A person in a black tuxedo with a white shirt and black bow tie is holding a white rectangular tray. On the tray lies a black handgun. The background is a solid blue color with white decorative flourishes. The title 'Murder of a Millionaire' is written in a large, red, cursive font across the upper half of the image.

Murder of a Millionaire

A Night of Mystery and Intrigue Worth Millions

You may be an heir to the estate.

Your presence is requested at Mystery Manor for an evening filled with murder and mystery in order to commemorate the death of the late millionaire, Rick A. Rochester.

Among Rick's dying wishes, he wanted his will reading to be a party thrown in his honor to gather together those most important in his life. Between Rick's eccentric ex-wife to his spying servants and the provocative pool boy, it seems that everyone has a chance of inheriting a piece of this millionaire's estate.

As one of Rick's closest confidants or family members, it is your help that is needed to piece together the mystifying death of Mr. Rochester, and to avoid being the victim of yet another murder as you attend his will reading.

Use caution in considering your involvement in this gathering, for as likely as it is that you will walk away with a great deal of inheritance, you are also just as likely not to walk out at all!

Host Guide

Thank You for choosing Murder of a Millionaire

We are confident that you will find this comprehensive packet to provide everything that you will want and need to run your very own murder mystery party—one that will have your guests talking about it for weeks, if not longer.

This murder mystery experience is designed to be easy to run and fun to play for all the guests involved. The game is played with all of your guests having active roles in the game and each guest having objectives to complete. These objectives keep the party from being pre-scripted and allow your guests to draw their own conclusions as to the motives and the identity of the murderer. This format also allows for great mingling amongst your guests and insures that all of your guests feel included. Before the night is through, each guest will have discovered that they have a motive for killing the victim and be inclined to protect their innocence as well as seek out the murderer. To add to the experience and suspense of the night, the murder happens during the party, not before, as in some other murder mystery games. The victim is also allowed to play along after they 'die', since they have no clue who murdered them. Murder of a Millionaire is certain to be a hit with all of your guests.

The following pages contain a simple list of things you need to do as host in order to have the party run smoothly. Once the party is going, it is up to the guests to make the most of it—something you will be surprised at how well they do.

Assigning The Characters

- **You, as host, will need to decide upon a character for each of your guests.** The easiest way to assign the characters is to read the character descriptions and match each character with the guest that you feel suits that particular character the best.
- **If you choose NOT to know the murderer,** you can simply choose NOT to read the character sheets, the solution or examine the evidence before the party. This will allow you to play along with everyone else, but will not allow you read the sheets with lengthy descriptions for the guests when assigning the characters. (You can find a short list of the characters with descriptions on the next page.)
- **Because this party is dependent on a minimum number of people showing up,** you may want to find out ahead of time if people are available before assigning characters.
 - One way to do this is to send out the general invite and the Memoriam with an RSVP date of two weeks before the party. Then when your guests RSVP positive, you can send along their character sheet.
 - You can find downloadable invitations at: <http://www.nightofmystery.com/invitations.php>
- **It is important that you have a minimum number of guests for this version of the game.** If you are short of the maximum number of guests, the game can be played without the following characters: (information included with actual purchase)
- **The killer will not know they are the murderer until they open their second envelope at the party.**
- **The victim will not know they are the victim until they get to the party.** The victim will not have a list of objectives for after the murder. If the victim wishes to play along after the murder, they can do so without an identity. If you have an extra identity, they can also assume that identity if they so choose.
- **Is this mystery suitable for youths and/or church groups?** No. This mystery contains references to alcohol as well as references to a few extramarital affairs. Our site offers "clean" versions of a few other mysteries on our site: www.nightofmystery.com. Please refer to those when hosting a party for a more conservative crowd.

More party planning ideas - check out these awesome resources!

The "Party Tips" section at www.nightofmystery.com

murderofamillionaire.com

www.pinterest.com/nightofmystery/murder-of-a-millionaire/

Character Guest List

Guest totals:

With 20-80 guests: at least 7 male characters, 9 female characters, 4 gender neutral characters (roles that can be assumed by either a male or female guest).

With 15-20 guests: 7 male, 7-9 female, 1-4 gender-neutral.

With 10-15 guests: 4-6 male, 5-6 female, 1-3 gender-neutral.

With 8-12 guests: 3-4 male, 4-5 female, 1-3 gender-neutral.

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Geoffrey Worthers: Butler. As Rick's long term, devoted personal servant for over twenty years, there is little that he does not know about Rick, or his dying wishes. *Male. More details in purchased packet.*

Josephine Worthers: Maid. Her service over the years is something that she feels MUST be rewarded. *Female. More details in purchased packet.*

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Making the Invitations

Before the party, each guest must receive three things: (1) the invitation, (2) the memoriam and (3) their character description.

The Print Option:

THE INVITATION

- To make the invitations, first input your party details into the invite page.
- Print out the number of invites that you need onto 8.5" x 11" paper and fold each invite in quarters.
- Invite should fit nicely into an invitation sized envelope (4 3/8" x 5 3/4").

THE MEMORIAM

- This will provide information on the other guests at the party.

CHARACTER DESCRIPTION

- You need to assign each guest a character to play at the party. (See the previous sections.)

The Download and Email Option:

- Following your purchase of the party, you may also access and use the downloadable character descriptions from our website.
- Each description is a pdf file containing the above information for each character.
- This option allows you to email each of your guests their character description without having to print and mail the information.
- Please remember, the pdf file option does not include a place to enter the date, time or address of the party, so you will have to inform or remind your guests of the party location details in another fashion.
- For this, we do have downloadable, emailable invitations that can be found at: www.nightofmystery.com/invitations.php

Get a coupon and a FREE Party!

Once your party is thrown, please let us know how your party went by posting it on our MURDER MYSTERY MESSAGE BOARD! We will email you a \$5 coupon for posting comments and/or pictures about your party. (If you would like us to post your pictures, please email them to info@nightofmystery.com once you have posted your comments.) *In addition to the coupon, each month we will select one posting to be featured in our "Party of the Month" forum and that customer will receive a \$45 gift certificate towards the purchase of a future party.*

More Ideas On Preparing For Your Party

You can find more ideas on decorations, music, food, etc. in the "Party Tips" section at www.nightofmystery.com or MurderOfaMillionaire.com

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Preparing the Materials for the Party

- Cut out and make name tags for the guests. (You can print out the name tags onto on adhesive label paper or print out on regular paper and include a pin with the name tags so that the guests can secure them to their outfits.) Name tag template is compatible with most 4" x 2" labels.
- Photocopy the print out of the money onto green paper. You will need as many copies as there are guests attending. Trim out the money and bundle them in packages of \$500.
—To add authenticity, you can purchase fake/play money rather inexpensively at a novelty or party store.
- Cut the objective sheets in half on the dashed lines.
- Label two envelopes with each character's name. Label one envelope with an (A) and one with a (B) for each character. On the (B) envelope, also put "Do NOT open until AFTER the murder".

In the (A) envelopes, place: a name tag, safety pin(s) to adhere the name tag, a bundle of coins, the left side of the character's objective sheet that has objectives for the beginning of the party.

In the (B) envelopes, place: the right side of the objective sheet for each character which has objectives for after the murder happens.

Have the (A) & (B) envelopes on hand to give to the guests as they arrive.

- In a separate envelope place the remaining evidence and Evidence Presentation. Label it as "Evidence."
- Place the solution in a sealed envelope and label it "Solution."
- Keep the "introduction", the "investigation instructions," the "evidence envelope" and the "solution envelope" in a safe and convenient location so you can hand them out throughout the night as guests need them.
- Make enough copies of the Who Dunit voting sheets for the number of guests you have coming. Cut the pages into quarters along the dashed lines.
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 - You can input the names of the winners into the awards before printing the certificates.

Extra Tips for Party Planning:

Utilize the "EXTRAS"

At the back of this packet, you will find a number of decoration ideas, design templates, etc. to help you enhance your Murder of a Millionaire party. Read through all of this to see which ideas will be right for your party!

MurderOfaMillionaire.com

Check out this website for plenty of party planning tips specific to THIS mystery! From costumes, to food, to background on the characters, you will find everything you need to plan the PERFECT night of mayhem and murder!

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Schedule of Events

- There is no direct time line for how long the party takes, it may depend on a number of factors, including how well your guests know each other and how well they mingle.
- The party may be longer if you choose to serve dinner, although much of the mingling done during Stage 2 may be done at the dinner table as well.
- Because the party is not pre-scripted, but set up in stages, as host it is important to observe the guests behavior and move onto the next stage when you feel it is most appropriate. This will give everyone enough time to enjoy all of the aspects of the party as well make it move along at an enjoyable pace.

Stage 1: The Guests Arrive

- You, as host, will need to give each guest their (A) envelope that includes their money, name tag, a safety pin and their objectives for the beginning of the party.

Stage 2: Introduction

- After all the guests have arrived, hand Reilly Ravish the introduction and have them read it to everyone.
- Have time for guests to mingle and complete their first round of objectives
 - This may be as little as a half hour to an hour depending on how well your guests one another.
 - If serving dinner, this may be a good time for dinner to be served.

Stage 3: Will Reading, Murder & Investigation

- When guests start to settle down and you are sure the victim has completed all of their objectives, gather everyone together for the reading of the will
- Hand Reilly Ravish the copy of the will and have them read it to the guests
- Just after Reilly finishes reading the will, arrange for the lights to go off and a cap gun to be shot off or a loud noise to sound.
- When the lights come back on, the victim will be dead and Officer Welsh will instruct everyone of the investigation that is about to take place.
- Give the officer tape, so that they can outline the body.
- You, as host, will hand everyone their second (B) envelope that you have prepared. This envelope will have new information and objectives for the guests to complete now that the murder has occurred.

Stage 4: Evidence Presentation

- When guests have settled down again, and you feel as though most people have completed their objectives, hand the officer the evidence packet you have prepared so that they can present the findings of the evidence at the crime scene to the guests.
- It is best if the evidence is then laid on a table so that everyone may see it.
- Give your guests additional time to review the evidence.
- Hand out and have everyone fill out the 'Who Dunit' answer sheets during this time.

Stage 5: The Solution & Awards

- When all the 'Who Dunit' sheets are handed in, hand the officer the solution and have them read it aloud to the guests.
- Calculate who the winners are and award the certificates.

In Loving Memory

RICK A. ROCHESTER

Arrogant Millionaire • Questionable Father • (Un) Loving Husband • Blackmailed Brother • Boss

It is with longing and regret that we say goodbye to one of the most successful businessmen and prominent millionaires ever to grace Madison County, Rick Allen Rochester. The passing of Mr. Rochester is due to an unfortunate and illegal event, for Mr. Rochester was slain in an act of cold blood at his own estate earlier this week.

Rick Rochester was born right here in Madison County, where he grew up at Mystery Manor. At the young age of twenty, Rick lost his uncle to an untimely death. It is with the passing of his uncle that Rick gained his millions, including Mystery Manor, an estate of insurmountable wealth. Along with the grand inheritance that Rick received from his uncle, Rick grew his money exponentially over the years by making a name for himself in the business world of art collecting and distributing. Over the years, his gallery has grown to house one of the finest art collections in the world.

As far as the case of his death, "The one solid fact to which a study of evidence inevitably leads us to is that the victim did not commit suicide, and that the death by misadventure is out of the question," says Officer Welsh, the crime scene investigator. The officer went on to say "Rick Rochester was willfully slain by someone he had no reason to fear and he had perfect confidence in." The evidence in this case is very inconclusive and suggests various motives for who the killer may be, but none with concrete certainty. Authorities say that this is a case in which the true evidence cannot possibly be deciphered and the killer revealed by any other than the victim's closest friends and relatives.

In respect for the timeless Mystery Manor, where Rick Rochester both resided and was murdered, and Mr. Rochester's memory, Mr. Rochester's lawyer, Reilly Ravish, has asked that the investigation be postponed until family and friends have had a chance to gather and to pay tribute to Mr. Rochester at Mystery Manor. This gathering will take place at the will reading of the late millionaire.

Among those who survived Mr. Rochester are:

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Sample Character Description (taken from another mystery)

Banker Bob

You are the banker here in the town of Deadwood and do business with many of the people in the tournament, including the owner of the saloon, Harry High-Stakes. You have loaned Harry a substantial amount of money in order to start-up and sustain the saloon. You don't really see where the money is going because the saloon seems to be doing fairly well as far as business is concerned. Regardless, Harry was late again on his payments to you this month and you are going to have to start to put his saloon into foreclosure. You suspect that is why he is throwing this tournament—in order to get enough money to get his saloon out of foreclosure. This will be an important week to see if you will gain your money back or if you will gain control over the saloon. If you do gain control over the saloon, you speculate that you may have a very wealthy buyer in Montgomery Money and that you will be able to make a healthy profit off of selling it to him.

Not only has this saloon cost you money from a lending standpoint, but also your bank was held up earlier this week when your wife was watching the bank over your lunch hour. You are certain that the robber must have been trying to get enough money to enter to the poker tournament. You do not trust the sheriff of Deadwood, Sheriff Sam, because you think he is lazy. You figure it is up to yourself to figure out which one of the poker players may have taken your money and bring them to justice.

Acting and Dressing Your Part: You are the banker of this town and consider yourself a businessman. Your bank and your money come before everything, including your wife. You may want to dress a little dignified for tonight, because even though this is a party, you still consider it a place to do business.

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Sample Objectives Sheet For Beginning of Party (taken from another mystery)

MURDER AT THE DEADWOOD SALOON

Banker Bob

Objectives At The Start Of The Party:

These are things that are in your best interest to do before the evening goes much further. Be aware of what others around you are doing as well!

- Ask Harry High-Stakes why he can't seem to make the loan payment on his saloon when business seems to be doing so well.
- Ask Sheriff Sam if he has any leads on who robbed your bank earlier this week.
- Question some of the gamblers to see what they were doing over their lunch hours earlier this week when the bank was robbed.

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Sample Objectives Sheet For After The Murder (taken from another mystery)

MURDER AT THE DEADWOOD SALOON

Banker Bob

Things You Know:

This is information not known to many (and possibly only YOU). Use it wisely in your scheming and bribery or hide it to help maintain your innocence.

- You are about to foreclose on The Deadwood Saloon.
- When you went to see Sheriff Sam about your robbery earlier this week, you saw Harry High-Stakes handing him over money, for what reason, you are not sure.

Objectives After The Murder:

These are things that are in your best interest to do to help solve the murder.
Be aware of what others around you are doing as well!

- Ask Sheriff Sam how much money the killer is paying him to keep his mouth shut.
- Tell Harry that you need the money by tomorrow at 5 or the bank will have to retake the saloon.
- Tell Montgomery Money that you may have a business proposition for him depending on how the evening turns out.
- If anyone approaches you with information about your bank robbery, question their sources and motives.

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Sample Evidence (taken from another mystery)

EXHIBIT A

Description: **The murder weapon-- a dagger in the heart**

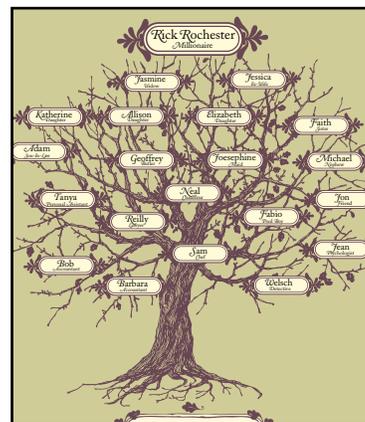
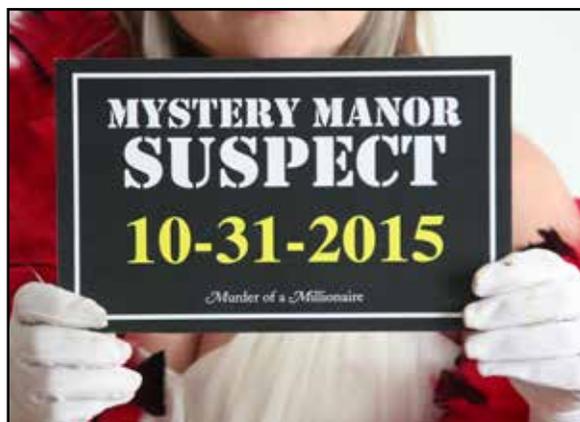
Notes: **Found to be the cause of death.**



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The Extras

Included in the mystery are ideas and designs to help you decorate with fun and authentic materials that are easy to make.



Included in the mystery: evidence markers, suspect sign board, a family tree, decorative signs, name plates, designed menu (that you can input your own dishes into), wine bottle award labels, recipes for killer chillers and more

Murder of a Millionaire

This has been just a sampling of what you will receive when you purchase *Murder of a Millionaire*.

The complete package includes:

- **A Host Guide**— A complete how-to of throwing your party which includes directions on preparing the invitations, assigning characters and preparing for the party.
- **A Schedule of the Night**— A step-by-step breakdown of how the night will go.
- **An Introduction**— to be read to the guests upon arrival.
- **Designed Invitations**— that you can customize with the details of your party.
- **Memoriam to Rick Rochester**— including background information on the deceased and the guest list.
- **Character Sheets**—Full descriptions of the characters, including costuming and acting tips.
- **Character Objective Sheets**—This includes objectives for each character to try to achieve at each stage of the game in order to uncover evidence and find the murderer.
- **Name Tags**
- **Fake Money**—To be distributed to guests and used in the party for scheming and bribery.
- **Evidence** —More clues that will be presented towards the end of the night. This evidence will help your guests solve the mystery and find the murderer.
- **Solution**—A detailed description of who the murderer is, why the murder happened and the clues that led to the outcome.
- **“Who Dunit” Cards**— to allow your guests to guess the murderer and to vote for the most animated character and best outfit.
- **Award Certificates**— to be awarded to the best costume, the most theatrical guest, the player with the most money at the end of the night and to each of the guests that solve the murder.
- **Party Printables and Extras**— directions, templates and designs to help you plan for your party. (Pictured on previous page.)

All of our parties come in the form of a professionally designed 50-125 page pdf. Immediately after completing your order, you will be able to re-login to your account using the username and password you established in the purchasing process. Once in your account, you will have the ability to download your party (including optional emailable invitations for your guests). You can also access this information for two weeks after your purchase by logging into your account. By having our games online as instant downloads, we are able to satisfy even the most urgent need for a party.

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