

# Dressect to Kill

# A night where glitz, glam, sparkle and scandal are about to collide!

Every year, the world's most glamorous gather beneath the glittering glow of The Gala a night of couture, cameras, and carefully curated chaos.

But this year, behind the flashbulbs and flawless facades, the tears in the carpet are starting to show... and the drama is dangerously divine.

Attended by a reality-royalty dynasty with reputations ready to rupture, designers dueling over copied couture and stolen stardom, and celebrities circling scandals that simply refuse to stay buried, the night promises sparkle, splendor, and spectacle—until one guest's grand entrance becomes their final exit.

Was it the designer desperate for deserved distinction?
The scorned spouse simmering with suspicion?
The ruthless rival ready to reclaim the runway?
Or possibly the pop star plotting pointed payback who did the deed?

At The Gala, glamour is a weapon, secrets are currency, and every guest holds a motive sharp enough to cut diamonds?.

Préparé for a night where jealousy glitters, alliances unravel, and only one truth rémains...

Someone came dressed to kill.



# Thank you for choosing Diessed To Kill

We are confident that you will find this comprehensive packet provides everything you need to run your very own murder mystery party—one that your guests will be talking about 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 filling active roles in the game and each guest receiving 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 they all feel included. Before the night is through, each guest will discover 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. Dressed To Kill 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:

#### **Gender Counts:**

For 20+ guests: At least 4 male, 3 female, and 13 gender-neutral.

For 15-20 guests: 4 male, 3 female, and 13 gender-neutral.

For 10-15 guests: 4 male, 3 female, 8 gender neutral.

For 8-12 guests: 2 male, 3 female, 7 gender neutral.

For 6-8 guests: 1 male, 2 female, 5 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? No. 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 more conservative crowds.



## **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 descriptions and match each one with the guest you feel suits that particular character best. They will be listed in this host's guide, along with a sheet that will help you assign the characters.
- WHO CAN I ELIMINATE WITHOUT RUINING THE MYSTERY? If you do not have 20 guests attending, the game can be played without the following characters: This information will be included with mystery purchase.
- Because this party is dependent on a minimum number of people showing up, you will want to determine ahead of time which guests are attending before assigning characters.
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- 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": The victim will play the role of Detective/Investigator for the second half of the party. Following their "death" the victim will get up and the host can then explain that there will be an investigator for the second half (the victim). The victim/investigator will then read the "investigation directions" to the crowd. You will have prepared the investigator's "B envelope," so the guest will know what to do next and how to proceed. Since the investigator's main role takes place after the murder, it is ok if the investigator is eliminated from the first half of the party and only plays the second half. Additionally, the victim does not know who killed them or why, so the victim can assume the role of the investigator for the second half without worry. You can also have an additional badge and/or gun, hat, etc. for this guest to help them distinguish themselves as the investigator for the second half of the party.
  - As host, who should I be? Information included with the mystery purchase.
  - Ideas for assigning couples: Information included with the mystery purchase.



### **Character List**

\*This list is for the 15-20 guest party. If interested in the actual list for other versions, please email support@nightofmystery.com

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## 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 THE HOST PLAY ALONG WITHOUT KNOWING WHO THE VICTIM AND/ OR MURDERER ARE? YES!!! 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 recommend picking the theme that you are most passionate about hosting and/or your guests will be most excited about coming to! We include multiple sizes within each party theme so size is often not an issue.
  - If you are concerned about the male-female ratio, please see the gender counts for the version you intend to order.
  - If you are worried about a mystery being too racy, please see our clean versions.
- If specific characters are important to you, reach out to support@nightofmystery.com and we can let you know which characters are included with the specific version you are considering.
- Can I run this with my business and/or group organization? With the proper license, you can run these mystery parties with your organized group and/or business. Please see our FAQ for more information on the different 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 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 cross-promote 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. 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 pdf page. Immediately upon ordering, you can login to your account to download your party (including optional emailable invitations for your guests) for 120 days.



### **Hosting Tips**

Included with mystery purchase.

### **Making the Invitations**

Each guest must receive: (1) The invitation, (2) Gala Gazette, and (3) their character description.

### Preparing Party Materials

- 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. Name tag and label pages are compatible with Avery labels 15163, 18163, 5163, 5263, 5523, 5663, 5963, 8163, 8253, 8463, 8663, and 8763.
- Make name tags for the guests. You can print the name tags onto adhesive label paper or print on regular paper, trim them, and include a pin with the name tags so 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 the notes in packages of \$500.
   To skip this step, you can purchase and use fake/play money or coins.
- Cut the "A Objectives" sheets in half on the dashed lines. DO NOT cut the "B Objectives" 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. 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 attach 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.
  - You will need to prepare the Detective "B" envelope. Insert Detective name tag, evidence, and "B" objectives 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 role of Detective and will need this information.
  - In a separate envelope place the Investigation Instructions and the (labeled 2). Label the envelope as "Investigation."
    - In a separate envelope place the Evidence Presentation. Label it as "Evidence."

• An average party takes 2-4 hours. The party length will depend on a number of factors, including the number of guests, if you are serving dinner, how well your guests mingle, etc.

### Stage One- The Guests Arrive

• Have the guests' name tags, bundle of money, and their (A) envelopes available for them.

### Stage Two-Introduction

- After all of the guests have arrived, hand Ellis Vexley the Introduction and have them read it aloud.
- Have time for guests to mingle and complete their objectives.
  - This may require 30-60 minutes depending on how well your guests know each other.
  - If serving dinner, this may be a good time for dinner to be served.

## Stage Three-Murder and Investigation

- When guests start to settle down and you are sure the victim has completed all of their objectives, arrange to have the lights go out. \*\*The victim is instructed in their starting objectives to "discreetly let the host know when they have completed their objectives."
- When the lights come back on, the victim will have fallen down "dead."
- After the victim has "died," you (as the host) can outline the position of the body on the floor or ground.
- Announce to the crowd that Detective will now be joining you to investigate. Have the victim rise and assume the role of Detective.
- Hand Detective the "investigation envelope" and have them read the instructions aloud to the guests.
- Hand the guests their (B) envelopes. This 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 Detective has collected all of their evidence, hand Detective the evidence envelope so that they can present the findings of the evidence 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. You may want to make multiple copies of the evidence so that it can be seen by everyone.
- · Hand out the accusation sheets. Have everyone complete and hand them back to you.

## Stage Five-The Solution

- After all of the accusation sheets are handed in, use the tally sheet to calculate the winners.
  - Have Detective read the solution aloud to the guests.
    - Award the certificates to the winners!

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Your Backstage Pass to Fashion's Most Explosive Night

## THE GILDED FUTURE ARRIVES — And So Do The Headliners!

The Gilded Future Gala has officially kicked off, and Page Six is already buzzing. With Ellis Vexley at the helm and half of Hollywood descending on the carpet, tonight promises metallic glamour, backstage meltdowns, and enough tension to power the event's LED runway. Here are the heavy hitters lighting up the gala — and the drama they brought with them.

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## GILDED FUTURE GILDED FEUDS

#### Met Gala Stunned by Surprise-Co-Chair and A-List Tension

Tonight was supposed to be a sleek celebration of metallic glamour — but insiders say Ellis Vexley's rule-breaking decision to bring reality stars into the fold has thrown the Gala into chaos. At the center? Veronica Vega, whose sudden rise is being credited less to fashion taste and more to estranged husband Zion Kyros influence. And with Veronica arriving on the arm of comedian Parker Beckett while Zion insists they're "reconnecting," the only thing gilded tonight is the scandal.

### TONIGHT'S MOST — ANTICIPATED LOOKS

- · Riley Rae in Morgan Fontaine
- · Vail Vega debuting Sultrify
- · Jamie Hale in futuristic couture
- · Jordan Lys outshining everyone
- Sutton St. James in wearable tech
- Zion Kyros in a self-designed ensemble
- Veronica Vega in something "mysteriously uncredited"

#### **SPOTTED!**

**Sutton St. James** tallying theme violations: "Too many."

Casey Everhart circling Skye
Martin like a headline-seeking hawk.

**Reese Renshaw** wearing a Brookestyled look — stylish, thrifty, iconic.

### CO-CHAIR CHAOS: RILEY RAE SNUBBED!

Fashion insiders are fuming after Riley
Rae — widely expected to co-chair this
year — was passed over for Veronica
Vega. Designers Quinn Ren and Sutton
St. James reportedly championed
Riley, but Ellis broke tradition and
ignored their advice. Adding insult to
injury: Riley's designer Taylor Foxx
jumped ship to dress Veronica...
who then refused to credit Taylor
on the carpet. Brutal.

#### BREAKING: SKYE MARTIN RETURNS!

Pop sensation Skye Martin has stepped out of the shadows and onto the Gala carpet after years of silence. Their upcoming album *Uncancelled* is rumored to call out the very celebrities smiling around them tonight. Reconciliation? Revenge? Either way, Skye's comeback is already the story of the night.

#### THE RUMOR MILL

**Designer Drama**: Did Taylor Foxx copy Morgan Fontaine? Morgan swear the silhouette is theirs.

**Brooke vs. Hayden:** Hollywood's sweetest stars are also its messiest. Courtroom tension now meets red carpet seating charts.

**Vail Vega Rising:** Vail's perfume Sultrify is already trending — and so is their possible romance with Jamie Hale.

**Ellis Losing Patience:** Overheard: "If one more fight breaks out backstage, I'm banning half of Hollywood."



# Investigation

## 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 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 to 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 take over. 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, who 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 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

## Investigation

## Sample Objectives

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#### Things You Know:

- You are about to foreclose on the Deadwood Saloon if Harry High-Stakes (the saloon owner) cannot repay his debt to you.
- Earlier this week, you XXXX handing XXXXX money. For what reason, you are not sure.
- Earlier tonight, you witnessed XXXXX, talking to XXXXXXX.

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## Banker Bob

#### Objectives After The Murder:

- Find the murderer while maintaining your innocence.
- Ask XXXX how much money the killer is paying him to keep his mouth shut. (XXXXX is known to take bribes.)
- Accuse XXXXX of bribing XXXXXX so he will not be found guilty of murder. If XXXXX denies it, find out the real reason he is bribing XXXXX.
- If asked, admit the saloon will go to XXXXXX if XXXXX is found guilty of murder and put in jail.
- 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.



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## Host Guide



From another mystery

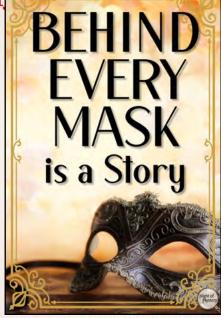
## The Extras

Transform your party space with these killer designs











Masquerade Martinis

The Disappearing Act

Velvet Veil Sangria

The Phantom's Fizz

Midnight Mule











## 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 <u>each</u> mystery theme we offer! Check out any/all of the resources below!!!

#### DiessedToKillMystery.com

Simply type in **DressedToKillMystery.com** and it will take you to the "Party Tools" section of Night of Mystery dedicated to giving you the best ideas for decoration, costumes, hosting tips, etc. for THIS MYSTERY!!!

#### "All The Extras" Supplement

Check out the supplement that is filled with designs, posters, ideas, etc. See previous page for examples.

#### 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! **Our Pinterest Page Here.** 

#### Flickr Albums

Check out pictures from other hosts and hostesses from your mystery theme! See how much fun others had throwing this theme and get ideas for your own mystery party. **You can view the Flickr album.** 

#### Visit us on Facebook!

https://www.facebook.com/nightofmystery/

#### Follow us on Instagram. See loads of party pics!

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#### Get a coupon and a chance to win a FREE Party!

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 \$75 gift certificate towards the purchase of a future party!

## This has been just a sampling The complete package includes:

- ☐ Host Guide— A complete how-to of throwing your party which includes directions for preparing the invitations, assigning characters, and preparing for the party.
   ☐ Schedule of the Night— A step-by-step breakdown of how the night will go.
- ☐ Introduction— To be read to the guests upon arrival.
- Designed Invitations— That you can customize with the details of your party.
- **Digital Invitations** That you can customize with the details of your party. Available on site.
- The Gala Gazette— To be sent with the invitations, this includes background information on the happenings surrounding the party and the guests coming to the party.
- 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 to be distributed and presented during the second half of the night.
- Solution— A detailed description of who the murderer is, why the murder happened, and the clues that led to the outcome.
  - Accusation Cards—For guests to guess the murderer, and vote for best costume and best actor.
  - Award Certificates—For best costume, best actor, most money, and super sleuths.
  - Party Extras!!!— Printable designs to help you make authentic and original decorations to enhance your party! (See previous pages for more information.)

Please purchase now: Diessed To Kill (click here)