thumb screws applied.

Madge Estee said to Knight Mare, "This battle is taking too long. I think the peasants need some motivation. Bring me one of those dirty people." Knight Mare rode his horse through the middle of the battle and scooped up Carrie Disease and returned to the queen.

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Q) What did the queen do to Carrie Disease?

A) She put her on the Catherine wheel and decreed, "Break her just enough to motivate the troops but not so much that she can't go back out into battle!"

The battle raged on but became bogged down with neither side looking strong. When the battle wasn't going well, Madge Estee figured that God needed a prod.

Q) What did the queen do to motivate God?

A) She had clergy member Fryer Sausage put on the rack, "Stretch him just a little bit", was the command.

The Charge

At one point in the battle, Sir Osis of the Liver had a clear line of sight between him and Madge Estee. He called to his most trusted knight, Lance Aboil to attack. With his lance under his arm, he rode his trusty steed at full tilt. Lance Aboil lowered his lance and was fixated on driving it through Madge Estee's heart. However, when Shane Mail saw what was happening he yelled, "Thou shalt not smite my queen!" Shane Mail ran between Madge Estee and the galloping Lance Aboil.

Lance Aboil's lance drove into Shane Mail's chain mail which deflected the lance to the ground. Like the world's most powerful pole vault, Lance Aboil was lifted from his horse and catapulted over Queen Madge Estee's head.

Q) What did Lance Aboil do while flying through the air?

A) Pulled off the queen's wig.

As Lance Aboil flew over Madge Estee's head, he managed to reach down and pull off her wig. Madge Estee was incensed by this and had Lance Aboil flayed. She decreed, "have him flayed but then stitch his skin back on, good knights are expensive and hard to replace." "Put Shane Mail in the stocks. Now everyone knows I wear a wig. I am totes embarrassed." Said Madge Estee even after Shane Mail saved her life.

The Tides Turn

After hours of battle the tides were turning in favour of Queen Madge Estee. The field of battle was a horrible sight. There were hundreds of bodies and dead horses everywhere.

Finally, Madge Estee, Queen of the Rottingham Empire defeated Sir Osis of the Liver, Lord of Rustiarmour County and forced him to take the knee and pledge fealty to her.

Q) What did the queen do to Sir Osis before accepting his surrender?

A) She had him run around the battlefield with his pants around his ankles.

On his return, despite his embarrassment and having accepted his loss in battle, Sir Osis of the Liver took the knee and pledged fealty to Madge Estee. This brought today's battle to an end and firmly entrenched Madge Estee as the queen supreme. Madge Estee had most subjects receiving torture released and invited all participants from both sides of battle to the great hall for a big feast.

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The Feast

This brings us to tonight's feast. No matter your background, Her Royal Highness, Madge Estee has invited you all here for this marvellous feast. You have all fought well today and now that the battle is over, and Madge Estee is the rightful queen we can all live in peace and harmony.

Madge Estee decided that she should go and mingle with the common folk that were here at the feast. First, she walked up to Carrie Disease and put out her hand for Carrie to kiss it. Carrie reached for her hand but because her arm had been broken on the Catherine wheel it just kind of dangled.

A Warning From God

After Madge Estee put Fryer Sausage on the rack, his fellow clergy Cath Olic-Guilt and Mona Stery watched all the other horrible things she did to people during the battle. They knew they needed to save the people of the Rottingham Empire. They went to speak with Madge Estee to see if they could change her, but, they couldn't.

They all said to the queen that she had sinned and that she had to atone for her sins. They told her she must say 1000 Hail Mary's for her sins.

Q) What did the queen do in response to this suggestion?

A) She ordered that Mona Stery be burnt at the stake.

Cath Olic-Guilt said, "Yes your majesty," she curtsied, walked off but refused to carry out the punishment. Luckily, Madge Estee has a short memory and had already drunk a lot of mead from her goblet.

The Gifts

As a part of the celebration, all the lords here brought a gift for Madge Estee. Her direction was, "Should I win the battle, bring me gifts from the far corners of the Earth. Spare no expense and risk any life or limb it will take to bring me these gifts."

Q) What did Sir Osis of the Liver and Anne Tiquity bring?

A) Eucalyptus oil and truffle oil respectively.

Sir Osis of the Liver (he must have known he would lose) brought Madge Estee the oil of the eucalypt, from the plant *Eucalyptus deglupta* found in a faraway country.

Q) Where does the plant *Eucalyptus deglupta* grow?

A) The Philippines (true), Australia wasn't discovered by Europeans yet.

Anne Tiquity brought Madge Estee the oil of the truffle from France. Madge Estee looked at the two gifts and was mildly pleased. What am I going to do with eucalyptus oil and truffle oil? She thought.

While talking at the feast, Lance Aboil told Maid Mybed that his best friend Stu Darabbit led the party that went to collect the eucalyptus oil from the Philippines. Many people got very sick on that mission such as his friends Mal Aria and Tai Foyd. "All to get that horrible queen a gift," he said.

Maid Mybed said to Lance Aboil, "Aren't you angry at my husband for sending them?" Lance Aboil replied, "No, eucalyptus oil is very toxic. Sir Osis wanted it in the castle so that an assassin could use it to poison Madge Estee. Didn't you tell your wife Sir Osis?"

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By this point, Lance Aboil had drunk a lot of mead and was probably talking a bit louder than he should have. He starred daggers at a mead filled queen and was ready to act.

Maid Mybed told Lance Aboil that his lance charge on the queen was the bravest thing she had ever seen. She confided in him that Sir Osis of the Liver still wanted to be king and that there would be a special place at court for Lance Aboil if this ever happened.

Q) Did Lance Aboil kill the queen?

A) No.

Angry Subjects

Many people here tonight are angry at Madge Estee. People fought, were wounded, and died for her and many of them were put to torture as their only reward. At least the food here is good tonight.

The battle is over, but as you can imagine, Sir Osis is not happy with this arrangement. He confided in his wife, Maid Mybed that as soon as he can raise another army, he will attack Madge Estee and become king. He told her that she would stand beside him as his queen.

Q) Did Sir Osis of the Liver kill the queen?

A) No.

Jess Terr

To lighten the mood, Madge Estee had Jess Terr perform for everyone. Madge Estee was roaring with laughter at the tales that Jess Terr was telling. While Jess Terr had the queen in fits of laughter, our assassin went to work, secretly pouring the eucalyptus oil in her goblet of mead.

The Speech

Knight Mare is Madge Estee's most trusted guard. He stands by her and will not let anyone get close to the queen without her say so. The queen ordered that he release Shane Mail from the stocks and Mace Myhead from the Iron Maiden. This gave our murderer the perfect opportunity. Knight Mare was away, and Madge Estee was distracted by Jess Terr's regaling and songs about today's grand battle. Knight Mare walked back into the room with Shane Mail and Mace Myhead.

Madge Estee then had Shane Mail brought up in front of all the guests at the feast. She took a large gulp of mead and said, "Today, this man saved my life. As I have no husband and no children, I am announcing that you will be my heir. From now on, Shane Mail shall be Heir Mail to represent how he made Lance Aboil fly!"

As the festivities and feast continued, our queen sat down to catch her breath. "Knight Mare, a jug of water," she said. At that moment Madge Estee went dizzy, stopped breathing and collapsed dead as a dodo, but she smelt very clean.

Clerical Murder

Cath Olic-Guilt said to Mona Stery and Fryer Sausage, "We need to send this queen to the almighty, but how?" Mona Stery replied, "I just overhead Lance Aboil talking to Maid Mybed about poison".

Q) Did one of the clergy kill the queen?

A) No.

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A Noble Death

After the queen's announcement making Shane Mail her heir, Mace Myhead, Anne Tiquity and Shane Mail were speaking and couldn't help but overhear what Lance Aboil had said to Maid Mybed about poison.

Anne Tiquity said to Mace Myhead and Shane Mail, "Mace you were my best soldier today and for that you were put in the Iron Maiden. Shane, you saved the queen's life and just because she lost her wig, and we all know she wears a wig, she put you in the stocks. Something must be done!"

Q) Did Anne Tiquity, Shane Mail or Mace Myhead kill the queen?

A) No.

The Murder

Maid Mybed had pledged at an early age that she would end the tyrannical rule of Madge Estee. Her husband couldn't do it on the battlefield, so she took matters into her own hands. Maid Mybed heard what Lance Aboil said about the eucalyptus oil and what it was capable of and said to our murderer, "While Jess Terr is distracting the queen, look for an opportunity to sneak behind the throne and pour the eucalyptus oil into her goblet of mead."

While the queen was distracted by Jess Terr and while Knight Mare was away collecting Shane Mail, Maid Mybed winked at our murderer who then did the deed. Our murderer reached up without anyone noticing, collected the eucalyptus oil that was next to Madge Estee and poured it into her goblet of mead.

Madge Estee, in the middle of a fit of laughter took a large gulp of her mead and threw her goblet away stating that it tasted funny. She did this just before she called Shane Mail forward with the good news of his promotion.

There are many people here that are highly motivated to kill the queen. Many have suffered at her hand, but it was a team of three that worked together to kill her.

So, with the assistance of Maid Mybed and Jess Terr, Maddi Eval is the murderer.

Everyone point your finger at Maddi Eval and say, "**Murderer!**"

It is a good idea to arrest Maddi Eval with some handcuffs.

You can now give out your certificates.

Notes