

Role of Dr. Roland

You are Dr. P.W. Roland. You work as a research biologist for a pharmaceutical firm. The firm is under contract with the government to do research on methods to combat enemy uses of biological warfare.

Recently several World War II experimental nerve gas bombs were moved from the U.S. to a small island just off the U.S. coast in the Pacific. In the process of transporting them, two of the bombs developed a leak. The leak is presently controlled by government scientists who believe that the gas will permeate the bomb chambers within two weeks. They know of no method of preventing the gas from getting into the atmosphere and spreading to other islands and very likely to the West Coast as well. If this occurs, it is likely that several thousand people will incur serious brain damage or die.

You have developed a synthetic vapor which will neutralize the nerve gas if it is injected into the bomb chamber before the gas leaks out. The vapor is made with a chemical taken from the tough skin of the calypso cactus, a rare type of cactus only found in the Seychelles Islands. Unfortunately, only 4000 of these plants were found this year.

You have heard from a very reliable source that a Mr. R. H. Cardoza is in possession of 3000 calypso cactus plants. The chemicals from the skin of this number of plants would be sufficient to neutralize the gas if the serum is developed and injected efficiently. You have also been informed that these plant skins are in good condition.

You have also been informed that Dr. J.W. Jones is also urgently seeking purchases of calypso cactus plants and he is aware of Mr. Cordoza's possession of the 3000 available. Dr. Jones works for a firm with which your firm is highly competitive. There is a great deal of industrial espionage in the pharmaceutical industry. Over the years, your firm and Dr. Jones' have sued each other for violations of industrial espionage laws and infringement of patent rights several times. litigation its is still in process.

The federal government has asked your firm for assistance. You have been authorized by your firm to approach Mr. Cardoza to purchase the 3000 calypso cactus plants. You have been told he will sell them to the highest bidder. Your firm has authorized you to bid as high as \$250,000 to obtain the skin of the cactus plants.

Before approaching Mr. Cardoza, you have decided to talk to Dr. Jones to influence him so that he will not prevent you from purchasing the cactus plants.