

## “Dead in Dublin” by Jeremy Taylor

### Chapters 12-15 Reading Comprehension Answers

The action of the story starts to unfold very quickly in the last four chapters. Below you’ll find questions to answer after reading all of these chapters.

1. **Who killed Milan and why?** Enrico did because he was jealous that his girlfriend, Eloisa slept with Milan and subsequently got pregnant by him.
2. **There are 3 pieces of key evidence that lead Daniel and the others to the answer. They are : the dead rat, Eloisa’s pregnancy and Enrico’s parents. Please explain how the details about them help us to figure out who killed Milan.**

**The dead rat:** Dr Mimma Baresi found that the bean that the rat ate was a rare Guatemalan bean whose poisonous effect broke up in the stomach and left no traces of poison.

**Eloisa’s pregnancy:** Enrico was sterile so Eloisa’s child could not have been his, leading to the fact it had to be Milan’s baby. When Eloisa found out she was pregnant, Enrico acted happy and not jealous or angry. And he didn’t let Eloisa know he was sterile.

**Enrico’s parents:** Enrico told Eloisa that his parents would be flying in for their wedding in Spain. However, Ghada remembers that Enrico had told his classmates during the first day of class that his parents had died in a plane crash.

3. **There are many surprising and exciting events that happen at the end of the story in Milan’s apartment that involve the dinner, the uninvited guests who arrive and how the murderer reacts to being caught. Please tell what happened around these crucial parts to the story in your own words.**
  - 1) Switching of the plates: When Enrico prepares risotto for Eloisa, she switches the plates on him, as she was suspicious of him. So the poisonous bean was eaten by Enrico instead of Eloisa.

- 2) Unexpected guests: Milan's Czech wife, Jana and the thug show up at the perfect time in Milan's apartment and threaten to shoot Enrico.
- 3) Eloisa tries to commit suicide by eating the risotto, too.
- 4) Enrico manages to get the gun away from the thug and decides to shoot himself, probably because he knows he's going to die anyway from poison or just wanting to escape going to prison.

**4. There is a "happily ever after" ending to the story with many of the characters in the book. Please outline them here.**

Eloisa and Mimma share a flat together. Jana marries her thug and gets the insurance money. And Daniel and Susan live together in a beautiful house in Philadelphia and works together in his detective agency he sets up. Clearly after solving the murder mystery, everyone agrees not to go to the police so that Jana can be guaranteed to receive the 50 million crowns from Milan's life insurance and Daniel is given half of it – 25 million, which turns his life and the end of the book into a fairy tale ending 😊