

# A Night of Love, Marriage & Murder

Your presence is requested to celebrate the union of Becky Giovanni to Stanley Simpson with a wedding reception you won't forget.

As friends and family come together for a night of food and fun, it will quickly turn into a night of mystery and mayhem - leaving one of the guests murdered!

#### And you are left to solve the crime...

Will it be the jealous ex-boyfriend who is to blame? The father of the bride who opposed the marriage from the start? Could it be the bridesmaid who longs to be a bride? Or possibly the estranged uncle who drank away his family fortune?

As the night progresses, secrets will be revealed, motives exposed and your sleuthing skills will be put to the test. What will you say when it is your turn to finger the culprit?

# Speak now or forever a killer goes free.

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# Thank you for choosing Till Death Do Us Part

We are confident that you will find this comprehensive packet provides everything 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 among your guests and ensures 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. Till Death Do Us Part 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.

# Choosing the Right Version:

Versions available: 8-12 guests, 10-15 guests, 15-20 guests, 20+ guests.

#### **Gender Counts:**

With 20+ guests: At least 7 male, 7 female guests and 6 gender-neutral guests With 15-20 guests: 5-7 male, 7 female, 3-6 gender-neutral With 10-15 guests: 5 male, 3-5 female, 2-5 gender-neutral With 8-12 guests: 4-5 male, 3-5 female, 1-2 gender-neutral

**Can I upgrade or downgrade between versions after purchase?** Unfortunately, you cannot. With the exception of moving from the 15-20 guest version to the 20+ version, upgrading between mysteries is not an option, which is why we encourage getting an accurate guest count before purchasing.

**How do I get an accurate guest count?** It is recommended that you send out the general invite with an RSVP date of two weeks before the party. After your guests RSVP positive, you can send them their character sheet and other party information.

You can download an invite at: http://www.nightofmystery.com/invitations

Is this mystery suitable for youths and/or church groups? Yes. 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.

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# Assigning Characters

- As host, you 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 you feel suits that particular character the best. They will be listed in this host's guide, along with a sheet that will help you assign the characters best to your guests.
- Is there a set character list? Yes. You will not be able to pick and choose which characters are included with your mystery. This intro file has the guests listed for the 15-20 guest version. If you are curious about specifically which characters will be included with your purchase, you can email support@ nightofmystery.com to inquire about that information ahead of purchase.
- WHO CAN I ELIMINATE WITHOUT RUINING THE MYSTERY? Information in mystery purchase.
- Because this party is dependent on a minimum number of people showing up, you need to determine ahead of time which guests are attending before assigning characters.
- An accurate guest count is important. It is recommended that you send out the general invite with an RSVP date of two weeks before the party. After your guests RSVP positive, you can send them their character sheet and other party information.
- You can download an invite at: http://www.nightofmystery.com/invitations
- After purchase, you will not be able to "upgrade" or "downgrade" your party to the next level, so an accurate guest count is imperative. \*\*There is an upgrade when moving from the 15-20 guests version to the 20+ guest version for purchase on the site, but the 15-20 guest version is the only version where the upgrade works.
- 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. Also listed in their first set of objectives is to, "fall down dead when the lights go off."
- The victim after "death": If the victim wishes to play along after the murder, they can do so without an identity. If you have an extra identity (that is, a role that is not being played), they can also assume that identity if they so choose. \*If XXXXX is not assigned, the victim will assume this role after they have "died."
- As host, who should I be? Information in mystery purchase.
- Ideas for assigning couples: Information in mystery purchase.
- Different versions for this mystery: Adult & Clean versions.



# Some Frequently Asked Questions:

**Can I run this as a first-time host?** First-time hosts need not be wary. Night of Mystery parties have everything you need to throw a successful party and are designed to be easy-to-run.

CAN I PLAY ALONG WITHOUT KNOWING WHO THE VICTIM AND/OR MURDERER

**ARE?** OF COURSE! Unlike some other mystery parties, we have designed our materials so that the hosts can play along! As host, you will read the host's guide in full to ensure that you are setting the game up correctly WITHOUT letting you know who the murderer is! If you wish to know the murderer, you can simply read the solution.

**Will a murder happen AT the party?** <u>*YES again!*</u> We found this adds to the excitement, intrigue, and fun of the party! It's another reason why we are a stickler for "no spoilers on social media" – we can't have pictures of the victims for fear of ruining the intrigue for others!

**How can I pick the "right" party theme?** We always recommend you pick the theme that you are most passionate about hosting and/or you believe your guests will be most excited about coming to! We do our best to accommodate multiple sizes within each party theme to accommodate that.

• If having specific gendered roles is important to you, please see the gender counts for the version you plan on ordering.

• Additionally, if you are worried about a mystery being too racy, please see our clean versions.

• If specific characters within a mystery are important to you, reach out to support@nightofmystery.com and we can let you know (specifically) which characters are included with the version you are considering.

**Can I run this with my business and/or group organization?** With a business license, you can run these mystery parties with your organized group and/or business. Please see our FAQ for more information on business licenses.

**Do you come and run the party?** We do not. Our services are in providing YOU with everything you need to throw your party in your own home or venue. IF you have a desire for someone else to run your party, please see our resources page for party planners who have purchased our business license and are licensed to run our parties in your area.

A Note about Social Media: While we LOVE to see your fun parties – and often highlight and crosspromote those who tag us – we can't have anyone posting pictures of spoilers! This includes, but is not limited to, pictures, videos, or mentions of the victim, murderer, and/or pertinent clues in the game. Since spoiler posts create a calculated loss of business, you can be liable to pay the calculated loss of sales upon discovery of the violation. So keep it fun, crazy, and show us your best spoiler-free content!!! And don't forget to tag us after! #nightofmystery

**How does this work?** All of our parties come as 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 can download your party (including optional emailable invitations for your guests) for 120 days.

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Becky Giovanni—Bride. The blushing bride has never been so happy. Becky is determined to make sure <u>no one</u> ruins her wedding day! *Female*.

Wade Wilmington—Best Man. Although Wade has proven himself to be a man who is easily manipulated, he is looking to reverse that. Immediately. *Male*.

Brutus Simpson—Groomsman. An over-protective sibling and business partner to the groom, Brutus' control over his little brother seems to be in question now that Becky is in Stanley's life. *Male*.

Ken Kruger—Groomsman. A friend of the groom, the ex-boyfriend of the bride, and the reason the happy couple met. Will Ken's broken heart get in the way of the couple's special day playing out as planned? *Male*.

Trisha Trinket—Maid of Honor. As the best friend of the bride, Trisha will do anything to ensure Becky's happiness. Conversely, Becky would do the same, and possibly already has. *Female*.

Gina Giovanni—Bridesmaid. As the overlooked, little sister to the bride, Gina might simply choose this day to make it all about her. *Female*.

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Marianna Giovanni—Mother of the Bride. The doting mother to the bride, it is hard to say if Marianna is more concerned about how the wedding will pan out for Becky, or herself. *Female*.

Tony Giovanni—Father of the Bride. Tony is a man who has it all—wealth, power, and a few ties to the mob. Tony is not used to people going against his wishes, and a peculiar way of teaching lessons to those who do. *Male*.

Hugh Simpson—Father of the Groom. Stanley's father has always wanted nothing but the best for his family and is in full support of the wedding. Or is he? *Male*.

Brittany Simpson— Mother of the Groom. After many failed business ventures, Brittany is certain her inner saleswoman will emerge to make her new insurance career a success! Brittany is counting on the wedding to be the place where it really takes off! *Female*.

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**George Giovanni—Uncle of the Bride.** George wasted away his share of the family fortune faster than he can consume a bottle of tequila. The black sheep of the family, Becky may be the only real tie George has left to this family. *Male*.

Gianni Giovanni—Grandparent of the Bride. As the true head of the Giovanni family, there is nothing Gianni doesn't know about their family, or anything Gianni wouldn't do to protect it. *Female or male*.

Hadley Hitt—Wedding Guest. Hadley is an innocent bystander looking for some fun. The question is, does Hadley know the bride or the groom? *Male or Female*.

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Kasey Cake—The Wedding Planner. With Kasey's job on the line, Kasey will do whatever they can to ensure no bad reviews are made. *Male or Female*.

Chris Constable— Hotel Security. While the hotel doesn't usually require security for weddings, the rules are different when the bride is the daughter of a rumored mob boss. *Male or Female*.

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**Ronnie Rhymer – Photographer.** Witnessing everything through the lens of a camera, the evidence Ronnie captures may be more than incriminating. *Male or Female*.

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More information with mystery purchase.

# Making the Invitations

Before the party, each guest must receive three things: (1) the invitation, (2) the wedding program and (3) their character description. Instructions on how to do so included with the mystery.

# Preparing the Materials for the Party

- It is best to view and print all of your materials from Adobe Reader, a free application. Be sure you do not use a Preview Application to print or view materials.
- For the name tag and label pages (optional), they are best printed on adhesive label paper.
- Cut out and make name tags for the guests. You can print the name tags onto on adhesive label paper or print on regular paper and include a pin with the name tags so that the guests can secure them to their outfits.
- Photocopy the printout of the money onto green paper. You will need as many copies as there are guests attending. Trim the money and bundle them in packages of \$500. -To skip this step, you can purchase fake/play money.
  - —It is helpful to bundle your money using a paperclip.
- Cut the (A) objectives sheets in half. DO NOT cut the (B) objective sheets in half.
- 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." OPTIONAL: We have formatted some labels that you can adhere to your envelopes, so that you will not need to label them yourself. Please see the label pages in the Mystery Materials pdf.

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

In the (B) envelopes place: the b-objective sheet for each character which has objectives for after the murder happens.

- In a separate envelope place the Evidence Presentation. Label it as "Evidence."
- If you have eliminated Chris Constable's character, you will need to prepare Chris Constable's "B" envelope. Also insert Chris Constable's character description and name tag into their envelope. (You do not need to add money, as the guest will have money from the first half of the party.) After "death," the victim will assume the role of Chris Constable and will need this information.
- In a separate envelope place the Investigation sheet. Label it as "Investigation."
- Place the solution in a sealed envelope and label it "Solution."
- Keep the "introduction," the "investigation envelope," the "evidence envelope," and the "solution envelope" in a convenient location so you can hand them out throughout the night as guests need them.

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Make enough copies of the accusation sheets for the number of guests you have coming. Cut the pages along the dashed lines.

• Most likely, the length of the party will take 2-4 hours. The party length will depend on a number of factors, including how well your guests know each other and how well they mingle.

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- 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 aspects of the party and enable it to move along at an enjoyable pace.

# Stage One: The Guests Arrive

• Have the guests (A) and (B) envelopes available for them.

# Stage Two: Introduction

- After all of the guests have arrived, hand Tony Giovanni the Introduction and have him read it aloud to everyone.
- Have time for guests to mingle and complete their objectives.If serving dinner, this may be a good time for dinner to be served.
- When guests start to settle down and you are sure the victim has completed all of their objectives, tell Wade Wilmington that he may gather everyone to make his toast.

# Stage Three: Murder & Investigation

- When Wade Wilmington makes his toast, arrange for the lights to go off and a bang! to sound.
- When the lights come back on, the victim will be dead.
- Give Chris Constable tape to outline the position of the body on the floor, if desired.
- Have Chris Constable read the sheet explaining the Investigation.
- As host, you 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 Four: Evidence Presentation

- When guests have settled down again, and you feel as though people have completed their objectives, hand Chris Constable the evidence packet that you prepared so that he 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 the 'Who Dunnit' answer sheets and ask everyone to complete them and hand them back to you during this time.

# Stage Five: The Solution

• When all the 'Who Dunnit' sheets are handed in, have Chris Constable read the solution aloud to the guests.

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• Calculate who the winners are and award the certificates.

# The Marriage of Becky Giovanni & Stanley Simpson

#### Bride—Becky Giovanni

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# Sample Character

From Another Mystery

# Banker Bob

As the bank owner in the town of Deadwood, you do business with many of the people in the town and also some of the participants of the Deadwood Poker Tournament. One of your foremost clients is Harry High-Stakes (the Deadwood Saloon owner). In order to get the saloon established and operating in it's first year, you have loaned Harry a substantial amount of money. Although the saloon appears to be doing very well, you are uncertain why Harry is continually delinquent and sometimes misses his payments on his loan. Just last month, Harry was late again on his payment and you warned him that you will have to put his saloon into foreclosure if he cannot repay the money he owes on the loan by next month. You suspect that Harry is throwing the Deadwood Poker Tournament in order to get enough money so that he can repay his debt. This will be an important week to see if you will gain your money back from Harry's loan or if you will gain control over the saloon.

Because Harry is such a difficult and delinquent client, you hope that you will gain control over the saloon. If the saloon becomes the bank's property, you speculate that you may have a very wealthy buyer in Montgomery Money, an investor from the East. Because of Montgomery's reputation, you are certain that you will make a healthy profit off of selling the saloon to Montgomery and he will be consistent and reliable when making his loan payments.

In addition to all the excitement of the tournament, your bank was held up at gun point. Banker Bonnie (your wife) was watching the bank over the noon hour while you were meeting with Harry about his payments. Because of the high ante for the poker tournament, you are convinced that the robber must have been a gambler who was trying to accumulate enough money to pay for the entry fee. Since you view Sheriff Sam (the sheriff) as a very lazy individual, you plan on taking matters into your own hands when it comes to finding the culprit of the bank robbery and bringing them to justice! In addition, you do not believe that Sheriff Sam is a moral character as well. Just this past week, you saw Sheriff Sam taking money from Harry High-Stakes. While you do not know the details of the transaction, the secretive nature in which the money was exchanged suggests that it was not for an honest reason.

As the Deadwood Poker Tournament Party quickly approaches, you are looking forward to attending for a few reasons. First, the party will be a perfect place for you to talk business with Montgomery Money about his intentions on investing in the saloon if your bank gains control of it. Second, you plan to figure out which one of the poker players may have robbed your bank and you plan to bring them to justice! And lastly, by the end of the night, you will know whether Harry will have enough money to pay off his debt to you or if the saloon will be yours!

# Acting and Dressing Your Part: As the bank owner of Deadwood, you are a businessman

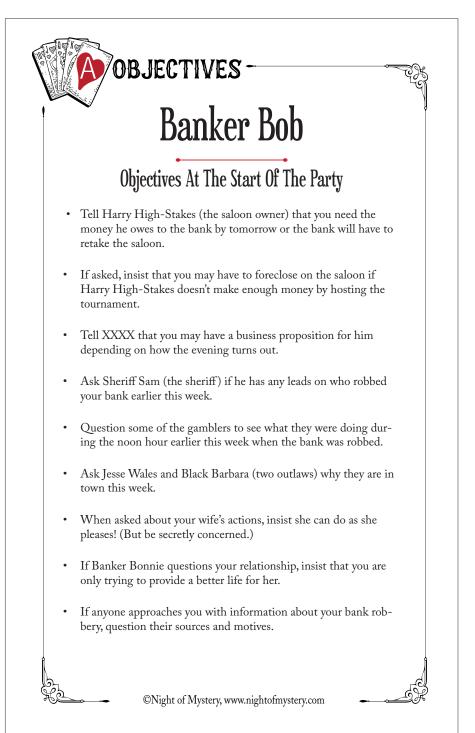
first. Your bank and your money come before everything, including your wife Bonnie. Since you will be using the party to for business matters, you will want to dress dignified for the night. Consistent with the times, you may consider a button down shirt, vest, ascot and hat (bowler, derby, slouch, gambler or other). Popular of the time period, you may also consider adding in facial hair. For more ideas on how to dress and a glossary of wild western words and phrases to use at the party, please see www.nightofmystery.com and murderatthedeadwoodsaloon.com

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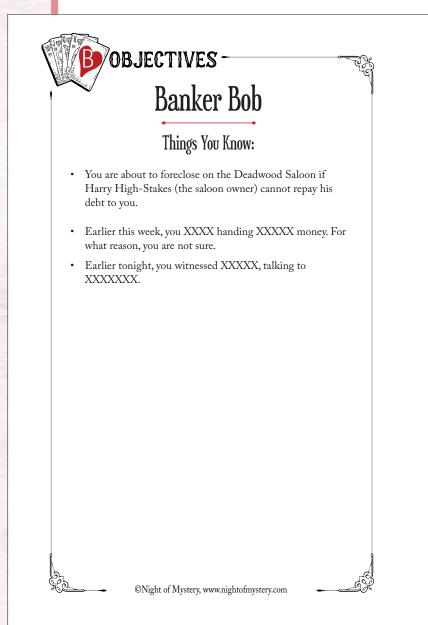
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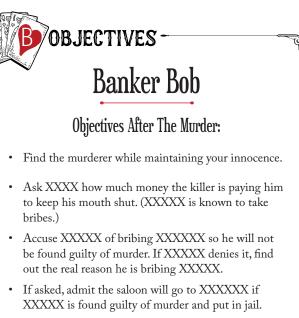


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• If anyone has information on XXXXX, find out what they know. You may have to pay them to get their information.

- Defend XXXX publicly, but question her privately on her ties to XXXXXX.
- If XXXX threatens to XXXXXX, question where she will get the XXXXXXX.

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# Sample Evidence

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# EXHIBIT F

Description: Picture turned over by XXXXXX.

Notes: Picture taken of XXXXX earlier tonight.





Host Guide



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



Wedding Cake Candy Bar

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# Most Guide More Party Planning Resources

Night of Mystery does our best to provide you with everything you need to create a unique and creative mystery party - including giving you plenty of party planning resources and ideas for each mystery theme we offer! Check out any/all of the resources below!!!

# *TillDeathDoUsPartMystery.com* Simply type in TillDeathDoUsPartMystery.com and it will take you to the "Party Tips" section of

Night of Mystery dedicated to giving you the best ideas for decoration, costumes, hosting tips, etc. for THIS MYSTERY!!! Be sure to explore the "Hosting Tips" section of this as well!

# "All The Extras" supplement

Check out the supplement that is filled with designs, posters, ideas, etc.

## Our Pinterest page

Get ideas and how-tos on theme-centric decorations, food, etc. Be sure to "Follow Us" to get the latest and greatest pins that we add to the boards! http://www.pinterest.com/nightofmystery/till-deathdo-us-part/

## Flickr albums

Check out pictures from other host and hostesses from your mystery theme! See how much fun others had throwing this theme and get ideas for your own mystery party. Find the Till Death Do Us Part gallery at: www.nightofmystery.com/photos-TDDUP/

## Visit us on Facebook

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#### Follow us on Instagram! See <u>loads</u> of party picts! https://www.instagram.com/nightofmystery/

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Once your party is thrown, please let us know how your party went by emailing the details and pictures to nompartyofthemonth@gmail.com! We will email you a \$5 coupon for submitting your comments and/or pictures about your party. In addition to the coupon, party pictures and comments may be highlighted on social media and/or the blog. Each month we will select one posting to be featured in our "Party of the Month" blog and that customer will receive a \$65 gift certificate towards the purchase of a future party!

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Host Guide—A comple	te how-to of throwing your party which incl characters and preparing for the party.	
Schedule of the Night-	- A step-by-step breakdown of how the nigh	t will go.
<b>Introduction</b> — to be rea	ad to the guests upon arrival.	
Designed Invitations—	that you can customize with the details of yo	our party.
<b>Digital Invitations</b> —the	at you can customize with the details of your	r party. Available on site.
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Character Sheets—full	descriptions of the characters, including cost	tuming and acting tips.
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Name Tags		
<b>Fake Money</b> — to be dist	tributed to guests and used in the party for se	cheming and bribery.
<b>Evidence</b> — more clues	to be distributed and presented during the se	econd half of the night.
<b>Solution</b> — a detailed detailed to the outcome	scription of who the murderer is, why the m ome.	urder happened, and the
<b>"Who Dunnit" Cards</b> —actor.	for guests to guess the murderer, and vote f	or best costume and best
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