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SYNOPSIS

Miles Randolph was a ruthless cheapskate who loathed everyone in the town of Pinewood Landing. A miserly outsider, Mr. Randolph only left his mansion to run his toy factory, *Randolph Toys, Incorporated*, which was the largest producer of toys in the world. Miles spent his life amassing his fortune and churning out hate, grief, and gloom to all who crossed his path.

Nobody blinked an eye when the staff of his estate found Miles Randolph's body this morning. The crime scene was made to appear as if he died from natural causes, but the clever homicide detectives of Pinewood Landing caught on to the ruse. The question is not if he were murdered, but rather, who could have pulled off such a crime? Is the killer an employee of the toy factory? A family member? The butler? Or might it be one of the many colleagues he has wronged in the past?

The Pinewood Landing detectives have asked for your help to solve the case. Further instructions will be sent to you for the exact time and place that you will meet with the team who is assigned to solve this case. You should be aware - everyone assigned to delve into this case was associated with Miles Randolph, as he had numerous ties to many networks around the world. It would be dangerous for you not to attend, as the others might consider your absence a confession.

This is where your story begins.

HOST CHARACTER LIST

There are 4-6 required players and 4 optional. 10 players are all either gender.

NAME OCCUPATION	BRIEF BIO	SUGGESTED ATTIRE	RELATION TO MILES RANDOLPH
HARTLEY HYDE COO, Randolph Toys, Inc. REQUIRED	Hartley Hyde is an average businessperson living in a middle-class suburb of Pinewood Landing. Hartley always tries to do the right thing but often finds that the chosen path was the wrong one. Hartley is unhappy with being the Chief Operations Officer for <i>Randolph Toys, Inc.</i> and is currently seeking other job opportunities behind everyone's backs. Hartley is obsessed with pickles and gets quite irrational if someone 'murders' an insect.	<i>Business attire – suit, button-up.</i>	First Cousin of Miles Randolph. Employed by Randolph Toys, Inc.
EVIAN JINGLE Attorney REQUIRED	Evian Jingle is an ordinary suburban civil litigation attorney who is very active in the community and devotes countless hours to soup kitchens and pet shelters. Evian cannot stand it when others use slang and refers to it as a lazy language. Evian is continually bursting with energy and tends to fidget.	<i>Business attire – suit, button-up.</i>	Personal attorney of Miles Randolph
OTTIE LOVEJOY Chiropractor REQUIRED	Oattie Lovejoy is a good-natured soul with a dry sense of humor. Oattie is a doomsday prepper and survivalist who uses a big backyard to hideout on occasion. Always preparing for a catastrophe, Oattie sometimes escapes reality. Getting along with Oattie can be difficult. Oattie can't bear to throw anything away and is often caught sifting through neighbor's trash bins.	<i>Lab Jacket or business attire – suit, button up.</i>	Neighbor of Miles Randolph
ROGUE METZ Chauffeur REQUIRED	On the surface, Rogue Metz is honest and polite with a heart of gold. However, those closest to Rogue claim that this driver exudes a level of over-confidence and self-absorption unsurpassed by anyone in Pinewood Landing. Rogue is usually seen wearing sunglasses and spews out useless facts and trivia to anyone who will listen. There isn't much that Rogue doesn't know.	<i>Black clothing and a chauffeur hat. Sunglasses as an optional accessory.</i>	Employed by Miles Randolph
SHADE HITCHCOCK Butler REQUIRED	Shade Hitchcock is a nosy, middle-aged butler who has worked at the Randolph Mansion since early adulthood. Unpopular in the community, Shade also has a poor relationship with family and very few friends. Recently, the housekeeper of the mansion discovered a stash of money and passports in the wall of Shade's suite. This has caused a wave of ill-will among the staff of the estate.	<i>Black clothing/suit and white gloves</i>	Employed by Miles Randolph

<p>LORIN CHERRY Homicide Detective, Pinewood Landing REQUIRED</p>	<p>Lorin Cherry is a sergeant serving as a lead case investigator for Pinewood Landing. Lorin instinctively despises most people and claims to have the power to detect the evil shrouds around others' hearts. A bit paranoid, Lorin has been known to follow anyone around if they are on the radar.</p>	<p><i>Sherlock costume or a trench coat/fedora, etc.</i></p>	<p>Second Cousin of Miles Randolph</p>
<p>ARDEN EARWOOD Manager, Toy Manufacturing OPTIONAL</p>	<p>Arden Earwood has a grumpy, overbearing demeanor, but is a US Navy veteran and blue-collar worker who takes care of a large family. Arden works hard as a manager of toy manufacturing at Randolph Toys, Inc. However, most of Arden's late nights and weekend work goes unnoticed.</p>	<p><i>Anything toy-inspired. T-shirt about toys, etc.</i></p>	<p>Employed by Randolph Toys, Inc.</p>
<p>BRIGHTEN BIXBY Criminal Psychologist OPTIONAL</p>	<p>Brighten Bixby is a tough, determined criminal psychologist in the Behavioral Analysis Unit (BAU) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Brighten hails from Pinewood Landing, but was transferred to Quantico, the headquarters of the FBI, after becoming an esteemed member of the BAU.</p>	<p><i>Business casual.</i></p>	<p>Former friend Former business partner</p>
<p>COREN OGLETREE Latin Teacher OPTIONAL</p>	<p>Coren Ogletree is a nerdy, socially awkward Latin teacher at Pinewood Landing Junior High. Coren is brutally honest, and this behavior can be off-putting if you're around this teacher too long. Coren has known Miles Randolph since childhood, and anyone close to the family has heard about their big falling out after college. Supposedly, Miles shamed and bullied Coren, and this burned all bridges between them.</p>	<p><i>Nerd attire. Bow tie, glasses with tape on the bridge, etc.</i></p>	<p>Former friend Former employee</p>
<p>WAVERLY RIDDLE Housekeeper, Randolph Estate OPTIONAL</p>	<p>A former retail salesclerk from New York, Waverly's past is mostly unknown and has often been called into question. Waverly has worked at the Randolph Mansion for a year and has shown to be a meddling troublemaker. Miles Randolph has threatened to fire Waverly on more than one occasion, but for some reason, Waverly still hangs on to the job as the head housekeeper.</p>	<p><i>Black and white attire with a feather duster or other cleaning prop.</i></p>	<p>Employed by Miles Randolph</p>

Host Instructions

The host instructions for both the virtual and face-to-face are included. You can play at home with others, via video-chat, or a combination.

Also, with this game, each player gets a character packet (PDF file) before the game that includes an optional pre-game, a character bio, a suspect list, general instructions, and round 1-2 materials.

The host of the party will have this main game file and access to the solutions for the code challenge and the game.

EXAMPLE TIMELINE

7:00 PM: Guests arrive/log into the video chat. Take guest photos/snapshots and serve refreshments if it is a home party. Home party: have the suspect list available for the guests to view as they trickle into the party.

7:10 PM: The host goes over the guests' instructions for the mystery game. It is optional to have each character introduce themselves to the group. You can play the game trailer video as an introduction.

7:20 PM: The players are now allowed to view the round one materials (pages 7-8) in their file. The game begins with the investigation of the crime. The mystery investigation sheets are handed out (home party), and the guests interrogate each other. Motives will start to unfold during this round. Miles' 'to-do' list is available for review and discussion.

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

8:05 PM: An optional dinner is served &/or the virtual group takes a break together. For a home party, snacks can be served throughout the party instead.

8:35 PM: The players are allowed to proceed with the round two materials in their character packets. Home party: the guests mingle about in private/semi-private conversations. Virtual: it's a big group discussion – or, if there is a private chat option, they can make use of that, as well.

9:05 PM: The 'to-do' list is decoded.

9:15 PM: The forensic report (i.e. fingerprints and the official cause of death/type of poison) is revealed.

9:30 PM: The investigation sheets are turned into the host (home party), or the virtual players all show their guesses of whodunit simultaneously.

9:30 PM: Dessert and hot cocoa (coffee for adults) may be served at this time for a home party. The host opens the solution file and reads the solution to the game. The players can discuss the crime afterward.

9:50 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. If you wish to extend the length of the party, add more bonus games!

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR GAME:

- Send your guests to the Your Mystery Party guest pre-game site at YourMysteryParty.com.
- Pinterest page: <https://www.pinterest.com/mymysteryparty> 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 or a photo of the victim sign, or murderer in handcuffs, etc.. Please do not ruin the game for others.

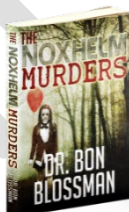
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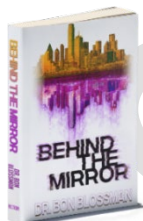
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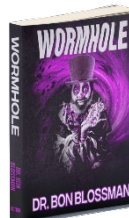
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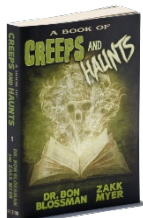
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