

## **From Project Design – The Elimination Challenge**

By Don Zolidis

CAROL-ANN, 30s, an undercover police officer  
IFEZ, a fashion designer, male, wearing a boa

*CAROL-ANN is undercover on the reality show Project Design looking for a potential murderer. She suspects IFEZ might be the killer.*

CAROL-ANN (*to the audience*)

Day one. No one suspects me. I've narrowed the list of suspects to everyone in the room. And maybe the cameramen. They look shifty. Also, I was a little disappointed with my performance in the quicksew – I'm gonna nail the next one. But it's time to go back to the hotel and do some major investigating. And that means the sensuous art... of seduction.

*(IFEZ is right behind her.)*

IFEZ

Who are you talking to?

CAROL-ANN

Siri. She's my only friend.

IFEZ

Oh.

CAROL-ANN

Do you have any friends, Ifez?

IFEZ

Well – I don't know –

CAROL-ANN

Would you like to be my friend?

IFEZ

Um... I'm sure you think you're a fantastic person –

CAROL-ANN

Oh I do think that.

IFEZ

But uh... I'm not interested.

CAROL-ANN

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Your mouth says no but your funny little glasses say yes.

IFEZ

No they don't.

CAROL-ANN

They might.

IFEZ

I'm sorry but I've got a lot to work on for tomorrow.

CAROL-ANN

Tomorrow's a big day, huh?

IFEZ

It's the elimination challenge.

CAROL-ANN

Just like Hunger Games. Twelve people enter. One person lives. Somebody gets poisoned.

IFEZ

What do you mean, poisoned?

CAROL-ANN

Oh I don't know. Don't you think that's a way someone could die?

IFEZ

Why would anyone die?

CAROL-ANN

You seem nervous.

IFEZ

I'm always nervous.

CAROL-ANN

Why is that Ifez? You mind if I call you Fezzy? Fezzy Bear?

*(She plays with his boa.)*

I love your boa by the way. Most men aren't confident enough to wear boas. But I find it... fabulous.

IFEZ

Look, Jezebel -

CAROL-ANN

That's right, say my name.

IFEZ

Um...

CAROL-ANN

It's mysterious, isn't it? Jezebel. Kind of Biblical. Something about her in the Bible. Probably about disguises. But we all have our disguises, don't we, Ifez? How about we take those disguises off?

IFEZ

Nope! Nope. Look – you seem very nice, you need to be careful.

CAROL-ANN

Oh I'm always...

*(she stats wrapping his boa around her own neck. She has a lot of trouble with it. It is very unsexy.)*

Careful.

IFEZ

There are people who would stop at nothing to win Project Design. That's all I'm gonna say. Nothing. I can't talk anymore! There's a lot of emotions swirling!

*(He skitters off, crying.)*

CAROL-ANN

I still got it.

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