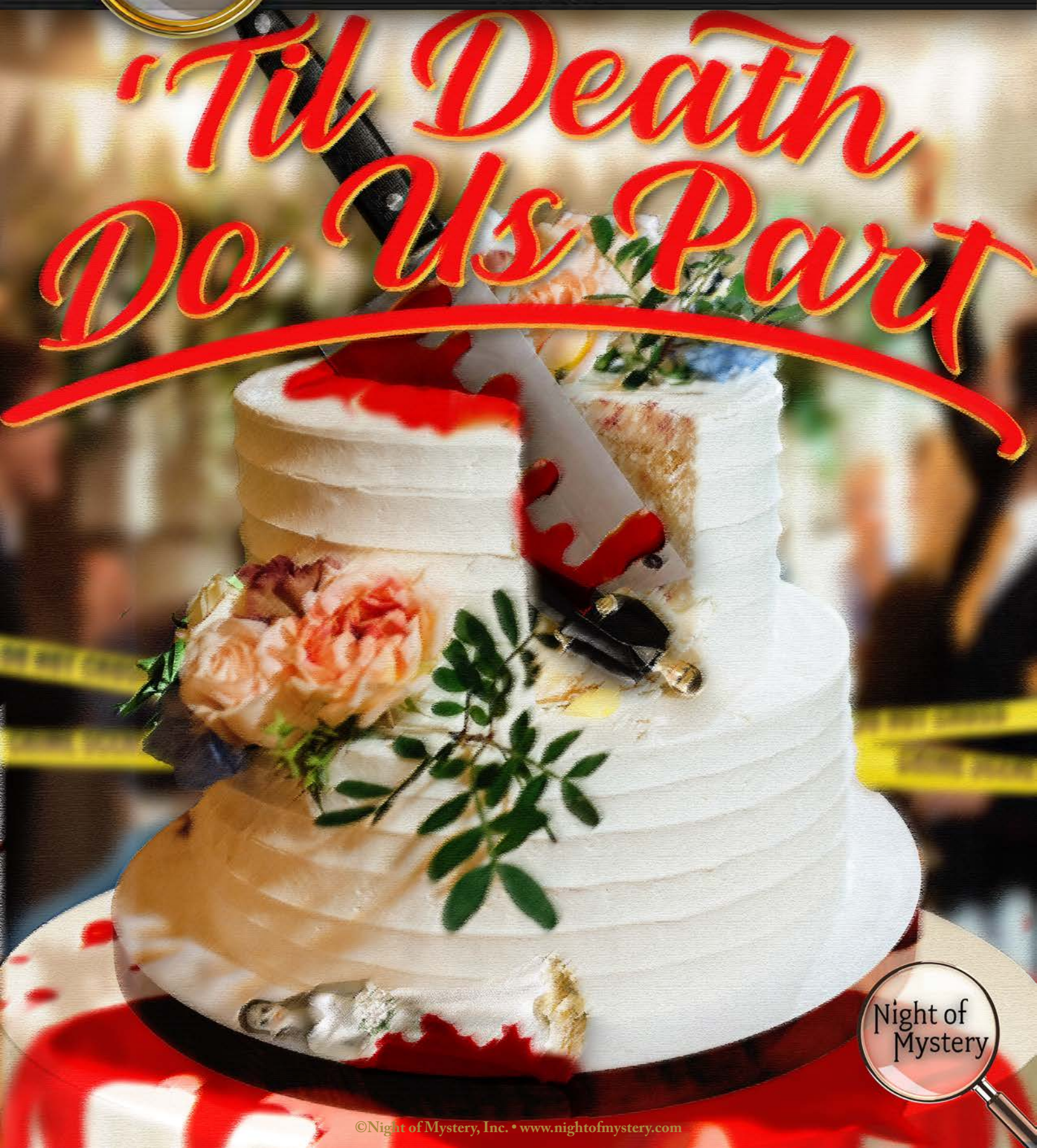


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Mystery

INTRODUCTION FILE

'Til Death Do Us Part



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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.

Welcome to Night of Mystery

Your party planning alibi has arrived.

Thank you for sneaking a peek into the world of **Night of Mystery**, where we make hosting a murderously fun party as easy as pie... poison pie, that is.

If you're looking to throw a **one-of-a-kind event** that's equal parts excitement, intrigue, and laughter, you're in the right file. Our downloadable mystery party kits are packed with **everything you need** to effortlessly **plan and host a killer evening**—no detective license or acting degree required – and are **guaranteed to make a lasting impression** on everyone in attendance!



What Makes a Night of Mystery Party So Dead Simple?

We do the dirty work, **you get the glory.**

Each mystery packet includes **clear, step-by-step guides** that walk you through every part of the party—from sending invites to solving the murder. Whether you're a first-time host or a seasoned sleuth, you'll **feel confident setting the scene** for mayhem.



No scripts. No stress. Just good old-fashioned scandal.

Guests receive **character profiles** filled with juicy secrets and fun objectives—think “get the gossip,” “blackmail a rival,” or “clear your name”—so the **party flows naturally**. The **game is social and interactive**, not stiff or overly structured. Your guests will be **mixing, mingling, and accusing like pros**.



The mystery unfolds during the party.

Unlike other games where the murder happens before guests arrive, **our victim meets their untimely end mid-party**. This keeps everyone **engaged and guessing**—and gives every guest a reason to look over their shoulder.



Everyone's involved.

Each guest gets an active role in the story, with their **own motive and goals**. No one's stuck on the sidelines, and everyone has a reason to dive in. Even the victim and the killer don't know their fate until after the game begins—**so no spoilers here**.



Instant access.

All of our mysteries are delivered as downloadable PDFs and available **immediately after purchase**. That means you can **start plotting (and planning) tonight**.

If you're **ready to host a party** that's easy to pull off, impossible to forget, and guaranteed to have your guests buzzing long after the killer is caught—then **CONGRATULATIONS DETECTIVE**. You've just solved the case of **who throws the most unforgettable parties**.

Killer Track Record!

With **over 128,000 parties hosted** in **147 different countries** - and celebrating **20 years of immersive fun!**





How to Play

Our mix and mingle format.

1

Guests Arrive in Character

Each guest receives a character description and party background with their invitation, so they can arrive ready to play their part from the start.

2

The Host Sets the Scene

You'll kick things off by reading the party introduction, giving everyone the lay of the land—and a few hints at what's to come.

3

The Game Begins

Guests receive their first set of objectives and start mingling, snooping, scheming, and sleuthing while enjoying the party.

4

The Murder Strikes!

That's right—someone goes down, and the mystery kicks into high gear.

5

The Investigation Deepens

An “Investigator” (played by the host or a guest) reads instructions for how the game continues. Guests receive new objectives and info to stir the pot even further.

6

The Evidence is Revealed

More clues are uncovered. Guests review the evidence and begin forming their final theories.

7

Accusations Fly

The host hands out accusation sheets. Guests make their final guesses about whodunit and vote for fun superlatives like Best Dressed or Best Performance.

8

The Big Reveal

The Investigator reads the dramatic conclusion and the murderer is exposed! The host hands out awards—and maybe a few gasps echo across the room.

That's it! No scripts. No pencils. No complicated process.

Just mingling, mayhem, and a good old-fashioned murder—solved through socializing and sleuthing. Everyone participates as much (or as little) as they like, making it **lively, spontaneous, and fun for every kind of guest.**

Improv Encouraged!

Each guest receives detailed motives, secrets, and objectives, so **each night is unique, spontaneous and hilariously unpredictable!**



Frequently Asked Questions

Can I run this as a first-time host?

Absolutely. **Night of Mystery** games are designed to be easy to run—even if you've never hosted before. Our step-by-step guides **walk you through everything** from character assignment to final reveal, so **you'll feel like a seasoned sleuth from the start.**

Can the host play too?

Yes! Our games are **crafted so that the host can participate fully** without knowing the killer or the victim. Just skip the solution file until after the party. **You'll still be able to set up everything correctly** while keeping the mystery alive—even for yourself.

Does the murder actually happen during the party?

You bet it does. We believe the **murder should be part of the night's drama**—not something that happens offstage. That surprise moment **keeps the energy high** and your guests guessing. **Just remember: no spoiler pics on social media!**

How do I choose the right theme?

Pick a theme that **excites you** and **fits your guests.** Whether you're into roaring speakeasies or tropical whodunits, **we've got something that'll spark excitement.** Unsure about character makeup or content? Check the gender breakdowns, explore our clean versions, or **[email us for details](#)** on which characters appear in each version.

Can I use this for a business or organization event?

Yes! With the appropriate business license, our games can be used for company parties, fundraisers, and public events. **Check our Business Use FAQ for more details.**

Do you send someone to run the party?

Nope—we equip you to be the mastermind. But if you'd like someone else to run the show, check our list of licensed party planners who have purchased our business license and are certified to host **Night of Mystery** parties in select areas.

Can I share party pics on social media?

Yes please! We LOVE seeing your parties and often feature spoiler-free content. But here's the deal—**no photos or mentions of the victim, murderer, or key clues.** Posting spoilers could result in a loss of sales and liability for damages. Keep it fun, keep it clever, and **don't forget to tag us at [#nightofmystery](#).**

How do I access my mystery after purchase?

All of our games are **professionally designed PDFs.** Once you complete your order, you'll **receive instant access** through your account. You can log in and download your materials—including optional email invitations—for up to 90 days after your purchase.

“Fun”, “Had a blast”, and, “What a great time”, are all understatements! There are no words to accurately describe **the amount of fun everyone had** eating, drinking, portraying their character and trying to **solve a murrdderrrr.**

~Jeremy



Selecting Your Mystery Crew



Assigning Characters & Preparing Your Guest List

- **Assign characters:** As host, you will **assign each guest a character**. Review the character descriptions and match each role to the guest **who best fits that personality**. Character descriptions and an assignment sheet are included in this host guide.
- **Is there a set character list? Yes.** The characters are fixed and cannot be swapped. This intro file lists the characters for the 15–20 guest version. If you would like to know the exact characters before purchasing, email support@nightofmystery.com.
- **Which characters can be eliminated? Instructions** for reducing the character count without affecting the mystery **are included with your purchase**.
- **Confirm attendance first:** Since the party requires a minimum number of players, confirm who is attending before ordering the party and assigning characters.
- **RSVP timeline:** Send invitations with an RSVP deadline about two weeks before the party. After guests RSVP, send their character sheets and party details.
- **Download invitations here to get an accurate guest count:** <http://www.nightofmystery.com/invitations>
- **Party size: After purchase, party sizes cannot be changed.** The only exception is upgrading from the 15–20 guest version to the 20+ guest version, which can be purchased separately. An accurate guest count is important.



About The Murder

- **The killer:** The murderer will not know they are the killer until they open their second envelope during the party.
- **The victim:** The victim will not know they are the victim until they arrive. Their first objectives will instruct them to “fall down dead when the lights go off.”
- **After the victim “dies”:** The victim will come back to life and conduct the investigation.
- **Host role:** Guidance on which character the host should play is included in the mystery purchase..

The Night of Mystery games definitely **go more in depth** and are **more interactive** than the other ones we have played and you have **more freedom with your character** to sleuth on your own. **I love how many details you get** to go with your backstory.

~Ash



Let's Talk Suspects

The 15-20 Character Guest List

Stanley Simpson—Groom. The lucky man will not only be gaining the love of his life, but a family with wealth...something Stanley has never had. Male.

Becky Giovanni—Bride. The blushing bride has never been so happy. Becky is determined to make sure no one 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.

Darlene Simpson—Bridesmaid. Best friends with her brothers, this bridesmaid will stand up for her siblings, and no one else. Female.

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.

Stacey Sultry—Cousin to the bride. Still heart-broken over her break-up to Wade Wilmington, is Stacey coming to the wedding purely as a family obligation...or does she have another agenda? Female.

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.

Biff Buffolini—Wedding Guest. An associate of Tony's Biff has his sights on one day taking over in Tony's shoes. But how Biff will go about achieving that could be the determining factor for Biff's success. Male.

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.

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



The Marriage of Becky Giovanni & Stanley Simpson

Bride—Becky Giovanni

The blushing bride has never been so happy. Becky is determined to make sure no one ruins her wedding day!

Maid of Honor—Trisha Trinket

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.

Bridesmaid—Gina Giovanni

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Wedding Guest—Biff Buffolini

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Security Officer—Chris Constable

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Wedding Coordinator—Kasey Cake

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Wedding Photographer—Ronnie Rhymmer

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SAMPLE CHARACTER DESCRIPTION

MURDER AMONG THE MATEYS

Blackspot Bailey

Ye be the widow o' Smarmy Nigel Grimm, a dread pirate lost to the merciless hands o' fate. Raised side by side, ye and Nigel dreamt o' spendin' yer days together, forever entwined in love's hearty embrace. Upon reachin' the bloom o' adulthood, the two o' ye tied the knot afore Nigel set sail as a merchant sailor. But as the seas turned darker with the rise o' piracy, Nigel's ship was seized by cutthroats, leavin' him jobless and near death. Forced to the pirate's life, Nigel joined the crew o' *The Revenge*, captained by the infamous Toothless Willie.

Whilst sailin' under the black flag, Nigel spun ye tales o' high sea adventures and the rogues he sailed with, savin' his distrust for the treacherous Merciless Morgan. Yer heart was warmed by the treasures Nigel brought home whenever *The Revenge* docked, though ye saw him less than ye wished.

Tragedy struck two years past when the royal navy captured *The Revenge*, and yer beloved Nigel was hanged in the public gallows, his body left swingin' in the winds as a grim reminder o' the pirate's fate. With him swung Toothless Willie, both mourned by ye and Willie's kin, Cap'n Redbeard and Sharktooth Brandy.

Ye've spied some o' Nigel's former mates in town, includin' Thumbless Jacky and that scoundrel Merciless Morgan, now a first mate on *The Jaded Jewel*. It burns yer soul to see them livin' free while yer Nigel hangs cold and still.

Ye've also caught wind that Breathless Betty, the governor's daughter, is smitten with Morgan, unaware o' the heartache that comes with lovin' a pirate.

Hope glimmers on the horizon, for there be whispers that Rovin' Reynolds is seekin' Toothless Willie's buried treasure. As Nigel's widow, yer entitled to a share should it be found. With *The Jaded Jewel* anchored nearby, ye be plannin' to attend the jig at The Salty Sea Dog. There, ye aim to uncover the truth o' Nigel's demise, seekin' justice for him and peace for yerself, so ye may finally set yer burdened heart to rest.

Acting and Dressing Your Part: Arr, as ye prepare to step into The Salty Sea Dog for the jig, be mindful to don some black, for ye still sail the dark waters of mourning. Let the fabric speak of yer sorrow and the shadows in yer heart. For the lasses, a flowing black skirt paired with a ruffled white blouse, and for the gents, a dark, tattered coat over breeches. Adorn yerself with trinkets o' silver and bone, symbols of the vengeful spirit that stirs within ye. Carry yerself with a somber grace, eyes like the stormy sea, ready to unleash the fury buried deep in yer soul. *For more ideas on how to dress and act like a pirate—including a glossary of pirate words and phrases to use at the party, please see www.nightofmystery.com. Simply type in www.murderamongthemateys.com and explore the Guest Info and Costuming sections on the website.*



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SAMPLE OBJECTIVE SHEETS

OBJECTIVE A

Coconut Jane

Starting Objectives:

- Greet guests and ask how they're enjoying your exclusive beachside oasis.
- Ask Coconut Joe (resort owner and your husband) what he plans to do if bar profits stay low.
- Tell Bindy Barkeep (bar manager) that you appreciate their loyalty, but staffing decisions are up to Joe.
- Offer Starr Bright (Hollywood star) a drink to keep her happy.
- Check in with Lucky Numbers (lottery winner) and Thurston Howard III (millionaire) to ensure they're enjoying their stay.
- Ask Managing Mo (Sandy Beachbum's agent) how you can make their visit more enjoyable.



USED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE PARTY

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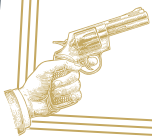
SAMPLE OBJECTIVE SHEETS

B OBJECTIVE

Jazzy Jordan

THINGS YOU KNOW:

- Earlier tonight, Freddie Franklin (Hollywood producer) stated that Hollywood would drop Billie Love (a starlet) if Billie was involved in a scandal.
- Tom Buchanan (polo player) is romancing you and promised to help you break into Hollywood.
- Earlier tonight, you overheard Charlie Charge (a Gatsby associate) and Chief Curtis (police chief) plotting to take someone out.



B OBJECTIVE

Jazzy Jordan

OBJECTIVES AFTER THE MURDER:

- Warn Daisy Gatsby that she will never get Tom back.
- Tell Billie Love that she can't film from jail! Try to frame Billie Love for the murder. *With Billie in jail, you have a clear shot at the silver screen!*
- Discreetly ask Tom Buchanan if he murdered Sid to help you get into Hollywood. If he did, see how you can help Tom hide his guilt.
- Question Charlie Charge on the death of Mayor Foreman (late mayor, Sid's father). Offer money to find out the truth, and then follow whatever leads that gives you.
- Ask Freddie Franklin (Hollywood producer) about their evidence. *Use that as the motive for Billie to want Sid Foreman out of her life.*
- Conspire with Greta Gatsby to see who she blames and why.
- Accuse Chief Curtis of being the culprit. If they deny it, pay to find out who they were plotting against.

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INVESTIGATION

EXHIBIT A

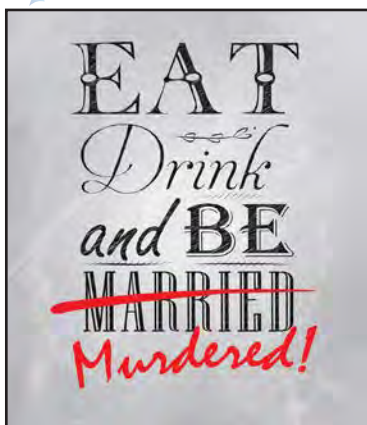
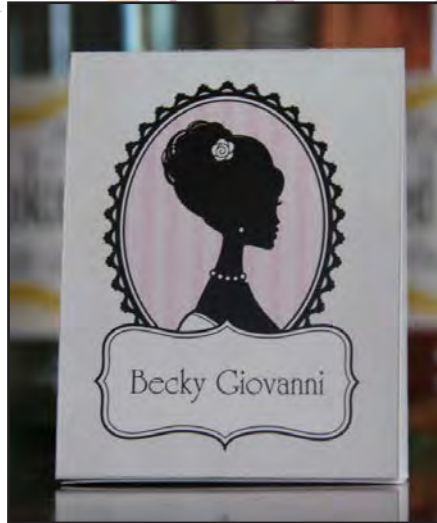
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SAMPLE MYSTERY EXTRAS



Included with your mystery are ideas and designs to help you decorate for fun and authentic materials that are easy to make (a sample of items pictured here).





What You Get With Every Mystery

When you purchase a Night of Mystery game, you're not just getting a mystery—you're **unlocking a full party experience**, complete with **everything you need** to host with confidence and flair. Here's what's **included in every downloadable mystery kit**:

Your Core Toolkit:

Host Guide – A complete, step-by-step guide to planning and running your party like a pro.

Night-of Timeline – A breakdown of how the evening will unfold, from the first guest to the final gasp.

Party Introduction – A dramatic script to kick things off and set the tone.

Designed Invitations – Fully customizable and printable, or ready to email.

News Article – Sets the stage with juicy background details about the characters and setting.

Character Packets – Each guest receives:

- A detailed character description
- Costume and acting tips
- Secret objectives for each stage of the party

Name Tags – Clearly mark who's who in your lineup of suspects.

Fake Money – For bribery, blackmail, and bonus fun.

Clue-Based Evidence – Revealed mid-party to push the plot forward.

Mystery Solution – A full explanation of who did it, why, and how it all came together.

Who Dunit Cards – For guests to make their final accusations and vote for Best Dressed, Best Acting, and more.

Award Certificates – Printable awards for top performers, sharpest sleuths, and costume champions.

We host a monthly girls night and this month we wanted something other than a craft night! **This murder mystery was PERFECT!**
~Brittany



Bonus Party Extras (Included with Mysteries):

Printable Posters & Banners – Decor to transform your space.

Editable Menus & Signage – Fully on-theme, fully customizable.

Suspect Boards – For immersive photo ops and guest reference.

Decor Inspiration – Theme-specific ideas for DIY magic.

Spotify Playlists – Curated for every theme to set the mood.

Glossaries – Get in character with lingo from pirates, gangsters, royals, and more.

Pinterest Boards – Visual guides filled with creative food, costume, and décor inspiration.

Planning Pages – Web pages tailored to each theme with recipes, costume ideas, décor how-tos, and more.

Blog Resources – Insider tips and stories from past parties.

All of this is delivered as a **professionally designed, downloadable PDF** (typically 50–125 pages). Once you purchase, you'll **receive instant access** to your mystery files and can revisit them anytime for 60 days through your account. Last-minute party panic? **We've got you covered.**

Ready to go from curious host to confident mastermind?

We've got your back.
You bring the guests—
we'll bring the drama,
the details, and
everything in between.

Log onto Night of Mystery and start planning today!

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Parties**

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