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Mama Carriba
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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Mama Carriba

Background Character Information:

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

You learned your "fortune telling" trade from your grandmother, who came from Haiti and settled here in New Orleans.

You speak with a thick Caribbean/French accent and most people find you very mysterious.

You know many magic potion formulas that can sway your tarot cards to go one way or another.

Mama Carriba

Introductions:

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

Mama Carriba speaks first using the following dialogue:

It is a sad night learning this horrible thing has come to pass...Louisiana Williams is finally dead. I have been seeing it in her cards for years, but I was always hoping the cards were wrong!

I'm Mama Carriba, a fortune-teller and I always tell what I see in the cards. Some say I use magic to sway the outcomes of a reading, but in this case, it seems it was poor Ms. Williams' time to pass.

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

Scripted Dialogue Round 1

- Louis Armsweak:** Well, if this doesn't beat all...my old friend Louisiana found dead in the bathtub!
- Alligator Dundee:** If I were a gaming man, I'd lay odds that she didn't die from natural causes.
- Mama Carriba:** Alligator, you *are* a gaming man; wild game that is! Probably a shady one at that, from what I hear.
- Alligator Dundee:** Let's not get into a discussion right now about shady business, shall we? There are more important matters at hand.
- Simone Quatella:** I suppose you're referring to your whip, Alligator? You always seem to have that handy!
- Rufus Reme:** He's probably talking about Louisiana. Speaking of having things handy...Simone, how about dishing up some treats to get our minds off of all this?
- Mama Carriba:** Something in the cards tell me that this shall come to pass, Rufus...

Cont.

Louis Armsweak: Mama, could you try and stop being a fortune-teller for just a while? It gets on everyone's nerves!

Grace Fulle: Mama Carriba isn't the only thing getting on my nerves. This whole business about Louisiana has me very nervous. Let's continue on with our discussion about what has happened this evening!

Mama Carriba

First Round

Questions you should ask:

Rufus stated that Louisiana was a woman he will never forget. Ask Rufus about this statement.

Simone seems as though she didn't care much for Louisiana. Ask her why.

Information you should reveal about yourself only when asked.

In all the years you have been reading the cards for Louisiana, the same thing always was shown; an early love in her past and an early death in her future. It was heartbreaking to have to tell her the things that you saw.

You know voodoo as you learned it from your grandmother. She taught you many spells when you were young, but that was long ago.

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Scripted Dialogue Round 2

Grace Fulle: At least this whole business about Louisiana has brought us closer together. Don't you all agree?

Rufus Reme: I will agree we've gotten to know each other a little better, I wouldn't mind getting to know some of you better...too bad the atmosphere is a little confined.

Grace Fulle: All of us ladies have sensed that about you, Rufus. It's made us very glad we're all in the same room and haven't had the chance to be alone with you!

Alligator Dundee: Funny Rufus should use the word confined...if one of us is a murderer, there will surely be a long confinement as the punishment...if not the more drastic alternative...

Mama Carriba: Eye, for eye of newt, tooth, for tooth of snake... that's an old voodoo saying of my ancestor's.

Simone Quatella: That doesn't make any sense, Mama Carriba...

Cont.

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Louis Armsweak: Don't mind Mama, she's just an old soothsayer full of her voodoo-shmoodo and card readings...that's her business, you know!

Simone Quatella: Speaking of business, I've wanted to ask Rufus how his plumbing business is going.

Rufus Reme: I can't complain about the plumbing business, it's been good to me... another bidet, another dollar. Thank you for asking.

Alligator Dundee: Good grief, after hearing that Rufus, I think I need a drink! How about a round for all of us and then we'll get back to our discussion about what has happened to Louisiana!

Mama Carriba**Second Round****Questions you should ask:**

Ask Grace if she had noticed anything unusual at any time throughout the evening.

Is Louisiana's name her given name? Ask Louis if Ms. Williams' name was a pen name she goes by.

Information you should reveal about yourself only when asked.

You and Louisiana met yesterday on Bourbon Street at her request. She invited you to the party tonight and wanted you to give her another reading. You refused to read for her again until she paid you the money she owed you for the last ten readings. She said she would write you a cheque but you demanded cash. She left in a huff...

You remember as you entered Louisiana's apartment, you thought you overheard Simone and Louisiana arguing about something and heard Louisiana say "I'll see to it you never work in this town again..."

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Scripted Dialogue Round 3

Louis Armsweak: After all of this is over, would anyone like to hear me play my horn?

Grace Fulle: Oh Louis, I'd love to hear your horn, I've always admired your talent. Actually, do you think I could try to blow on it? I used to play the flute, you know.

Mama Carriba: Something in the cards tells me you were quite good at playing the flute, Grace.

Rufus Reme: Oh come, come, people. Shouldn't we be discussing this murder?

Alligator Dundee: I don't know, Rufus, I'd kind of like to see Grace blow on Louis's horn. It might be very entertaining.

Simone Quatella: Would anyone agree that I am a great cook? I worked so hard to prepare the food for tonight.

Cont.

Grace Fulle: Everything I tasted tonight was delicious, Simone.

Rufus Reme: If I were judging the food, I'd say it was a five star meal! How about you, Mama?

Mama Carriba: Oh yes, indeed. Simone is a great chef...Look everyone, I think Inspector Cluesnot would rather we got on with some investigative work rather than chatting. Does anyone have a question for me? I might as well get mine over and done with first.

Mama Carriba

Third Round

Questions you should ask:

Does Alligator think Louisiana was involved in any way with the land deal in his grandfather's selling of the swamp-land?

Upon knowing that her birth mother's name was Louise, ask Grace if she thought Ms. Williams was her long lost mother.

Information you should reveal about yourself only when asked.

Louisiana Williams owed you lots of bucks. At least \$2000 for all of her past readings. You have a lot of expenses and you were very angry that she hadn't paid you for a long time.

You did have your potions with you and you added one to her mint julep as she was going in for her bath...the money potion. It's made from powdered chicken feet. You thought it would help her remember to pay you!

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Mama Carriba**Concluding Statement**

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

Mama Carriba speaks first using the following dialogue:

People have always thought of me as a Voodoo witch, but I am an honest woman who only tried to help people know what their futures held. I was angry at Louisiana for not paying me and I did add a bit of my money potion to her drink, right before she went to bathe. The powdered chicken feet did not kill her and I am not guilty of any fowl play!

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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