



the curious case of the missing honey

A BUG LOVING MYSTERY FOR 5-60 CHILDREN AGES 5-9 SET IN MODERN DAY TIMES
IN TINY BUG CITY IN THE CENTER OF BIG BEAR FOREST!

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GAME SYNOPSIS

The mischievous cockroaches from La Cookaroacha overpopulated their town once again and needed to expand their borders. Unfortunately, the roaches chose Bug City as their next location! The wicked roaches sneaked into Bug City and hid the bug's honey in a secret location. The cockroaches knew that the only thing protecting Bug City from being flattened by the bears of Big Bear Forest was the honey in the honey combs surrounding the city as this feeds the hungry bears! Without the Bug City honey, the bears would trample over Bug City while searching for something else to eat!










Luckily, the cockroaches wanted to keep things a little fair for the bugs and gave the bugs a fighting chance to save their city. They created five mysteries that when solved, would lead to the secret location of the missing honey. However, time was not on the bugs' side! The hungry bears were starting to wake up from hibernation and the bugs had to hurry up and solve the mysteries to find the missing honey and save Bug City!







Host this party for your child's next birthday or special occasion so they - along with their friends - can have a chance to solve the five fun mysteries leading to the missing honey and save Bug City from the hungry bears of Big Bear Forest! This game includes multiple side games and an exciting end of the game finale scavenger hunt for the missing honey!

Please note: younger guests may need some adult assistance in reading clues!

RESIDENTS OF BUG CITY

*The host parent is Mayor Bee of Bug City (name tag is provided).

CHARACTER NAME & OCCUPATION	CHARACTER DESCRIPTION	COSTUME SUGGESTIONS
 <p>ANDIE THE ANT <i>Architect</i> REQUIRED</p>	<p>Andie the Ant is the very skilled architect and resident of Bug City. Andie has built most of the structures in Bug City along with Andie's team of carpenter and worker ants. Andie is very responsible and a dedicated hard worker.</p>	<p>Red shirt and pants/shorts. Face painted red. Headband with antennae.</p>
 <p>GERI THE GRASSHOPPER <i>Chef</i> REQUIRED</p>	<p>Geri the Grasshopper, originally from France, is the head Chef in Bug City. Known for aromatic and elegant dishes served in the Bug City Bistro, Geri is very fun-loving and a treat to be around.</p>	<p>Green shirt and pants. Green gloves. Face painted green. Small wings on back and headband with small green antennae.</p>
 <p>CATU THE CATERPILLAR <i>City Manager</i> REQUIRED</p>	<p>Catu the Caterpillar works very closely with Mayor Bee to organize, plan and manage Bug City's essential operations. Catu is the happiest bug in the city and is constantly singing joyful songs.</p>	<p>Green shirt and pants. A headband with small antennae. Multiple, paired stuffed legs attached to shirt.</p>
 <p>FOZZI THE FLY <i>Standup Comic</i> REQUIRED</p>	<p>Fozzi the Fly is the coolest bug in Bug City. Fozzi performs an awesome standup comedy routine nightly at the Stinger Comedy Club.</p>	<p>Black and /or gray shirt and pants. Face painted black. Headband with black antennae. Large wings.</p>
 <p>HARLEY THE HORNET <i>Professional Athlete</i> REQUIRED</p>	<p>Harley the Hornet is the strong and fearless professional athlete. Wing Ball is the number one sport in Bug City and Harley is famous for his one-touch wing snaps – scores a goal every time!</p>	<p>Yellow and black shirt and pants. Large wings and a stuffed stinger hanging from the back of the waist.</p>
 <p>SAM THE SPIDER <i>Medical Doctor</i> OPTIONAL</p>	<p>Sam the Spider is one of the most loyal friends that you will ever have. A very caring physician for Bug City, Sam can repair a broken wing like no other!</p>	<p>Black shirt and pants. Face painted black. Additional 4 black legs attached to shirt. Black gloves.</p>
 <p>LANEY THE LADY BUG <i>Movie Star</i> OPTIONAL</p>	<p>Laney the Lady Bug is the spoiled movie star of Bug City. One of the biggest celebrities in town, everyone knows everything about Laney!</p>	<p>Black shirt and pants. Headband with black antennae. Red and black polka dotted vest. Black gloves.</p>
 <p>MO THE MOSQUITO <i>Hover Bus Driver</i> OPTIONAL</p>	<p>Mo the Mosquito is the carefree hover bus driver in Bug City. The mosquitoes are the only ones responsible for the transportation system in Bug City so they tend to be quite stressed out. Mo can be unpredictable because Mo doesn't get a lot of rest!</p>	<p>Black shirt and pants. Extra large wings. Optional nosepiece (long tube). Black gloves.</p>
 <p>DOG THE DRAGON FLY <i>Police Chief</i> OPTIONAL</p>	<p>Dog the Dragon Fly is the stern law enforcer of Bug City. If anyone gets out of line, Dog is certainly going to be there to correct them. Dog is usually seen with his fellow officers.</p>	<p>Blue and / or green shirt and pants. Extra large wings. Optional nosepiece (long tube). Colorful gloves.</p>

	<p>LIL' WANE THE FIREFLY <i>Rap Star</i> OPTIONAL</p>	<p>Lil' Wane the Wasp is a budding rap star of Bug City. Constant rhymes spout from this creature like a flowing melody.</p>	<p>Orange and black striped shirt and black pants. Wings and optional to make a stinger to hang from the back of the waist.</p>
	<p>STING THE SCORPION <i>Fire Chief</i> OPTIONAL</p>	<p>Sting the Scorpion is the brave and courageous Fire Chief of Bug City. Once when the giants were plaguing the city with magnifying glasses, the firehouse was a busy place. There hasn't been a fire truck siren go off in months, however.</p>	<p>Brown shirt and pants. Make a scorpion tail out of stuffed leggings with a stinger on the end. Insert bendable wire inside the stuffing to make it curl upwards. Additional four stuffed legs attached to shirt.</p>
	<p>PAULY THE PRAYING MANTIS <i>Librarian</i> OPTIONAL</p>	<p>Pauly the Praying Mantis is the quiet and conventional librarian. Pauly is quite reserved so there won't be much stimulating conversation going on if you try to talk to Pauly. However, Pauly is a brilliant insect and a great source of information.</p>	<p>Green shirt and pants. Two long stuffed green legs attached to shirt. Headband with green antennae.</p>
	<p>BIP THE BUTTERFLY <i>Donut Maker</i> OPTIONAL</p>	<p>Bip the Butterfly is the hyperactive donut maker in Bug City. Bip is addicted to sugar in any form and will be the first one on the scene if there are sugary treats available.</p>	<p>Black shirt, pants and headband with black antennae. Large, colorful wings.</p>
	<p>SUBO THE MOTH <i>Clothing Designer</i> OPTIONAL</p>	<p>Subo the Moth is the eccentric clothing designer of Bug City. Wearing clothes is a new trend in Bug City and it is catching on fast!</p>	<p>White pants and shirt. Large white wings and a headband with white antennae.</p>
	<p>CHARLIE THE CRICKET <i>School Principal</i> OPTIONAL</p>	<p>Charlie Cricket is the ultra-strict Bug City School Principal. Charlie is not known to put up with a shred of nonsense so the younger bugs in the city mind their 'wings and stingers' around Charlie.</p>	<p>Black shirt and pants. Face painted black. Headband with small black antennae. Small wings.</p>

Most characters (besides the Lady Bug for obvious reasons 😊) can be played by either a male or a female. There can be 5 or more players invited for each character and they will work as a team.

HOW TO PLAY A MYSTERY GAME

BUG CITY RESIDENT INSTRUCTIONS

ALRIGHT, YOU'RE A BUG CITY RESIDENT, NOW WHAT? DON'T WORRY. YOU DON'T NEED TO BE A PROFESSIONAL ACTOR TO HAVE FUN IN A MYSTERY PARTY. BUT TRY TO REMEMBER THAT WHATEVER TYPE OF BUG YOUR CHARACTER IS, YOU NEED TO ACT YOUR CHARACTER'S ROLE THROUGHOUT THE PARTY! BUT MOST OF ALL - *HAVE AS MUCH FUN AS YOU CAN!*

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING THE PARTY:

FULL GUEST INSTRUCTIONS IN THE PURCHASED GAME

ROUND TWO: THE ROUND TWO ENVELOPES ARE HIDDEN AT THE END OF THE HUNT IN ROUND ONE. YOU'LL OPEN YOUR ROUND TWO ENVELOPES TO FIND THE FINAL CLUES TO EACH OF THE 5 MYSTERIES THAT LEAD TO THE HIDDEN HONEY. YOU WILL NEED TO SHARE CLUES WITH EACH OTHER AGAIN AND TAKE TIME TO WORK CAREFULLY TO SOLVE THE FIVE MYSTERIES LEADING TO THE MISSING HONEY'S LOCATION BEFORE TURNING IN YOUR GUESS ON WHERE THE HONEY IS HIDDEN TO MAYOR BEE OF BUG CITY.

ROUND THREE: AFTER EVERYONE HAS TURNED IN THEIR BUG CITY RESIDENT INVESTIGATION SHEETS TO MAYOR BEE, THE ENVELOPES WILL BE HANDED TO YOU TO START ROUND THREE. WE WILL MAKE A CIRCLE AND ONE BY ONE, WE WILL READ THE SOLUTIONS TO THE 5 MYSTERIES. THEN, HOPEFULLY, WE WILL BE OFF TO FIND THE MISSING HONEY! LET'S HOPE WE CAN FIND IT IN TIME BEFORE THE HUNGRY BEARS OF BIG BEAR FOREST STEP ON BUG CITY WHILE SEARCHING FOR FOOD!

THERE MIGHT BE A FEW BUG CITY GAMES IN THE MIX OF THESE ROUNDS AS I KNOW THAT BUG CITY RESIDENTS NEED SOME FUN TIME TOO - WE CAN'T HAVE ALL WORK AND NO PLAY!

SIT BACK AND ENJOY THE MYSTERY AND HAVE A BUG-WORTHY GREAT TIME!

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE HOST

Thank you for purchasing the 'The Bug City' game from mymysteryparty.com! This mystery is a light-hearted and entertaining mystery that allows the children to step into a different character while trying to solve the 5 entertaining mysteries. The party can be a huge success as long as the guests relax and let the mystery unravel during each round.

The party pack (this document) needs to be printed in advance of the party. Cut out the clues and slip them into envelopes labeled with the appropriate round and character for each round of the party. *The Super Scavenger Hunt* clues also need to be cut out and put into sealed envelopes (envelopes are optional). It is optimal to slip these into brightly colored envelopes so it looks like something to find and not just a piece of paper. Tie ribbons to the envelopes to make it even more obvious that it's a hunt item for younger kids playing the game.

FULL host INSTRUCTIONS in The PURCHASED game

THE GAME ROUNDS ARE DESIGNED AS FOLLOWS:

PRE-GAME: these optional pre-game starter cards are to be delivered to each guest that has RSVP'd before the party or give them to the guests as they arrive. All pre-game starters are optional and do not alter the mystery, and are intended to enhance the pre-game build up for the event. These clues are not vital to solving the mystery. These are not invitations to the party; however, they are announcements (reminders) from Mayor Bee that there is a meeting for all citizens of Bug City.

FULL guest INSTRUCTIONS in The PURCHASED game

FINAL SOLUTION / ROUND THREE: Cake and hot chocolate should be served during this round as the guests read their final solutions. Hide the missing honey within the kitchen for the kids to hunt for the finale. Depending on their age will depend on how challenging you should make the hiding place. Any bonus game can be played at the conclusion of this round.

For further questions, check out our FAQ web page at www.mymysteryparty.com/frasqu.html

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

Mystery Questions: <mailto:author@mymysteryparty.com>

Web based Questions: support@mymysteryparty.com

OPTIONAL PRE-GAME ROUND

Uh Oh! The Cockroaches from La Cookaroacha have hidden our honey and the bears of Big Bear Forest are about to wake up from hibernating and they'll be very hungry!

Parent Host Instructions: Feel free to use the free party invitations on the mymysteryparty.com website. They can be found at the bottom through a link that says 'free downloadable invitations' on the game page where you purchased this game (<http://www.mymysteryparty.com/bugcicaofmih.html>) – just scroll down to the bottom and click on the link to download the pdf file. Fill in the information in the text fields by using the Tab key to toggle throughout and then save the file and either email to each guest, print and send to your guests via snail mail or hand them out in person when your child sees their friends at school.

FULL HOST INSTRUCTIONS IN THE PURCHASED GAME

ROUND ONE

Thanks for coming so quickly to Bug City Hall to the super important meeting!

PARENT HOST INSTRUCTIONS:

- 👉 As the guests arrive, put on their **name tags** (page 8) with scotch tape and serve a light snack.
- 👉 When all the guests have arrived, **read the Bug City Resident Instructions** to them (page 5).
- 👉 At this time, the '**Create a Bug Challenge**' can be played (see bonus game instructions).
- 👉 There are 5 mini mysteries to solve during this game. Round one will introduce each of these mysteries to the guests.
- 👉 First thing to do as the host (after the optional Create a Bug Challenge) is to read the **message #1 from Mayor Bee** (page 57) to the group.



FULL GUEST INSTRUCTIONS IN THE PURCHASED GAME

- 👉 **Hand the first scavenger hunt clue** to the Head Bug City resident (page 59).
 - 👉 In advance of the party, **hide** the remaining scavenger hunt clues (page 59) in the locations indicated on the clues. For example, the second clue gives instructions to hide it somewhere around a dining room table. You can make the decision 'where' to hide the clue around the table that will be challenging enough for the ages of children at the party yet safe for the children to hunt. Hide the last scavenger hunt clue in the front walkway (note: during inclement weather, this can be hidden immediately in front of the door under a mat, etc.) along with the round two clues.

- ✦ Again: the round two clues should be placed in the final scavenger hunt hiding place as finding this last scavenger hunt clue ends round one and begins round two.
- ✦ At the conclusion of the round, before the round two envelopes are opened, any of the optional bonus games can be played.

PROP LIST: THESE ARE PROPS / ITEMS NEEDED FOR THIS ROUND. COLLECT THESE ITEMS IN ADVANCE AND HAVE THEM READY.

FULL host INSTRUCTIONS IN THE PURCHASED game

ROUND TWO – INVESTIGATION ROUND

PARENT HOST INSTRUCTIONS:

- ✦ At the **conclusion of the scavenger hunt** in round one, the guests are handed the **round two envelopes**.
- ✦ Allow the guests time to read the clues and write them down on their Bug City resident investigation sheets (or you can write them on a large poster board for everyone to view) and talk about them with each other before moving on to this round – you don't want to *information overload* them! You can serve a light dinner at this time.



FULL host INSTRUCTIONS IN THE PURCHASED game

ROUND THREE - SOLUTION ROUND

PARENT HOST INSTRUCTIONS:

- ✦ Serve dessert and hot chocolate and ask the Bug City residents to sit in a circle.
- ✦ Hand them their round 3 envelopes which contain the solutions to each of the five mysteries.
- ✦ Each player is instructed on their clue card to stand when the host parent calls for a mystery. The optional players have a joke and the required players have the answer to a specific mystery. Allow the optional players to tell their joke to the group first and then the required player is to read the solution to the mystery.



FULL GUEST INSTRUCTIONS IN The PURCHASED game

Andie the Ant



**Geri the
Grasshopper**



**each PLAYER HAS A NAME
TAG IN THE PURCHASED
game**

PRE GAME STARTER CARDS: ✂ cut out the following pre-game starter cards and slip into labeled envelopes. Make additional copies if you are expanding the amount of players to play the game.



Hello Bug City Residents,

Bzzzzz! I have some horrible news! The cockroaches from the overpopulated town of La Cookaroacha have stolen our honey! As you know, the honey the bees produce keeps our city safe from the hungry bears of Big Bear Forest! As long as the bears can get honey from the city – they won't. City won't be squ

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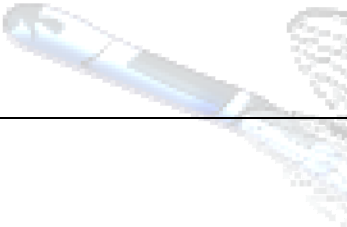


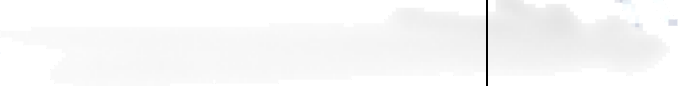

**THERE IS A PREGAME
STARTER CARD FOR EACH
PLAYER IN THE
PURCHASED GAME**

I will see you very soon at the super important meeting in Bug City Hall of Bug City! Bzzzzz!

Mayor Bee

MYSTERY INVESTIGATION SHEET

DETECTIVE NAME: _____

MYSTERY #	CLUES	WHAT IS THE ITEM?
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
WHAT ROOM DO THESE FIVE ITEMS HAVE IN COMMON? 		

EACH PLAYER WILL HAVE A MYSTERY INVESTIGATION SHEET IN THE PURCHASED GAME

ROUND ONE CLUE CARDS ✂ Pass out these clue cards after reading Message #1 (from Mayor Bee) to the guests). Cut them out and slip into labeled envelopes for each player.

GERI THE GRASSHOPPER:

YOU HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO MYSTERY NUMBER 2!

CLUE to mystery number 2:

This item can be very hard and heavy

But not near the size of a Ford or Chevy!



IT'S BEEN A HARD DAY. TELL A FUNNY JOKE TO YOUR FRIENDS:

Question: What is worse than finding a worm in your sandwich?

Answer: Finding half of a worm in your sandwich.

THERE IS A ROUND ONE CLUE CARD FOR EACH PLAYER IN THE PURCHASED GAME

ROUND TWO CLUE CARDS ✂ Cut the following clue cards out and slip them into labeled envelopes for each player. Hide these clue cards at the end of the Super Scavenger Hunt on the front walkway/entrance to the party.

ANDIE THE ANT:

YOU HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO MYSTERY NUMBER 2!

CLUE to mystery number 2:

We would like to give a great big clue

In this item you can boil an egg on it.



THERE IS A ROUND TWO CLUE CARD FOR EACH PLAYER IN THE PURCHASED GAME

ROUND THREE SOLUTION CARDS ✂ Pass out these solution cards after the guests have turned in their Mystery Investigation Sheets. The Parent Host is to call for each Mystery one at a time starting with Mystery Number One.

FOZZI THE FLY:

**SOLUTION TO MYSTERY
NUMBER 1:**

THE ANSWER TO MYSTERY NUMBER ONE IS:

**EACH PLAYER HAS A ROUND
THREE CARD IN THE
PURCHASED GAME**



ADDITIONAL GAME FILES ✂

MESSAGE #1 – from May group to start the game prior to clue cards.

ADDITIONAL GAME FILES ARE IN THE PURCHASED GAME

MESSAGE #2 - from the cockroaches of La Cookaroacha: present this to the guests at the conclusion of Round One – prior to the Scavenger Hunt that leads to the Round Two Clue Cards.

END OF ROUND ONE / BEGINNING OF ROUND TWO **SUPER SCAVENGER HUNT CLUES**✂

MISSING HONEY - Hide this 'stolen honey' anywhere in the kitchen prior to the party.

MESSAGE #3 – end of the game message from the head cockroach of La Cookaroacha!

ADDITIONAL BONUS GAMES

**The CREATE A BUG CHALLENGE
WHAT BUG AM I?**

The BUG CITY CHARADE CHALLENGE

**'CLEANIN' BUG CITY
'bug in a hoop' challenge**

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menu suggestions

**'BUGS love a good swamp' juice
BEETLES IN A BLANKET
BUG CITY munch mix
MOSQUITO MILKSHAKE
BUGTASTIC nachoes
BUGS IN THE MUD
BUG ISLAND
bugtastic CAKE**

**RECIPES IN THE
PURCHASED
game**