

(10-20+ Guests Electronic Version)

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A master of deception, the reclusive Christopher Clause tricked many people into attending what he referred to as the 'most wondrous party of the year.' After everyone arrived at Clause Manor, Christopher had his staff lock the guests inside with no chance of escape. The partygoers were shocked to see Christopher, wearing a Santa suit in a faraway location, pop onto a monitor in the living room. He warned that someone would be leaving in a coroner's bag!

The eccentric millionaire was a mastermind and had selected the guest list meticulously. It wasn't long before tempers flared inside of the holiday pressure cooker while they worked on Chris's demented riddle. There wasn't much surprise when a dead body emerged, and a killer lurked among them.

Christopher popped back on the monitor, laughing and cheering with delight. His twisted plan had fallen into place. He gave another riddle for the guests to solve and announced that he would be contacting the authorities. He cautioned that all attendees would be a suspect in this murder if they didn't find the killer before the red and blues swirled in the front driveway.

The guest scurried about, interrogating each other until they could turn over no more stones. Once they found the killer, the detainees were able to leave the manor, never to speak of the night's events again.

LIST OF CHARACTERS FOR THE HOST

20 characters total. 10 required (5f, 4m, 1 either gender) and 10 optional (5f, 5m) All <u>optional</u> players are <u>optional</u> to game play, but they will have the same type of materials as the required players and are not told that their character was optional to the story line.

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Character	Brief Bio	Suggested Attire		
MADELINE MCKEMMEY Domestic Engineer, Volunteer REQUIRED Female	A mother of two girls, Madeline is a housewife who volunteers at the local community theater. Madeline's husband is a website designer for big corporations. They have done well thus far and live in a huge home overlooking the lake. Madeline is known as a gossip, so be careful about which secrets you share with her.	Trendy casual Christmas attire. Maybe a fitted suit in a Christmas theme, or a fashionable Christmas sweater. You are bold, bright, and not afraid to take risks with fashion.		
JON SLEET President, North Industries REQUIRED Male	Jon Sleet is the president of <i>North Industries</i> , a multinational conglomerate headquartered in Christmas Hollow. Its diversified business includes iron and steel, gaming, and custom luxury furniture. Jon is currently acquiring many other companies. Some people are thrilled about it, and others are not. Business is business.	A fun Christmas suit. You are a CEO, but you love to have fun. You have Christmas spirit.		
JOYCE PRIERS Retail Clerk, CBC Pharmacy REQUIRED Female	A single mother of two boys, Joyce works as a retail clerk at a local pharmacy in Christmas Hollow. Joyce is obsessed with Christmas lights and always has the best lit house in the neighborhood. Joyce is often stressed out and sometimes allows her foul moods to get in the way of her work.	A lab coat with a Santa hat. Or, just make it festive and wear a Christmas suit or fun ugly Christmas sweater.		
DON DRAPIER Creative Director, Sterlong & Coop REQUIRED Male	A prior fur salesman before it was considered taboo, Don Drapier has hustled his way into a top advertising agency, <i>Sterlong & Coop</i> , as the creative director. His colleagues all say he's the best at pitching ideas to clients. Don hopes to become a partner at the firm.	A Christmas suit or ugly Christmas sweater. You are professional, but Christmas spirited - even with the turmoil in your life.		
MICHOMME GRIMES Public Defense Lawyer REQUIRED Female	Michonne Grimes is a public defense lawyer for the city of Christmas Hollow. Michonne has worked on many high-profile cases but always seems to lose them to the prosecutors. As a side, Michonne is a national fencing champion and Olympic hopeful.	A Christmas suit or ugly Christmas sweater.		
WALTER HEIDELBERG Pharmaceutical Chemist REQUIRED Male	An Ivy League graduate, Walter Heidelberg is an independent researcher at <i>Rolling Pharmaceuticals</i> . Walter spent two decades teaching high school chemistry, but later found a love for the formulation of pharmaceuticals. Walter is currently working on the cure for lung cancer.	A lab coat and any science-related props (beakers, flasks, Eppendorf tubes, etc.). Safety goggles as an optional prop.		

JUME OSBOURME Book Editor, Fangtooth Press REQUIRED Female	Outspoken, rebellious, and loved by her friends and family, she is a dedicated book editor for <i>Fangtooth Press</i> . June isn't happy at work due to intolerant and inflexible executives at the publishing company. June has been secretly meeting with the board of directors to oust the dictators in charge. June is the boss of her copyeditor, Dolores Abernethian.	Nerdy attire – Christmas inspired. The ugliest Christmas sweater, plaid skirt, and knee highs. You look like a librarian who hasn't a clue of fashion.
DOLORES ARERMETHIAN Copyeditor, Fangtooth Press REQUIRED Female	A cattle rancher's daughter, Dolores Abernethian works for June Osbourne as a copyeditor at <i>Fangtooth Press</i> . She and June are working together against the authoritarian top executives of the publishing house. They are fed up with poor working conditions – long, mostly unpaid, hours, freezing temperatures inside, and no breaks.	Nerdy attire – Christmas inspired. The ugliest Christmas sweater, plaid skirt, and knee highs. You look like a librarian who hasn't a clue of fashion.
PERRY SEIMELD Comedian REQUIRED Male	Usually the voice of reason amongst his quirky set of friends, Perry Seinfeld is a standup comic who dreams of one day being famous. Perry has traveled from coast to coast pitching his idea for a reality show, but nobody has taken the bait yet. Perry is a weekend regular headliner at the <i>House of Slapstick</i> , a local comedy club featuring comics from around the globe.	A funny Christmas costume (i.e. Christmas tree, A Christmas Story lamp, etc.). Or, an ugly Christmas sweater.
DAMMY TARGARON Four-Star Army General REQUIRED Either	Danny Targaron is a ruthless U.S. Army General who recently achieved the status of four-star officer rank. An orphaned child, Danny's mother died during childbirth, and Danny's father was killed by his head of security in a failed plot to steal his fortune.	Military general costume. (or any type of military attire).
MICHAEL SCOTTS Branch Manager Optional Male	Michael Scotts is a branch manager of the <i>Christmas Hollow</i> <i>Paper and Dog Crate Company</i> . Michael worked for the paper division until the merger with the canine-focused company. Now, Michael's talents are spread thin over two different types of products. Michael is a nightmare for the human resources department, as he is always doing the wrong thing.	A nerdy Christmas suit or ugly Christmas sweater.
CELESTE WRIGHTMAN Corporate Lawyer Optional Female	Exuding pure elegance when she glides into a room, all heads will turn to gaze at this stunning attorney. Sophisticated and understated, this beauty is always there for a friend in need. Sometimes indecisive, Celeste leans on her support network for life decisions. Celeste is often in a foul mood because of her nosy mother-in-law.	A trendy Christmas suit, evening gown, or ugly Christmas sweater.
DWIGHT CHUTE Paper and Dog Crate Salesman Optional Male	Dwight Chute is the top salesman at the <i>Christmas Hollow</i> <i>Paper and Dog Crate Company</i> . He is a major kiss up to anyone who could promote him, and the rest of the office cannot wait until the day he quits or is fired.	A nerdy Christmas suit or ugly Christmas sweater.

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MARGORIE BOUVIER- SIMMERTON Housewife Optional Female	Margorie is the doting mother of three children and loving wife of her husband, Homer Simmerton. A former nuclear technician, Margorie left the rat race to stay at home and raise the kids. Margorie's family does not approve of her husband, so she is often found bickering with her mother and sisters over the phone.	1960's style stereotypical housewife costume. Hair in a beehive (blue, if you wish).
DR. LEO HOFSTATLER Experimental Physicist Optional Male	An Ivy-League graduate who rollerblades to work and dresses up as Star Trek characters at Cosplay conventions on the weekend, Leo Hofstatler is the quintessential nerd. With a stunning IQ of 175, Dr. Hofstatler was a child prodigy who started working in laboratories on free-electron lasers as a teenager. Dr. Leo works at <i>Western Robotics</i> on high-tech robotic soldiers for the military.	Lab coat – mad scientist wig, if you wish.
RUTH WILDMAN Professional Wrestler Optional Female	Ruth Wildman was once a struggling actress trying to land a break-out role. A method artist, Ruth will drive others mad by refusing to break character. Ruth is currently a cast member of the Gorgeous Girls of Wrestling (GGW). Her altered ego is a British spy named Gun Show Grace in Your Face.	Any type of sequined dance style costume that you'd wear in the ring.
J.R. PRITCHETT Owner, Pritchett Closets Optional Male	A father of three kids and owner of a closet design company. He's the most well-off member of a huge family. He walks around with a sourpuss look on his face, as he's likely to have just been asked for a handout. With a growing disdain of the human race, J.R. gets along best with his dog Stellar.	A Christmas suit or ugly Christmas sweater.
Catalog Editor Optional Female	Elaine Bennet is the best friend of Perry Seinfeld - her ex- boyfriend. They both prefer living the single life. Elaine is intelligent with a keen sense of humor. She considers herself one of the boys, as her closest friends are all male. Elaine Bennet is an editor of a men's catalog called the <i>K. Simon</i> <i>Collection.</i>	A Christmas suit or ugly Christmas sweater.
Chief of Police, Christmas Hollow Optional Male	A cynical man who has trouble making connections with real people, this law officer of Christmas Hollow has serious life management problems. Always last to arrive at the police station and the first to leave, Chief Hopper rarely works any cases that are thrust upon his desk. For that reason, many crime syndicates have been formed in the city.	Policeman or sheriff's costume.
JOAN HOLIDAY Office Manager Optional Female	Joan Holiday is the bold and sassy office manager at the <i>Sterlong</i> & <i>Coop Advertising Agency</i> . Joan is currently torn between her fiancé and her career. She wants to apply for an open Vice President of Operations position at <i>North Industries,</i> but she also wants to settle down and start a family.	A trendy Christmas suit or ugly Christmas sweater.



EACH PLAYER WILL HAVE A NAME TAG IN THE PURCHASED VERSION. THE PARTY PACKS (BOXED VERSION) WILL BE PRINTED ON ADHESIVE BACKED NAME TAGS.

Host Instructions

GENERAL HOSTING: during the party, your job as the host is to make sure the rounds flow correctly. As the host, you may choose to play any character you wish. You will pass out the clue cards to the guests at the appropriate times. As the mystery progresses, check on your guests to see if they are discussing the clues and implementing tasks on their clue cards (some players may have tasks). Encourage them to mingle with the other players, and not to rush anything. It's all about gossiping and sharing secrets! They should speak to every other player at least once during each round. Your guests are playing a character role, so they should embrace their character's lack of integrity and motives. With that said, if you opt to do the optional money challenge, you can instruct the guests to hold back secrets for money (see the bonus activity instructions for more details).

THERE WILL BE FULL INSTRUCTIONS IN THE PURCHASED GAME.

<u>GAME STRUCTURE</u>: the game is organized into four rounds and is structured as follows:

OPTIONAL PRE-GAME STARTER: these optional pre-game tasks are to be delivered to each guest before the party or give them to the guests as they arrive. All pre-game materials are optional. They are intended to enhance the buildup for the event. These tasks are not vital to solving the mystery. Also, encourage your guests to view the Your Mystery Party guest pre-game website to get them excited about your game (this is highly encouraged).

ROUND ONE: Deliver the round one clue card envelopes as your guests arrive. It is optional to serve cocktails for adults and appetizers.

ROUND TWO: Deliver the round two clue card envelopes. It is optional to break for dinner either before or after this round.

SOLUTION ROUND THREE: Deliver the round three solutions. It is optional to serve coffee/hot cocoa and dessert.

Don't host a party without some type of food/beverage offering - hungry guests are not happy guests.

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Example Timeline

7:00 PM: Guests arrive. Take guest photos and serve refreshments. Have the invited guest list available for the guests to view as they trickle into the party. Once everybody has arrived, snap a group photo!

7:10 PM: The host goes over the guest instructions for the mystery game. It is optional to have each character stand up and introduce themselves to the group.

7:20 PM: Play video #1.

7:25 PM: The guests will work on Chris's riddle #1.

7:35 PM: The round one clue cards are handed out, and players mingle and discuss the clues on their clue cards in private or semi-private conversations. Motives will start to unfold during this round.

8:00 PM: An optional bonus game is played.

8:15 PM: An optional dinner is served. Snacks can be served throughout the party instead.

8:45 PM: The round two envelopes are handed out, and the guests mingle about with their pre-murder clues in private/semi-private conversations.

9:00 PM: The victim is revealed, and video #2 is played.

9:05 PM: The guests will work on riddle #2.

9:15 PM: The investigation begins. The investigation sheets are handed out, and the players interrogate each other (using the post-murder clues). Each guest should interview every player in the game and discuss all clues. This is not a time to keep secrets! A murderer is on the loose!

9:30 PM: The forensic report is revealed.

9:35 PM: The investigation sheets (guesses of whodunit) are turned in to the host. After the sheets are collected, the guests may take turns accusing who they believe did it.

9:50 PM: Dessert and coffee may be served at this time. The round three solutions are handed out to the guests. Each player presents their solution, and the murderer confesses at the end. Allow a few minutes for the guests to mingle at the end to discuss the mystery.

10:10 PM: Another optional bonus game may be played &/or host an optional awards ceremony!

To shorten the mystery party, omit the bonus games, don't stop for dinner, omit the accusation round, and don't host an awards ceremony. Also, you can shorten the game even further by only having the required players read their solutions (or even just the murderer). If you wish to extend the length of the party, add more bonus games!

EACH PLAYER WILL HAVE A PRE-GAME TASK CARD IN THE PURCHASED GAME. YOU ARE VIEWING THE FORMAT OF THE INSTANT DOWNLOAD. THE PARTY PACK (BOXED) VERSION WILL BE PRINTED ON DOUBLE-SIDED, PARCHMENT STYLE, TRADITIONAL THEMED (DETECTIVE) CLUE CARDS. THE PRE-GAME TASKS WILL NOT BE FOLDED IN YOUR KIT OR PUT INTO THE ENVELOPES SO YOU CAN EASILY WRITE IN YOUR GUESTS' CONTACT INFORMATION. CHARACTER NAMES REMOVED TO MINIMIZ SPOILERS.

CHARACTER H - PREGAME TASKS

Contact Character M and say the following: Please stop sending me gifts. It will not change my mind about hiring you. I've already filled the position. **CONTACT INFO:**

Contact Character Y and say the following: You cannot sue me over making a business decision. Please spare me the empty threats. **CONTACT INFO:**

Respond to Character L and say the following: No. It was an *act of nature*, so my insurance policy will not cover it. Therefore, you do not get to earn money off a natural catastrophe. It didn't fall from being dug up – it fell over during a thunderstorm. (IF CHARACTER L FAILS TO CONTACT YOU, SKIP THIS TASK.)

HERE IS AN EXAMPLE CLUE CARD FOR ROUND ONE. NAMES HAVE BEEN REMOVED TO MINIMIZE SPOILERS. HOWEVER, DON'T READ THE CLUES IF YOU WISH TO KEEP EVERYTHING A SURPRISE. (THIS DOES NOT REVEAL THE KILLER OR VICTIM.)

THIS IS THE DOWNLOAD VERSION OF THE GAME. WITH THE PARTY PACK, YOU HAVE THE OPTION TO HAVE THEM PRINTED AND SOME ASSEMBLY REQUIRED (STUFFING YOUR ENVELOPES)-OR, HAVE IT 'PARTY READY' AND OUR STAFF WILL STUFF YOUR ENVELOPES SO YOU CAN AVOID ALL SPOILERS.

CHARACTER H - ROUND ONE

CLUES TO REVEAL AND DISCUSS WITH OTHERS:

- Tell everyone that you don't think character K is friendly enough to work in retail.
- Speak to others about what they think about Christopher Clause. Why would he invite a bunch of people to his home, lock everyone inside, and watch from television monitors? Seems quite creepy.
- Speak to Character P and say that your husband told you he lost a huge account and might need to start looking for another job. Is this true? If so, that is devastating. Tell him you understand his family is away visiting relatives, but you wish them well.
- Congratulate Character S for winning the national fencing championship again (for the fifth year in a row). She's amazing with a sword!
- Talk about how Character B owns a rental property next door to your home on the lake. His landscaper dug up a huge palm tree and accidentally let it fall on your pagoda. It did a ton of damage. He owes you \$2800.00. He refuses to pay!

CLUES THAT YOU MAY CONCEAL IF YOU WISH

- You despise Character B. What kind of person damages another person's property and doesn't own up to it?
- Character Y is a mean person and overly decorates her home during Christmas so she will win the neighborhood decorating contest. Her home looks tacky with thousands of colorful Christmas lights!

HERE IS AN EXAMPLE CLUE CARD FOR ROUND ONE. NAMES HAVE BEEN REMOVED TO MINIMIZE SPOILERS. HOWEVER, DON'T READ THE CLUES IF YOU WISH TO KEEP EVERYTHING A SURPRISE. (THIS DOES NOT REVEAL THE KILLER OR VICTIM. BUT **DOES SHOW EXAMPLE CLUES OF THE MURDER.)**

CHARACTER N- ROUND TWO

PRE-MURDER CLUES:

- You just found out that Character G is purchasing the House of Slapstick, which is the local comedy club you perform at every weekend. This is dreadful news. That means you must move out of Christmas Hollow and find a new home base. You are about to start going on tour with a comedy troupe, but you liked the steady and stable income from your local weekend gigs while not on tour. Alas, you suppose it's on to the next chapter for you.
- Ask Character T why her company is publishing an autobiography about one of the worst people alive

today. POST - MURDER CLUES:

- Solution 2 You noticed the murder weapon earlier. It was on the coffee table in the main party room (living room).
- You were looking through Christopher Clause's closet 2 during the time of the murder. You just wanted to see how many designer clothes he had. You toured around the mansion, as well. The place is super nice.
- You did have a motive to kill the victim. Revenge.
- Schristopher Clause is an evil mastermind, but he didn't murder the victim. Christopher is a disgrace to the Santa suit.
- The murderer will lie. Concentrate on the hard facts.
- The murderer was physically fit to pull off a murder such as this. It took some brute strength.

MURDER MYSTERY INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATED BY

SUSPECT	MOTIVE	EVIDENCE
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HERE IS AN EXAMPLE SOLUTION CARD FOR ROUND THREE. SOLUTION HAS BEEN REMOVED TO PREVENT SPOILERS.

CHARACTER K – ROUND THREE PRESENT YOUR SOLUTION AFTER CHARACTER P When it is your turn, read the following solution to the group: The solution for this character will be given here. They will take turns reading (presenting) their solutions to the group, and the murderer will be last to confess.

THE NEXT PERSON TO READ THEIR SOLUTION CARD IS: character D

MENU SUGGESTIONS

Always ask for nutritional requirements of your guests with the RSVPs to determine if they have any allergies or objections to particular ingredients.

HERE IS AN EXAMPLE MENU FOR THE DOWNLOAD VERSION. THE BOXED SET (PARTY PACK) WILL HAVE A STANDARD MURDER MYSTERY MENU, BUT YOU WILL GET ACCESS TO A WEBSITE WITH MORE CHRISTMAS DIY - INCLUDING MENU

ITEMS.

APPETIZERS:

SCROOGE STUFFED MUSHROOMS

MRS. SANTA'S ARTI'CHOKE' AND KALE DIP

FIRST COURSE:

KISS UNDER THE MISTLETOE SALAD

ENTREE:

STUFFED AS SANTA CHICKEN

SIDES:

CHRISTMAS CASSEROLE

RUDOLPH'S ASPARAGUS RISOTTO

DESSERTS:

TOYSHOP PUMPKIN DELIGHT

CHRISTMAS CRIME SCENE CAKE

COCKTAILS FOR ADULTS:

THE NORTH POLE SURPRISE (omit for minors)

FLIGHT OF THE REINDEER (omit for minors)

JACK FROST'S TONIC (omit for minors)

SANTA'S SWEET TREAT (omit for minors)

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OPTIONAL BONUS GAMES

FOR 100 MORE PARTY GAMES AND MORE PARTY ADVICE, RECIPES, THEMES, ETIQUETTE AND MORE, PURCHASE THE OFFICIAL PARTY HOST HANDBOOK BY DR. BONNIE.



YOU WILL HAVE FREE, ADD-ON BONUS GAMES IN BOTH VERSIONS OF THE GAME – THESE GAMES MAY VARY AND CHANGE OVER TIME.

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- Head over to the Your Mystery Party guest invite site at <u>https://yourmysteryparty.com/badsanta</u> Note: if you add expansion packs, you'll have a different link for your guest pregame site.
- Pinterest page: <u>https://goo.gl/ocHxsa</u>
- Social media posts: #UglySweaterMurder #MyMysteryParty no spoilers, please this includes mention of who the victim &/or murderer are! Please don't post pics of your victim or murderer, as that gives it away, as well. Please don't spoil it for others!
- YouTube Game Trailer is located on the game page and Your Mystery Party page.

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