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Penny T. Pleesous
Character Booklet

Congratulations! You are taking part in a murder mystery by Red Herring Games.

A few simple instructions to help you along:

Firstly: Don't Panic!

This booklet contains all the information you need as a guest to help you act your part throughout the murder mystery party.

The first page provides you with additional background information to help you get into character, however there are no special acting abilities required and you can make as much or as little of your character as you wish.

After that on each page you are given either something to read out (dialogue), questions to ask, or information to help you answer questions you will be asked. These questions and answers are not intended to be read out word for word. Instead read them, digest the information and then ask and answer any questions in your own words. You are encouraged to ad lib, but it is very important you do not lie, so please provide the information contained within your booklet when asked.

Your host for the evening will direct you where necessary and tell you when to move on to the next round when the time is right.

If you are the murderer you will not be told. When you finally come to guess who did it – it could easily be you and feel free to point the finger at yourself if you feel you must!

And lastly: Have fun!

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Penny T. Pleesous

Background Character Information:

Keep this information to yourself, and use it to help you to act in character throughout the mystery:

You love your job and you enjoy serving people. Your motto is 'no request is too big or too small!' You have always had your heart set on getting a daily commercial flight run instead of being a standby stewardess.

You had hesitations about taking this flight, but since you needed the money, you decided to take the assignment.

Penny T. Pleesous

Introductions:

Use the following dialogue to introduce yourself to the other guests, speaking when indicated below.

You speak first, after the murder is announced, using the following dialogue:

“What? Skyler King is dead? What horrible news. Being a trained stewardess, it was I, Penny T. Pleesous, who served him some tea in his tent, not more than a half an hour ago. He seemed perfectly fine, except for being sore from the crash landing. I can’t believe he is dead!”

After you have heard from everyone, please continue reading and begin round 1.

Scripted Dialogue Round 1

Terry Dactile: Has anyone seen my pick and shovel? I saw an interesting fossil in one of the rocks and I really need them!

Amos Whineshack: “No, no, no”! I haven’t seen them anywhere.

Penny T. Pleesous: I have a nail file in my bag, would that help?

Steffie Scope: That’s probably not strong enough to break rocks, Penny.

Amos Whineshack: Ummm... maybe the Captain took them?

Terry Dactile: How could that be, Amos? He’s dead!

Makani: That’s right! And there is no such thing as ghosts!

Steffie Scope: Captain King was always such a healthy man. Do you think he died of stress?

Arnie Strong: Stress? Our Captain? Impossible.

Makani: You don’t suppose it could have been... murder?

Penny T. Pleesous: Murder? But that would mean... (gasp)

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- Amos Whineshack:** That would mean one of us is a murderer!!!
- Penny T. Pleesous:** The thought of that makes my skin crawl, Amos.
- Steffie Scope:** I probably have something in my bag that could alleviate that, Penny.
- Arnie Strong:** Good grief, Steffie. It's a figure of speech. She means it disturbs her to think one of us might be involved in this!
- Steffie Scope:** Oh, of course, what was I thinking? I'm just so shaken by all of this, I can't even think straight!
- Arnie Strong:** I think we should go ahead and discuss the events of the evening, just in case it's decided that Captain King's death wasn't from natural causes. Shall we continue?

Penny T. Pleesous**First Round****Questions you should ask:**

You know that Arnie is an expert in survival techniques. Ask Arnie what his specialty is in this area.

From what Makani said about her greeting from the Captain, it sounds like she had met him before. Ask Makani if she knew the Captain before boarding this flight.

Information you should reveal about yourself only when asked.

You made a big pot of tea on the campfire and served several people from it, so it couldn't have been your tea that had anything to do with Skyler's death.

You have flown under Captain King several times before as a standby stewardess. This doesn't mean that you know him very well, but you had at least met him and worked with him on more than one occasion before today. Needless to say you are shocked he is dead. He didn't seem the type to die suddenly.

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Scripted Dialogue Round 2

Penny T. Pleesous: Does anyone need anything?

Terry Dactile: Isn't it just like you, Penny...always looking after others!

Steffie Scope: Maybe Penny should have been a nurse instead of a stewardess. Did you ever think about changing professions?

Penny T. Pleesous: No, I've always enjoyed being a stewardess. It's very rewarding.

Amos Whineshack: Not as rewarding as being a pop singer, I'll bet!

Arnie Strong: Amos, the only thing rewarding about being a pop singer is the money.

Amos Whineshack: And what's the problem with that?

Makani: Oh Arnie, quit picking on Amos. I'm sure he finds sharing his music with the world very rewarding.

Steffie Scope: I always thought the Captain had a rewarding career...I wish he was right here to tell us about some of his adventures... perhaps even to tell us what really happened.

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Makani: Yes – but dead men tell no tales. We won't be getting any information from him!

Arnie Strong: Unless he is a silent witness. Perhaps I. C. Moore will find something out during the autopsy.

Amos Whineshack: Secrets can be dangerous, you know. Sometimes it's better not to know them.

Makani: Are you suggesting whoever killed the Captain might strike again?

Penny T. Pleesous: Quit talking of such things! Now I'll never get to sleep! And I'm so tired right now I could drop.

Steffie Scope: Penny, you look terrible- such bags under your eyes! Let me get some rejuvenating cream from my bag and give you a quick facial.

Terry Dactile: Penny doesn't want a facial, she just needs some rest! Right, Penny?

Penny T. Pleesous: I'll pass on the offer, Steffie... a pillow is more what I need.

Arnie Strong: The sooner we get to the bottom of this; the sooner we can all rest. Let's get on with it.

Penny T. Pleesous**Second Round****Questions you should ask:**

You thought you saw Terry and Steffie together earlier this evening. They both appeared to be looking in her medical bag. Ask Terry what they were looking for.

Ask Steffie what types of medical equipment she keeps in her medical bag.

Information you should reveal about yourself only when asked.

Most of your flights with Captain King were routine prior to this one. The exception you vividly remember is the one in which he evaluated your performance for promotion to full time status. Of course, that particular flight had had a lot of turbulence and you ended up spilling things on the passengers, who then complained to the Captain about your service. Darn the luck ...

You had brewed a big pot of tea and several people wanted some while you were serving. You remember that Steffie, Makani and Terry all took some before you went to serve the Captain. You can't remember right now exactly who was served when...it's all a bit of a blur right now.

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Scripted Dialogue Round 3

- Arnie Strong:** You know, throughout this whole ordeal I've had a funny feeling that the Captain is still among us.
- Terry Dactile:** I know what you mean, Arnie. Sometimes I've felt he is helping us come to some conclusions about this case.
- Steffie Scope:** Thank goodness Arnie got the radio fixed. It won't be too long now until our visit to this island will be concluded.
- Penny T. Pleesous:** That *is* wonderful news! We may be back to civilization tomorrow...
- Terry Dactile:** That's our Penny – always the optimist.
- Amos Whineshack:** Penny wouldn't stop to think that it might take days for them to find us with all of these small, uncharted islands!
- Steffie Scope:** Would you stop it Amos – you are such a downer. We can always hope for tomorrow!
- Penny T. Pleesous:** "Hope for Tomorrow"...that would make a wonderful title for a movie. Could someone jot that down for me? I don't seem to have a pen or paper.

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- Steffie Scope:** I'll write it down for you, Penny. Very clever!
- Makani:** Clever is as clever does...isn't that the old saying? Penny is clever enough I suppose, but I always thought that Arnie was quite clever with his tents and survival techniques.
- Terry Dactile:** Yes, Arnie...please tell us how exactly you got into the tents, survival techniques, fitness and all of that business!
- Arnie Strong:** Well everyone, I come from a long line of survival and fitness experts. Perhaps you've heard of my great, great, great grandfather, Charles Darwin, with his survival of the fittest theory?
- Amos Whineshack:** Oh brother, now I think I've heard everything!
- Steffie Scope:** Not quite everything...not yet. We still need to hear what I. C. Moore has to say about this case. And it looks like he's ready to tell us something right now.

Penny T. Plesous

Third Round

Questions you should ask:

Ask Amos if he had met Captain King before the flight began.

Ask Terry the reason for taking this flight.

Information you should reveal about yourself only when asked.

Captain Skyler King had not officially given you his evaluation of your performance level, but before the crash landing you saw a folder with your name on it in Skyler's flight bag while serving coffee to him in the cockpit. You slipped it out on a tray to read later. You were going to return it after you read it. It wouldn't be official, after all, until you signed it!

You have now remembered distinctly that Makani was the last person you served tea to before the Captain. It stands out in your mind because she took her cup and knocked over the last cup on the tray that was left for Skyler. She topped it off with some of the brew she had in a little cup on her Bunsen burner, telling you it would save you a trip back to the campfire. You then went to Skyler's tent to serve him the final cup of tea.

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Penny T. Pleesous

Concluding Statement

Use the following dialogue to summarise your position, speaking when indicated below.

You speak first, using the following dialogue:

“I know that most of you are pointing your finger at me as the murderer of Skyler King, but I plead my innocence. I only did my duty by serving tea and I had nothing to do with his death. Maybe my evaluation from Skyler King could keep me back from my dream of becoming a full time stewardess for a few more months, but I deserved the marks he gave me! I feel I am the victim... of circumstantial evidence!”

After you have heard from all the guests make a prediction as to who the murderer is and why.

Tell the others.

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