

Hulas and Homicide



She was known as the Hula Honcho. Winnie Waheli was the head judge at the annual hula contest on Kikiwai Beach. Once regarded as the most-accomplished dancer in all of Hawaii, Winnie's career abruptly ended two decades ago when one of her more strenuous moves produced a recurring medical problem that prevented her from ever competing again professionally. That's when she was hired by the Kikiwai Queen Hotel to organize and orchestrate the hula event.

Each year, Winnie made a point of meeting the competitors and talking to the press, all the while ensuring that she was the center of attention. Tonight would have been the night that Winnie and this year's hula extravaganza would once again make headlines. But all is not well in paradise, for someone must have taken exception to Winnie's overbearing antics. This morning, her lifeless body was found on the very beach where she had achieved both fame and fortune, the seeming victim of foul play.

Who would dare end the career of the maven of movement? Could someone have plotted the death of the darling of divatude? Or, was this just the result of a temper tantrum by a close associate? It would take a unique perspective and expert investigative skills to identify the guilty party.

The suspects ...

Leia Lailani

Champion hula dancer. She has won the competition for the last five years. She knows the advantages of being in Winnie's good graces.

Pono Pahu

Drummer. His rumbling rhythms have provided the perfect backdrop for the gyrating gestures of the deliberate dancers.

Hanna Hobart

Amateur hula champion. Even though she was raised in New England, Hanna has been getting rave reviews for her interpretation of traditional island dances. Some people say only Hawaiians should be hula dancers.

Norm Room

Owner of the Kikiwai Queen Hotel. He makes a lot of money during the competition. If Winnie ever decided to move the hula contest to another hotel, he could lose a ton of profits.

Minnie Molawi

Chief assistant judge. For the past ten years, Minnie has been a judge at the contest. She knows everything about Winnie - even more than she cares to know.

Mort Barks

Emcee of the event. When he sings "There she is, this our hula gal," it brings a tear to everyone's eye.

Flora Fauna

For years, she's been providing the flowers for the contest. Winnie always wants her way with flowers - especially when she makes a special request.

Mitch Awave

Surfer. In his quest to find the ultimate wave, he discovered Kikiwai Beach many years ago. Because of the hula competition, he has to worry about bumping into people while hanging ten.