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A Corporate Murder



Derek Terr
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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Derek Terr

Background Character Information:

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

You have a bright and friendly attitude, a warm personality and count everyone as your friend. You play the role of peacemaker with your friends and guests – a role that is especially under strain tonight.

You are fun, a little mischievous and you occasionally play pranks – but not hurtful ones.

Your personality makes you the most popular person at the party, as well as being the big boss of Maiden Media, a large entertainment retail group. You booked the entertainer, Mr Warner, to help pass the time this evening before dinner. Needless to say his murder is quite a surprise to you!

You don't like there to be disagreements at work. If any cat-fights break out amongst the women (over you) then make sure you calm them down. Justine Case and Honor Break always seem to need breaking up, you think they both fancy you.

Derek Terr

Introductions:

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

Derek Terr speaks first using the following dialogue:

Well - I guess you all know me, Derek Terr – after all, I invited you all here. It was supposed to be a friendly business get together wasn't it Justine? A celebration of a successful year. Well, I guess that kind of went wrong.

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

Scripted Dialogue Round 1

- Derek Terr** Well! Who would believe it? Our very own murder enquiry! I wasn't expecting this!

- Justine Case** Really Derek! You sound almost excited by the prospect.

- Honor Break** All I can say is let's hope this is more entertaining than your entertainer was. Perhaps he bored himself to death?

- Adam Upp** I enjoyed his show.

- Justine Case** Me too.

- Honor Break** Well, there's no accounting for taste.

- Derek Terr** How does everyone think we should solve this case then?

- Honor Break** What is this? A team building exercise?

- Adam Upp** Well, I'm fairly good at predicting patterns, maybe I'll be able to solve this crime.

- Dick Shunnery** Then may I suggest you start by looking in the library for clues? That is where the murder occurred after all.

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Justine Case Only don't look too hard. You might just find something.

Adam Upp And what something would that be Justine?

Justine Case Books!

Penny Counter All those books! All those trees!

Dick Shunnery I'm sure some of them came from sustainable forests.

Penny Counter And the stuffed animal heads?

Derek Terr They were dead when I bought them! Honest!

Justine Case A manor like this just has to have some hunting trophies Penny, please be fair. Like he said, he didn't kill them himself.

Honor Break No, he always gets someone else to do the dirty work for him, that's why he's the boss! Anyway – shall we get on with asking each other questions? I think I have one for someone...

Derek Terr

First Round

Questions you should ask:

Did Penny Counter speak to Mr Warner after his magic show?

Did Dick Shunnery enjoy Mr Warner's Magic show?

Information you should reveal about yourself only when asked.

You asked Justine Case to ask around the staff to see if anyone knew of a good entertainer for your party this evening. If anyone asks you why you booked him, tell them Justine Case did it and get her to answer the question.

You wished you had never booked Mr Warner now. His act was lame and centred around disappearing bunnies who never really vanished and a "cupboard of doom" which obviously had a fake door at the back. He also kept asking Justine Case to help. It looked as though she was enjoying it a lot. Too much in your opinion.

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Scripted Dialogue Round 2

Derek Terr Did he say he was stabbed? With a sword?

Justine Case There were plenty on the walls.

Dick Shunnery And don't forget Mr Warner brought his own swords too for his "cupboard of doom" thing.

Penny Counter Fake. They had to be. I didn't see him puncturing Justine when he had her inside his cupboard.

Adam Upp Fake? Oh. That's just ruined the whole thing for me. I thought they were real.

Derek Terr It's all smoke and mirrors with magicians these days. Nothing is real any more.

Dick Shunnery Oh, you can't beat real magic and fairy dust. The dust being *fairy* important of course.

Justine Case Was that supposed to be a joke? Take a word of advice – don't give up your day job just yet.

Adam Upp I thought it was quite good. Say – have you heard the one about the bee?

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Honor Break Oh buzz off Adam – we've ALL heard your jokes countless times.

Dick Shunnery I don't think I've heard it bee-fore.

Honor Break Groan. Perhaps you two should just go off in a room together to exchange your party pieces.

Derek Terr Nobody is going anywhere until this case is solved, trust me.

Justine Case In that case, does anyone have any idea yet who killed Mr Warner?

Honor Break Well, I've eliminated one person from my enquiries already.

Dick Shunnery You have?

Honor Break Yes. Me! Shall we carry on? Who's going to start this time?

Derek Terr

Second Round

Questions you should ask:

You saw Adam Upp rubbing his right knuckles earlier this evening. Did he get into a fight with anyone? If so, who and why?

Did Penny Counter notice any weapons in the library while she was in there?

Information you should reveal about yourself only when asked.

You went to see Mr Warner after the magic show and told him you were withholding some of his payment as you felt his act was so poor. You know Justine Case followed you. Hopefully she'll act as a witness if pressed that you left him alive, if a little out of pocket.

When Justine Case initially advised you that the booking had been made, and also what space needed to be available for Mr Warner you had a look around your mansion and selected the library as the room with the best possibilities for seating and performing space. You use the library as an annex of sorts to your main office, and have a lot of filing cabinets within the room. Even so it is still a huge space.

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Scripted Dialogue Round 3

Penny Counter Well! Here we are, nearly finished with our enquiries and I still haven't got the slightest clue who did it.

Derek Terr It's always means motive and opportunity with the ones on TV, isn't it? Perhaps we should start there?

Justine Case It's all too much like TV if you ask me. Secret passageways to the library, swords through the heart...

Adam Upp So we're just looking for Miss Marple are we?

Dick Shunnery Are you volunteering?

Adam Upp I hardly think I'm *old* enough, do you?

Justine Case Oh, it's amazing what you can do with make up these days!

Honor Break You're all missing the point! It isn't Miss Marple we're looking for – it's the murderer!

Derek Terr Or perhaps a thief? It sounds like Inspector Netunes seems to think a burglary was underway.

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- Justine Case** Yes – and that’s what makes all this so much worse!
- Derek Terr** Don’t worry Justine, it looks to me like they didn’t get away. After all, Mr Warner is dead, and all the suspects for his murder are here.
- Honor Break** Which brings us back to Miss Marple.
- Adam Upp** Forget Miss Marple, I think we’re doing fine on our own – isn’t that what the inspector said?
- Dick Shunnery** You’re right. He did. Which means he’s obviously worse at staff appraisals than I am!
- Adam Upp** Really? Well, I’m very good at appraisals myself. I’m sure I could teach you a thing or two.
- Dick Shunnery** Maybe another day. Shall we just carry on with the questions for now?

Derek Terr

Third Round

Questions you should ask:

Ask Adam Upp whether he saw anyone near the library when he left.

Did Penny Counter notice anything odd about Mr Warner when she went to see him?

Information you should reveal about yourself only when asked.

You didn’t visit the library after your disagreement over the payment. Justine Case will verify that you went directly back to your guests after speaking to Mr Warner as she met you in the corridor outside the room and came back with you.

You were surprised to find you were jealous of Mr Warner. Justine Case was flirting with him during his performance and this made you strangely mad. You suspect you are attracted to her deep down and this evening has really shed light on your feelings. Perhaps she might be interested in being more than your PA after tonight?

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Derek Terr

Concluding Statement

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

Derek Terr speaks first using the following dialogue:

My word! There was I thinking this was just a nice little social gathering of office colleagues! How wrong I was! How wrong everyone's personnel files are too! I think we will be doing a lot of updating after this, don't you agree Justine?

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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