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# The Last Laugh



Bishop Sfinger  
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, questions to ask, or answers to questions you may be asked. Although you are encouraged to ad lib, it is very important you do not lie, so provide the information contained within your booklet when it is asked of you.

If you have been given an additional clue packet/envelope you will be directed as to when to open it within the booklet.

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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**Bishop Sfinger**

**Background Character Information:**

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

You come from Scandinavia. Your accent makes it difficult for some to understand you some of the time – or is that just the slurring?

You tend to overdo the communion wine, blessing too much before the Holy Sacrament and then, unfortunately, having to drink the remainder as per the rules. There has been talk of switching the communion wine to something less potent, but you can't see why anyone has a problem with the Port you use.

You obey the Bible, most of the time, but have a few issues with the Ten Commandments. They seem a bit restrictive.

## **Bishop Sfinger**

### **Introductions:**

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

### **Bishop Sfinger speaks first using the following dialogue:**

I'm the Bishop Sfinger, and as a man of the cloth I think you would agree I'm above reproach. I've been a loyal subject of our dear Queen for many years, ever since Norway threw me out in fact.

To be honest I don't really know why I've been brought here for questioning. I'm sure many of my congregation would vouch for me, a man filled with the spirit, they might say. In fact you could say when I'm not drinking holy water, I'm passing it.

**Do not read further until instructed by your host.**

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## **Scripted Dialogue Round 1**

**Lady MacIntosh:** This would all be a lot simpler if the culprit would have the decency to simply own up.

**Bishop Sfinger:** But surely that ruins half the fun dear?

**Pi-eyed Piper:** If you want some entertainment I could always set the pipes up.

**Pussy In-boots:** I think not.

**Lady MacIntosh:** Such a ghastly occurrence. This wouldn't have happened in days of old.

**Bishop Sfinger:** When men were bold.

**Lady MacIntosh:** And women hadn't been invented.

**Sir Prancealot:** Men had to make do with telegraph poles, and be contented.

**Pussy In-boots:** Can we all be serious for a moment. Someone has died.

**Cont.**

**Mystic Margarita:** If I had my crystal ball with me now, I could probably tell you who did it. But I left it at home.

**Pussy In-boots:** Pity. I'm sure they were wearing blue.

**Lady MacIntosh:** How do you know?

**Pussy In-boots:** They always are. Trust me.

**Pi-eyed Piper:** Personally I wouldn't trust you with any part of my anatomy; I've seen what you do to men who don't pay.

**Lady MacIntosh:** But I thought it was you that needed money. We all have to pay the piper sometime don't we?

## **Bishop Sfinger**

### **First Round**

#### **Questions you should ask:**

Pussy In-boots sees a lot of the men from the castle. Who exactly does she see regularly? And doesn't her list include the Bishop Sfinger?

You've seen the Pi-eyed Piper with a fishtail sticking out of his jacket sneaking out of the castle. What was he doing?

#### **Information you should reveal about yourself only when asked.**

You have access to the entire castle and are one of a few people who knows about all the hidden passageways.

You visit Pussy In-boots, but you are not interested in her body. There's more at stake than simple pleasures. You didn't think anyone knew about it as you are very discreet.

You have travelled around a bit after being thrown out of Norway and did a short stint in France among other places.

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## Scripted Dialogue Round 2

**Pussy In-boots:** Something sharp and spiky eh? At least that's a relief. I thought he might have died laughing at his own jokes. I know I've felt like dying a few times listening to him!

**Bishop Sfinger:** Really Pussy! You ought to be a little more charitable. The man is dead.

**Sir Prancealot:** Look, I'd rather you didn't keep going on about that. It wasn't very pleasant, and it's put me right off my food.

**Mystic Margarita:** And one thing's for certain, I won't be going out late at night by myself any more. Who knows who you might bump into.

**Lady MacIntosh:** Yes, this murder really has upset the whole equilibrium of the castle. No one will feel safe until we find out who did it.

**Pi-eyed Piper:** Well, if you ask me this sort of thing simply wouldn't have gone on in days of old.

**Mystic Margarita:** When men were bold.

**Pussy In-boots:** And women were seen more rarely

**Cont.**

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**Sir Prancealot:** Men had to make do with telegraph poles and screw them round not squarely.

**Bishop Sfinger:** Pardon? Look, can't we just get on with solving this case, instead of inventing silly little ditties?

**Lady MacIntosh:** Yes, you are quite right Bishop. Still, we are going to have to find a replacement for Jester Minute eventually, and it seems to me like we have a few candidates in our midst.

**Bishop Sfinger****Second Round****Questions you should ask:**

You've seen Lady MacIntosh parrying and thrusting with the best of them in the castle courtyard. Where did she learn her fine swordsmanship skills?

You have heard it said that Pussy In-boots has a side line. What is it?

**Information you should reveal about yourself only when asked.**

The Jester came to you the day he died and among other things he confessed he told you he knew who had the Pi-eyed Piper's pipes, that the Queen was placing adverts in the lonely hearts column and that he had replied and been rebuffed, and added to that he also asked forgiveness for his many girlfriends.

You could probably do with going to confession yourself. You are a bit light fingered and have been known to help yourself to things out of the castle from time to time. You work on the principle of robbing from the rich to give to the poor church funds.

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**Scripted Dialogue Round 3**

- Bishop Sfinger:** Sounds to me like there are quite a few people who had a motive to kill off the jester.
- Lady MacIntosh:** Yes, it all needs a thorough investigation if you ask me.
- Sir Prancealot:** I agree. A good probe is what's needed.
- Pi-eyed Piper:** But not by you.
- Lady MacIntosh:** Well all this questioning is entertainment anyway; probably the best laugh the jester has given me since he was employed.
- Sir Prancealot:** I don't find it funny.
- Mystic Margarita:** Nor me. It simply wouldn't have gone on in days of old.
- Pussy In-boots:** When men were bold.
- Sir Prancealot:** And women were seen infrequently.
- Pi-eyed Piper:** Men had to make do with telegraph poles and spin them round completely.
- Bishop Sfinger:** With comments like that I'm not sure why you would want to become a...

**Cont.**

**Pussy In-boots:** Come a?

**Sir Prancealot:** Come a?

**Lady Macintosh:** Come a?

**Bishop Sfinger:** Come a comedian.

**Pi-eyed Piper:** They come and go, they come and go,  
after all.

**Pussy In-boots:** Our's has gone, that's for certain. Can't  
we just get on with solving this mystery?

**Bishop Sfinger**

### **Third Round**

#### **Questions you should ask:**

You can't recall ever seeing Sir Prancealot's name on the list of battlefield heros. Has he ever gone into battle and killed anyone?

You suspect Lady MacIntosh has also studied abroad, she knows another language – what is it?

#### **Information you should reveal about yourself only when asked.**

You see Pussy In-boots once a week, but not for what they think. She never comes to confession because she knows about the hole in the box. She wants her discussions to remain private.

You have been known to take things to Pussy In-boots for certain individuals; your cassock has a secret pocket which Pussy In-boots sewed for you.

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**Bishop Sfinger****Concluding Statement**

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

**Bishop Sfinger speaks first using the following dialogue:**

Well I may be no prophet, but I can tell you this: I'm no murderer. Whatever else you may think, I'm still a man of the cloth. I may speak French, steal and visit the red torch district, but I haven't broken all of the Ten Commandments. You should all be looking elsewhere. Though I'd happily do the last rites for whoever did the evil deed.

**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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