

## (6-12 GUESTS DOWNLOAD VERSION)

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## SYNOPSIS

In Christmas Village, tucked away deep inside of the North Pole, preparations for Christmas happen 364 days per year. Each year, the coveted Christmas Icon award is bestowed upon the hardest working and most effective holiday helper.

Most of the time, the award is granted to a toy shop elf. This year, it is rumored to be between none other than Icy the Snowman and the Gingerbread Man. Expect the unexpected, as anybody in the town is a potential winner. The recipient of this award will receive a cash bonus and special privileges such as a year's supply of chestnuts, an added vacation day during the year, power to change one law of Christmas, and a guaranteed spot in the legendary Claus Hall of Fame.

The big night of toy delivery is quickly approaching, and the townspeople are hustling and bustling. Silver bells are ringing, and eggnog and sugar plums are bountiful. Mrs. Claus has invited everybody in town to Santa's Cottage for a quick celebration and official announcement of the Christmas Icon of the year award. The excited townspeople are practicing their carols and preparing their most holiday-spirited attire for this annual festivity. Anticipation is hanging thick in the frosted air. Unfortunately, there is always holiday strife between colleagues this time of year, but hopefully, the townsfolk of Christmas Village can let the year's bygones be bygones and show nothing but their best Christmas cheer – at least for the sake of the children on the nice list.

You are a resident of the North Pole and were invited to this event by Mrs. Claus. There are a few Christmas personalities you'd rather not be in the same room with, but everybody must do what Mrs. Claus wants, or they will pay the price. You never know – you might even win the Christmas Icon award this year, as stranger things have happened in the North Pole!

This is where your story begins.

# LIST OF CHARACTERS FOR THE HOST

12-character total – 6 required (3 F, 3 Either) and 6 optional (3 F, 1 M, 2 Either)

*All optional players are optional to game play, but they will have the same type of materials as the required players.*

CHARACTER	BRIEF BIO	COSTUME SUGGESTIONS
<p><b>ICY</b> <i>SNOWMAN</i></p> <p><b>REQUIRED</b> Either</p>	<p>Icy is the carefree and fun-loving snowman of Christmas Village. Icy is a true friend to all of the reindeer and has hopes of leaving the North Pole one day to become a pop star! This frosty individual is an extreme close talker, so grab a jacket when you speak to Icy – it's going to be chilly!</p>	<p><i>All white clothing, face painted white with a top hat, red scarf and pipe. Optional: fake carrot as a nose. Bring some breath mints if you choose to implement your character quirk of close-talking.</i></p>
<p><b>GINGERBREAD MAN</b> <i>Head Gingerbread Cookie</i></p> <p><b>REQUIRED</b> Either</p>	<p>The Gingerbread Man is the wacky head gingerbread cookie of Christmas Village. S/he is known to be a tad narcissistic and believes that every resident of the North Pole wishes that they were a gingerbread cookie.</p>	<p><i>All khaki colored clothing. White wig. Use felt for the icing stripes on wrist, belt, and ankles. Attach pom-poms for the front buttons (you can get these at any craft store).</i></p>
<p><b>DASHER</b> <i>Head Reindeer</i></p> <p><b>REQUIRED</b> Either</p>	<p>Dasher is the ruthless head reindeer of the sled team and resident advisor of the stables. Dasher is certainly not known for good manners and is anything but prim and proper. However, Dasher leads the sled team with care and vigor, and they've never failed during the big Christmas delivery . . . yet!</p>	<p><i>All brown clothing with a white under-shirt. Face painted like a reindeer. Antler headband.</i></p>
<p><b>CANDY CANE</b> <i>Christmas Guru</i></p> <p><b>REQUIRED</b> Female</p>	<p>Candy Cane is the eccentric Christmas guru of Christmas Village. She is the one that knows absolutely everything about Christmas – from how to tie a gift bow to the best route to stay off the naughty list. This is one spirited diva that truly knows how to motivate others and spread holiday cheer.</p>	<p><i>Anything and everything Christmas related (i.e. ornaments, holiday cards, tinsel, garland, etc.) incorporated into your costume.</i></p>
<p><b>MITZY THE ELF</b> <i>Director of Toy Production</i></p> <p><b>REQUIRED</b> Female</p>	<p>Mitzy the Elf is the beautiful micro-managing Director of Toy Production at Santa's Toy Shop in Christmas Village. She runs a tight ship at the factory and is known to be a tad inflexible at times. This is one elf that you shouldn't double cross if you don't want to pay the price.</p>	<p><i>Elf costume. Glamorous hair and makeup.</i></p>
<p><b>MRS. SANTA CLAUS</b> <i>Mother of Christmas</i></p> <p><b>REQUIRED</b> Female</p>	<p>Everyone in Christmas Village knows that it's really Mrs. Claus that runs Christmas! A tad neurotic and a holiday trend-setter, this Mother of Christmas is highly organized and refuses to take <i>no</i> as an answer. She is definitely uncompromising - especially during the Holiday season!</p>	<p><i>A trendy Mrs. Santa Claus costume.</i></p>
<p><b>FIONA</b> <i>Christmas Fairy</i></p> <p>Optional Female</p>	<p>Fiona the Christmas Fairy is one of the most playful residents of Christmas Village. She loves to tell funny holiday-spirited jokes to whoever will listen and spreads Christmas cheer using her magical fairy sparkles.</p>	<p><i>Christmas fairy costume. Optional to have silver confetti as 'fairy sparkles.'</i> <i>You will spread cheer by placing a pinch of confetti into the palm of others – there is no blowing it everywhere and making a mess!</i></p>

<p><b>ELDERBERRY</b> <i>Head Toy Maker</i></p> <p>Optional Either</p>	<p>Elderberry the Elf is the head toy maker and hardest working elf in Christmas Village. Elderberry is under a lot of stress lately, as s/he hasn't released a new toy in years! S/he's a little bit of a whiner, so keep some tissues handy for this drama conjurer</p>	<p><i>Elf costume. Any toy(s) as optional props.</i></p>
<p><b>EDDIE</b> <i>Santa's Bag Engineer</i></p> <p>Optional Either</p>	<p>Eddie is the wild and crazy elf of Christmas Village. Eddie and his/her crew are the ones who load Santa's bag for the toy run on Christmas Eve. It takes a lot of skill and a little magic to get Santa's bag packed just right.</p>	<p><i>Crazy elf costume.</i></p>
<p><b>SANTA CLAUS</b> <i>Father of Christmas</i></p> <p>Optional Male</p>	<p>The legendary Santa Claus with his rosy cheeks, a full belly, and jovial spirit is the one to be around during the holidays. He is happy-go-lucky and impervious to the holiday stress. He follows the same routine each year – depending upon those who prepare all year for the big delivery night.</p>	<p><i>Santa Claus costume.</i></p>
<p><b>RITA THE 'REINDEER'</b> <i>Rita the Wannabe Reindeer</i></p> <p>Optional Female</p>	<p>Rita the wannabe reindeer is the prim and proper nuisance of Christmas Village. If you do not use appropriate manners around Rita, you'll be corrected. However, Rita has etiquette issues of her own, as she insists she is a reindeer and not a human. Everybody in Christmas Village sees that she's a human in reindeer clothing – she isn't fooling anybody!</p>	<p><i>Minimal reindeer costume such as a big red foam nose and antlers. The rest of your attire should be very human - such as a t-shirt and jeans.</i></p>
<p><b>SAMMY CLAUS</b> <i>Daughter of Christmas</i></p> <p>Optional Female</p>	<p>Sammy Claus is the out-of-control daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus. She often starts snowball fights, turns the ovens up in the gingerbread factory, and switches the reindeer food with penguin food. Her parents do everything possible to keep her out of trouble but have found it difficult this holiday season.</p>	<p><i>Youthful Mrs. Santa Claus costume.</i></p>

## 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).

**Full instructions are in the purchased game**

**MITZY THE ELF**  
Director of Toy Production



**Each player will  
have a name tag  
in the purchased  
game**

SAMPLE

**GAME STRUCTURE:** 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 build-up 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. Serving cocktails for adults and appetizers is optional.

**ROUND TWO:** Deliver the round two clue card envelopes. Breaking for dinner before or after this round is optional.

**SOLUTION ROUND THREE:** Deliver the round three solutions. Serving coffee/cocoa and dessert is optional. Don't host a party without a food/beverage offering - hungry guests are not happy guests.

For further questions, check out our FAQ web page at: <http://mymysteryparty.com/how-to-host-faq/>

If your question is not listed in our FAQ, contact us at the email addresses below.

Mystery Questions: [author@mymysteryparty.com](mailto:author@mymysteryparty.com)

Web based Questions: [support@mymysteryparty.com](mailto:support@mymysteryparty.com)

## For more information on how to host, here are some helpful videos and articles for you to view (click on the following links)

If the links aren't working for you, go to our front page of [www.MyMysteryParty.com](http://www.MyMysteryParty.com) and scroll to the middle of the page to view them or head to our FAQ section:

- [How to Host a Murder Mystery Party Instructional Video](#)
- [How to Plan a Murder Mystery Party Instructional Video](#)
- [How to Host in Ten Easy Steps Article \(in our FAQ\)](#)
- [How to Host a Phenomenal Event Article \(in our FAQ\)](#)

## 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. You can play the game trailer video for an introduction.

**7:20 PM:** The round one clue cards are handed out, and the game begins. The guests mingle and discuss the clues on their clue cards. Motives will start to unfold during this round.

**7:50 PM:** An optional bonus game is played.

**8:05 PM:** An optional dinner is served. Snacks can be served throughout the party instead.

**8:35 PM:** The round two envelopes are handed out, and the guests mingle about with their pre-murder clues.

**9:00 PM:** The victim is revealed, and the investigation of the crime begins. The mystery investigation sheets are handed out, and the guests interrogate each other (using the post-murder clues). Each guest should interview every player in the game.

**9:15 PM:** The forensic report is revealed.

**9:30 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.

**9:45 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.

**10:00 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!

## **CHARACTER P – PREGAME TASKS**

**Contact Character J ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) and say the following:** I know for a fact I'll earn the title of *Christmas Icon* this year! Don't be jealous!

**Contact Character G ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) and say the following:** I know for a fact I'll earn the title of *Christmas Icon* this year! Don't be jealous!

**Respond to Character B and say the following:**  
Done deal! I'll put your money on the Polar Express, car #2, row #5, chair B. I'll tape it underneath the chair in a green envelope. If you know of anybody else I can buy votes from – keep me posted!

**Contact Character F ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) and say the following:** You are the nicest person at the North Pole, and I thank you! Alas, your jokes are not funny. Please stop telling jokes!

**If anybody else contacts you, respond that you'll speak to them about it at the party.**

**Each player will have an optional pregame task card in the purchased game. Names removed to prevent spoilers, but do not read if you want the mystery to be a surprise.**

**Each player will have a round one clue card in the purchased game. Names removed to prevent spoilers, but do not read if you want the mystery to be a surprise.**

**CHARACTER D- ROUND ONE  
CLUES TO REVEAL TO OTHER GUESTS:**

- Complain to a few people that you submit ideas for new toys and this one person on the Official Toy Committee keeps saying no to your ideas. That is precisely why the boys and girls haven't had a new toy in years. Santa needs to change the system to have only him decide about new toys - not a unanimous vote from a committee!
- Tell Character G s/he shouldn't get so close to people when talking, as someone could get frostbite on the face!
- Tell Character B many people are against her ideas of changing Christmas traditions. She should leave Christmas exactly how it is! You blame her for Character K's idea of creating a Snowmas day right before Christmas. They might not have done that if all traditions were the same.

**CLUES THAT YOU MAY CONCEAL:**

- Character L is the one person on the committee that says no to every one of your toy ideas. You can't stand them and can't believe the town voted them as the Christmas Icon this year.
- You don't get along well with Character B. They complain a lot and are a drama queen.

**Each player will have a round two clue card in the purchased game.**

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## **Character T – ROUND TWO**

### **PRE-MURDER CLUES:**

- 📄 Santa's human resource elf just text messaged you and said that there was another potential applicant for your job and if you don't get the toys packed in time this year, you could be replaced by this applicant. You are very concerned that this might be Character G who is not qualified and has falsified information on the application. You are furious! You can't believe that human resources would even consider replacing you with a fraudulent person.
- 🗳️ Character R paid Character Q to vote for him/her for *Christmas Icon*. That's not fair!
- 🗳️ Character N was jealous of Character R winning the *Christmas Icon* award this year.

### **POST-MURDER CLUES:**

- 🔪 You never left the party room until you heard chaos from *\*location removed*. You left immediately and ran to *\*location removed* and there was a dead body on the ground.
- 🔪 Characters R and Y were both gone from the party room during the possible time of the murder. There might have been more guests gone, but you know these specific party guests were gone at the same time.
- 🔪 The murder weapon belongs to Character O.

SAMPLE



**Character Y**  
**Round Three**

**READ AFTER CHARACTER D**

The solution that the player will read will be here. They will take turns standing in front of the group and presenting their solutions.

**Character B IS NEXT**

**Each player will have a round three solution card in the purchased game. Names removed to prevent spoilers but do not read the card if you wish to keep everything a surprise.**

# MENU SUGGESTIONS

*\*The following items are for a more formal type of dinner – teens might prefer more ‘teen’ style food (fish & chips, hot dogs, hamburgers, etc.) – therefore, the following items are only suggestions.*

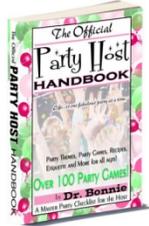
SANTA’S STUFFED MUSHROOMS  
HOLLY BERRY SALAD  
SANTA’S FAMOUS STUFFED CHICKEN  
NORTH POLE CASSEROLE  
HAPPY HOLIDAY CAKE  
MELTED SNOWMAN COOKIES  
SWEET ENDING  
JINGLE BELL JUICE  
TOYLICIOUS SHAKE

**Menu recipes are included in the purchased game.**

**The party ready pack will have traditional, non-Christmas menu suggestions, but you will be given access to a website for Christmas menu ideas and games.**

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**PLEASE NOTE: BONUS GAMES ARE A FREE ADD-ON TO THE MYSTERY AND MAY DIFFER BETWEEN THE ELECTRONIC AND PARTY READY PACK VERSIONS OF THE GAME. ABOVE IS AN EXAMPLE LIST OF GAMES THAT MAY BE INCLUDED IN YOUR KIT.**

 **ANSWER KEY** 

**DO NOT READ BELOW IF YOU WISH TO KEEP THE MYSTERY A SURPRISE.**

**An answer key is provided in the purchased game in case you have end of the mystery questions. This may not be needed at all, but it's handy to have the solution with you if so.**

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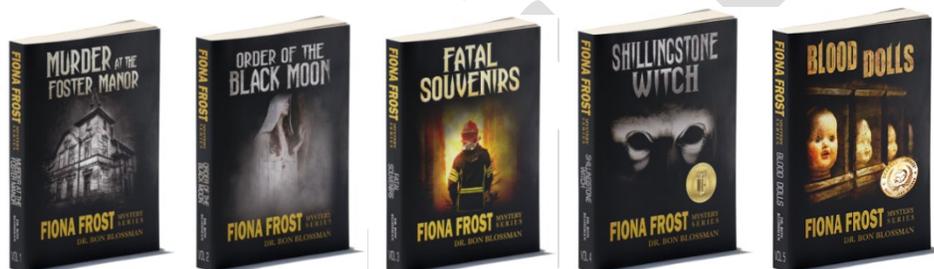
## FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR GAME:

- Send your guests to the Your Mystery Party guest pre-game site at [yourmysteryparty.com/crazychristmas](http://yourmysteryparty.com/crazychristmas)
- Pinterest page: <https://www.pinterest.com/mymysteryparty/crazy-christmas-catastrophe-christmas-murder-myste/> We have created a board for all of our games that includes theme-specific DIY party food and décor. To find the direct link to the Pinterest page, go back to the webpage where you purchased the game and scroll to the bottom of the page – you'll see the Pinterest board there. Click on it to enlarge and view the pins.
- Social media posts: #MyMysteryParty – no spoilers, please! Spoilers include any pictures or text of who the victim/murderer is, such as a decorated victim wearing their name tag in the photo. Please do not ruin the game for others.

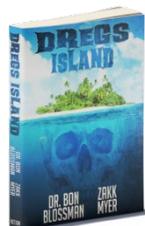
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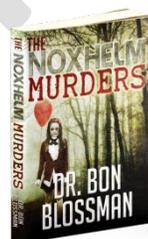


### 2017 RELEASES:



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YA Thriller**

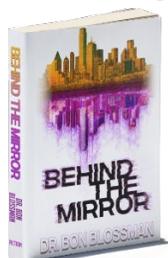
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Mystery  
Thriller**

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