

# Death of a Rockstar



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## How to play

You are a character in a murder mystery game. Below you will see a detailed introduction to the theme, followed by a description of the characters. Read through this information before the party so you will have a basic idea of your character and that of the other players. All characters are encouraged to wear themed attire, and your individual character's description or that of your character's band or group should give you an idea of how to dress.

Upon arrival at the event, the host will give you a sheet that you will use during Act 1. He or she will also provide additional instruction at certain points and will be able to answer questions about the game. While parts of the game follow an exact script, others do not, and you will have the freedom to interpret your character however you choose. Everyone has secrets and knowledge as well as objectives of their own, so the more you talk to the other guests, the more you will learn, and the more fun you will have.

## A Battle of the Bands for the Ages!

The scene is set, and on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, a battle of the bands of epic proportions is primed to rock downtown Austin, Texas! The pulse-pounding one-night annual event is a can't miss—always the topic of much excitement and chatter in the Live Music Capital of the World. As per usual, six up-and-coming bands have been invited for the showdown, which features a winner-take-all prize of \$200,000 and a guaranteed recording contract with record label powerhouse 99 MAX Records!

This year's event has generated even more buzz than usual. For the first time ever, the previous winner, Rule of Rock, has decided to return to defend its title. However, the field is more stacked than ever and features the most eclectic group of genres in the event's history.

Several of the groups are first-time participants, while others have been around for a years, fighting and clawing to get where they are with nothing but passion for their craft fueling them to overcome the many challenges required of those that dream of superstardom—of fame and fortune.

The evening is filled with intrigue of a different flavor as well, as there are rumors of bad blood between two of the bands, of the criminal past of another, and drama, tension and infighting in many of the rest—all of which will surely be addressed by the audacious panel of media members in the media session before the sensational live performance. It's sure to be an evening no one will soon forget!

Be sure to tell your friends, as tickets will go fast! Join us for an event filled with unbelievable live-stage music performances as these six hand-picked bands go toe to toe as they seek to join the ranks of the music world elite in an electrifying one-night showdown to **die** for!

# The Cast (1/2)

## Rule of Rock

Out of Cleveland, OH. Extremely popular Alternative Rock band. Winner of the previous year's competition. First winner to return for an encore.

- **Bevan** – Vocals. Widely considered the leader and most popular member of the group.
- **Jamie** – Lead guitar. Rumored to be on thin ice, though this remains unsubstantiated.
- **Jordan** – Percussion. A defector from Metal Mannequin.
- **Nicky** – Bass guitar. Has been with the band since the beginning.
- **Ramsey** – Band manager. Has a reputation for talking the ear off of anyone and everyone.

## Country Customs

From Nashville, TN. A very easy-going group. Criticized by some for making pickup trucks the theme of every song.

- **Avery** – Lead singer. Splits song-writing responsibilities with Harper.
- **Devin** – Banjo. Known for wearing something pink at all performances.
- **Harper** – Acoustic guitar. Splits song-writing responsibilities with Avery.
- **Montana** – Fiddle and backup singer. Never seen in public without a bandana.
- **Sawyer** – Band manager. Sibling of Montana.

## Beat Box Battalion

Living now in New York City, having recently relocated from Meridian, Idaho. Have been accused of faking a New York accent and showing an annoying amount of New York pride. Believed by some to be on the verge of disbanding due to money problems.

- **Billie** – Group founder. Grew up in Idaho but frequently talks of being a native New Yorker.
- **Eden** – Believed to have convinced the group not to tip when they go out to eat in order to ease their financial troubles.
- **Hudson** – Known for always wearing sunglasses, even indoors.
- **Jackie** – Sibling of Hudson. Rumored to have recently been critical of the group.
- **Lane** – Band manager. Consistently talks loudly on the phone about the immense success the band is supposedly having.

## Metal Mannequin

Heralding from London, England. Known for leather, head banging, and excessive partying.

- **Ash** – Vocals/Rhythm guitar. Recognized for trademark scowl.
- **Britton** – Lead guitar. Believed to be the worst partier of the lot.
- **Charley** – Percussion. Unlike bandmates, does not wear leather onstage, preferring denim.
- **Dylan** – Bass guitar. A lefty who frequently claims left-handed guitarists are superior.
- **Ripley** – Band manager. Has trumpeted far and wide that Metal Mannequin should have won last year's competition despite losing the overall vote with both the judges and the audience.

# The Cast (2/2)

## Pop Police

From New York City. A talented up-and-coming pop group. Accused of lip-syncing and excessively doing the robot.

- **Denver** – Lead performer. Known to be vain and frequently look in the mirror or anything shiny and reflective.
- **Jude** – Choreographer and best dancer of the group. Stubbornly insists on putting the robot into all dance routines.
- **Riley** – Sibling of Jude. Spends an inordinate amount of time on elaborate hairdos.
- **Stevie** – Well regarded for incredible vocal range.
- **Tristan** – Band manager. Believes in always dressing very sharply when representing the group in public.

## Opera Oasis

Tulsa, OK. Went on a class trip to Italy and came back with an obsession for opera. Known to look for excessive opportunities to mention Italy and say Italian words.

- **Dorian** – The lead singer. Becomes emotional and sobs after each performance, typically to excess.
- **Emery** – Possesses a noticeably weaker voice than the other constituents of the group. Rumored as having been recommended as an option to be let go by Vick, the band manager, but remains due to the loyalty of the other members.
- **Jessie** – A paradox who belts out a strong, vibrant voice on stage while speaking so quietly in most situations that it's sometimes difficult to make out the words.
- **London** – Older sibling of Emery. Main songwriter of the group.
- **Vick** – Band manager. Tends to favor very colorful clothing.

## The Media

A respected group of professionals who have been covering the emerging music scene and the upcoming battle of the bands exhaustively for months.

- **Brook** – Music Monthly Magazine.
- **Carson** – Chart Topper Monthly.
- **Corey** – JJMI Fierce FM.
- **Finley** – Music Mayhem Online.
- **Milan** – WQXR FM 99.
- **Shiloe** – Music Beat Magazine.