# YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND A MURDER MYSTERY PARTY...



It is the year 2099, and the demented Genesee Glasco, a quintillionaire heiress and first world ruler, is hosting the ultimate retro gala. The steampunk-themed affair will be held at the Hematite Palace in the world's new capital – Glasco Megalopolis. Using her newest invention created by a collective effort from the world's top scientists, she has hand-selected her guests from past icons, historical legends, and even infamous villains.

The denizens of the world have been on the edge of their seats watching the planning stages of the first world-wide extravaganza unfold on their nuclearvision devices! For the past sixteen days, the befuddled faces of the honorary guests have been publicized as they endured the excruciating journey from the past to the main platform of the Time Travel Epicenter of Glasco Megalopolis. The attendees have not been briefed on why they were brought into the future, and are being isolated in unknown locations within Diamond City while they await the night of celebration.

Nobody knows what Genesee specifically has planned for the gala, but this party is undeniably a world's first. Regrettably, you are one of the icons that have suffered through the painful transport from the past. You feel disoriented and are quite mystified why you have been brought to this strange place and why they are not allowing you to leave. This is where your story begins.

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## **INVITED GUESTS**

CHARACTER	BRIEF BIO	SUGGESTED ATTIRE
GENESEE GLASCO	Genesee Glasco is the demented quintillionaire and the first world leader in history. Genesee recently inherited her estate from her late father, a notorious tyrant, who died from a mystorious poison. Some say that Genesee may	Futuristic blinged-out royal-inspired gown. Whitish-blue long-haired wig. Large gemstone
World Leader	from a mysterious poison. Some say that Genesee may have played a hand in her father's demise, but with her tremendous power, the world will never know. Genesee rules the world by intimidation, financial might, and	(costume) jewelry, as your character loves gemstones, owns the
2070-PRESENT	manipulation.	world, and money is of no object to her.  Futuristic military uniform
RENJI BON Former U.S. President	President Renji Bon was the final U.S. President in history. Upon his unexplained death in the year 2098, Genesee Glasco took over the reigns as not only the new leader of the United States but of the world. Renji was a courageous leader and was the first president in history to be elected by a unanimous vote. He has been deeply missed by all	<ul> <li>black leather, etc. In the 'future', the U.S.</li> <li>Presidents were the true leaders of the armed forces and served on the front line. Use futuristic</li> </ul>
2060-2098	citizens of what was the former United States.	toy weaponry as optional accessories – be creative.
UVEY XO Physicist 2040-2065	Uvey Xo is a well-known physicist that departed this world well before her time at a young age of 25 years. Rumor has it that Rufus Glasco, Genesee's late father, hired an assassin to execute Uvey because she refused to work for him to create the world's first time machine. Uvey publicly held firm that the creation of a time machine would be the beginning of the end of the world and that she would have no part in its creation. She paid the price for this stance with her life.	Futuristic lab uniform. Safety goggles and ear protection as optional accessories.
IVAN THE HORRIBLE Russian Tsar 1550-1590	Ivan the Horrible was the former tyrannical Russian tsar until his death in 1590. Ivan was a multifaceted ruler – intelligent, albeit prone to maniacal eruptions that were possibly due to an undiagnosed mental disorder. Ivan's acts against humanity include slaying an entire town and even murdering his own son to further his stratagem. Somewhat a political genius, Ivan was able to turn 16 <sup>th</sup> century Russia into a world superpower. However, he accomplished this feat with the blood of his people.	Lavish Russian ceremonial dress such as a beaded, satin, pearl- cuffed gown with a jewel- studded and fur-edged hat. You would have spared no expense, so the more adorned your costume is, the better.
MERRY MONROE Hollywood Icon 1928-1960	Merry was the most famous blonde bombshell of the '50s. She was a trained actress, model, and quickly rose to a household name during her years in the spotlight. She transcended black and white film to Technicolor, exposing her beauty and charisma to an adoring audience. Merry's shocking death was somewhat mysterious. She died before her time via an overdose of sleeping pills. Some say heartache led her to this fate; others say it was an accident. Nonetheless, in 2099, women across the globe model themselves after her iconic appearance.	Either a white halter swing dress or a pink, satin evening gown with long evening gloves and a bow on the back. Blonde, curled, short-haired wig. Heavy eye makeup and red lipstick to complete the look.

ALFRED
<b>EINSTEIN</b>

German Theoretical Physicist

1880-1957

Alfred Einstein, who is celebrated as the world's premier thinker, was the first superstar scientist in history. Typically seen with a pipe in his mouth, Alfred was quick to spew out a formula to explain any scientific phenomenon. Alfred was dedicated to his work and earned a Nobel prize for his accomplishments in physics. However, Einstein had trouble with personal relationships in his life, having a child out of wedlock that was sadly given up for adoption to save his career. People say that he had a difficult time living with the regret from this decision.

Gray, unkempt shoulder length hair. Heavy, unkempt eyebrows. Suit with a bowtie to complete your look. Small chalkboard and chalk for mini physics lectures as optional accessories.

## MADRA HARRI

Dutch Belly Dancer and International Spy

1877-1915

Madra Harri was a Dutch belly dancer who turned into an international spy during World War I. As a neutral citizen of Holland, Madra formed stealthy relationships with military men across Europe, delivering confidential information received from her courtships to both British and French intelligence. Madra became entangled in her web of deceit when she was apprehended and accused of being a double agent for Germany. Unfortunately, she was executed via a firing squad by the French government in 1915.

Belly dancer costume.
Beaded bra-style top with hanging coins. Chiffon multi-layered performance skirt with a dropped, embellished waistline.
Gem-adorned headpiece to match. Heavy, alluring makeup and beaded bracelets and dance zills as optional accessories.

#### RENBRANT

**Dutch Painter** 

1604-1669

Born in 17<sup>th</sup> century Netherlands, this talented painter was known for his innovative, artistic faculties. Renbrant was first noticed by nobility across Europe for his original techniques of light and shadow, and by his later years, he became an artistic legend. Renbrant's works include mostly biblical and mythological pieces as well as a number of self-portraits. After an artistic crisis analogous to a writer's block during his later years, Renbrant died of natural causes.

Slashed 17<sup>th</sup> century wirecollared doublet with paned sleeves, breeches and tall, narrow boots with turned over tops. Curled, shoulder-length wig and a beret-style hat.

#### **ALLY OAKLEY**

American Exhibition Shooter

1859-1924

As a child, Ally would rather play with guns in the woods than dolls in the living room. Using her trusty Kentucky Rifle, she was the sole provider of food for her family at the tender age of 7 after her father died from an unfortunate hunting accident. Throughout World War I, she trained women for home defense and even demonstrated marksmanship techniques to the men of the U.S. military. In her later years, she showed off her sharpshooting skills during outdoor performances with Wild Bill's Traveling Gun Show.

Western-style corset (i.e. suede, leather), white peasant top, long, flowing skirt and cowboy boots. Stylish cowboy hat and loosely curled, long hair. A toy rifle and other toy guns as optional props.

## WILLIAM SHADESPER

English Poet & Playwright

1563-1615

A dedicated member of Lord Chamberblane's Company of Theatrical Performers, William Shadesper became a legend through his captivating plays that captured the attention of a 16<sup>th</sup> century audience. A gifted writer of sonnets, plays and poems, Shadesper's works are still analyzed, performed and admired in the year 2099. However, before he was a legend, there was a mysterious period of which nobody knows where William was and what he was doing, and these are referred to by historians as 'the lost years.'

Linen shirt with a collar (ruff) and matching wrist ruffs. Over the shirt, wear a doublet with long sleeves. Leather jerkin over the doublet. Trunk hose paned with strips of fabric for the thighs. Stockings and flat shoes.

## MARILYN ANTONETTE

**Queen of France** 

1755-1790

Born into an Austrian royal family, the beautiful Marilyn was betrothed to the future king of France at the young age of fifteen. By nineteen, she held the title of the youngest queen of France in history. Sadly, she couldn't have been more different than her introverted husband, King Lewis XVI. Marilyn was gregarious, known for partying at all hours of the night and sleeping in until noon. After leading an extravagant life in the public eye riddled with preposterous scandals, she eventually met an untimely death with a guillotine after the French Revolution.

18<sup>th</sup> Century gown with a matching parasol. Hair in an 18<sup>th</sup> century-style updo that is adorned with flowers & jewels, with a flowing cascade of curls on one shoulder. Large, antique costume jewelry.

## CHRIS COLUMBO

Italian Explorer

1450-1501

Chris began sailing as a teenager and became a preeminent world explorer during his lifetime. Credited with the discovery of the Americas and the opening of trade between America and Europe, Chris came to enjoy riches and a celebrity-style importance. Regrettably, Chris was dishonored for a period as he was blamed for a smallpox plague in the Americas. His cruel treatment of the American natives during colonization was also in question, landing him a residence in a Spanish jail for a time. Chris took to his deathbed disheartened, never knowing the full extent of his contributions to history.

Shirt puffed at the elbow, doublet (high, tight and collarless) and hose with a short over gown (robe) over the doublet. Tights and long, pointed shoes. Tall, crowned, small brimmed hat.

### **JENN OF ARC**

French Heroine

1410-1428

This teenage peasant warrior led the French army to expel the British from France - all while disguised as a male soldier. Jenn believed that benevolent voices in her head instructed her how to lead her troops. However, historians believed she might have suffered from schizophrenia among other types of neurological disorders. Jenn had an infamous temper and was entirely intolerant of ill behavior from the men in her army. Alas, Jenn met her doom when she was burned at the stake after being sentenced to die for posing as a man.

15<sup>th</sup> Century warrior gown.
Metallic shoulder armor, a
large cross on the chest of
the costume. Large, toy
sword and extremely
short, brown wig.
Alternatively, wear a
chainmail headdress.

#### **GENSIS KAHN**

Founder of the Mongol Empire

1160-1225

Gensis Kahn was the ruthless warlord that founded the Mongolian empire by desolating tribes in Northeast Asia and merging the conquered territory with his growing realm. Gensis had a superior army that was known for speed, aggressiveness, and cruel practices during battle. He would take over areas, using captured women and children as human shields, destroying entire populations as he desired. Gensis ultimately met his fate during battle after falling off his horse and sustaining numerous internal injuries.

Long, ankle-length robe made out of faux fur and leather, boots. Fur brimmed hat with a knot on top. Toy sword.

Mustache that does not extend nor touch the upper lip – only a wispy mustache on the sides of the mouth toward the long beard.

# KLEOPATICA

Egyptian Queen

65BC - 28BC

One of the most famed female rulers in history, Kleopatica grasped the reins of Egypt upon her father's death in 50 BC. However, a few years later, her brother unexpectedly banished her from Egypt. She retaliated by forming an army, ousting her brother from the throne. She further sealed her position as queen by having a son with the Roman general and statesman, Jules Cezar. After the assassination of her first love, she found her true love, Marco Anthony, who was a triumvir of Rome. Kleopatica and Marco met a sad fate with a double suicide soon after an Egyptian invasion by Rome.

Floor-length, sleeveless gown with a gold lame belt. Belt and collar trimmed with sequins, jewels, beading, and metallic gold braid. Gold lame cape that attaches at shoulders. Beaded headpiece with gems, sequin embellishments. Heavy cat-eye makeup, dark lipstick to complete the look.

CONFUSUS Chinese Philosopher  551BC - 477BC	Confuses was a Chinese philosopher known as the father of humanitarianism. He taught lessons of integrity, governmental ethics, and social equality. Confuses' beliefs also included a strong respect for the elderly as well as the principle of treating others as you would want to be treated. Confuses wrote many textbooks that are still in use today in the fields of justice, ethics, and social medicine.	Silk Hanfu costume (silk robe). Facial hair of thick eye brows and mustache that lines the side of the mouth, but not the upper lip and a goatee beard.  Hair is long and in a braided ponytail.
EMILY AIRHEART Pilot, Author  1895-1935	Emily Airheart set a goal to become the first female pilot to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean. Against her critics' predictions, she accomplished it with ease. Emily was also an accomplished author and founded the program called the Eighty-Eights, which supported aspiring female aviators. Emily was one of the most intelligent women of her time. She met a supposed untimely fate when she was declared <i>dead in absentia</i> after disappearing during a trans-Atlantic solo flight.	Aviator uniform. Goggles, bomber jacket, leggings, boots.
LORD ARTHUR CANE DOYLE Scottish Physician, Author  1862 - 1932	Lord Arthur Cane Doyle was a Scottish physician and author best known for his landmark fictional tales about a detective named Sherlon Homes. Arthur Cane Doyle served as a ship surgeon on voyages to the West African coast before settling in on the mainland to complete his doctorate in neurology. Lord Doyle died as an old man from an unexpected heart attack in his home.	19 <sup>th</sup> Century suit, scarf, top hat, and a pipe as an optional prop.
ROSY SPARKS Civil Rights Activist 1910-2003	Rosy Sparks is an American civil rights activist known as 'The Original Lady of Civil Rights.' After standing her ground in her bus seat and refusing to give in to the ridiculous laws of segregation, she became a legendary hometown hero when her actions led to Alabama removing the laws of segregation on public buses. Within time, her efforts also gave rise to nationwide actions leading to the end of segregation in public locations, thereby securing her status as a historical icon.	1950's business suit. Reading glasses, headband and small flower adorning a bun in the hair.
DRACUL THE IMPALER Prince of Wallachia 1430-1477	Dracul the Impaler, also known as Dracula, was the infamous prince of Wallachia known for imposing fear in the hearts of his enemies. Revered as an icon by his people, he protected the Romanians residing around the Danube during his overbearing reign. Dracul established an evil reputation with the rest of Europe from his cruel acts against humankind. He reportedly killed up to 100,000 people during his lifetime and was obsessed with impaling his victims on stakes.	15 <sup>th</sup> century medieval Dracula-style costume.
XANDRA GOY Pharmaceutical Chemist 2060-2096	Xandra Goy was one of the premier chemists of her time. Best known for her contributions to pharmacology, she discovered the formulation of a cancer-curing drug named Bane. Rumor has it that her fame and fortune were amassing at such a high rate; somebody may have had her assassinated. Xandra Goy had no known heirs, and her collective wealth mysteriously disappeared upon her death.	Futuristic silver suit. Bangs cut in a straight line (wig) with an off-colored hair (i.e. bronze, silver, etc.).

JAMES JESSE American Outlaw 1857-1880	James Jesse has always veered to the wrong side of the law since he could walk. He was a member of the Jesse-Young gang, formed from of a band of unlawful brothers. During the Civil War, he engaged in guerrilla warfare. Soon after, there was a huge reward for his capture by the U.S. government for his crimes of bank robbing, horse thievery, and murder.	Wild West costume. Leather cowboy hat, leather/suede vest. Holster with toy guns, cowboy boots.
LEWIE HANDSTRONG American Jazz Musician 1900-1970	Lewie Handstrong, nicknamed Sachno, was a charismatic trumpet player from New Orleans, Louisiana. Considered one of the founding fathers of jazz, Lewie exhibited groundbreaking trumpet techniques and was one of the first musicians known for scat singing - an improvisational vocalization using only sounds and syllables. Lewie achieved both a spot on the Hollywood Walk of Fame and the Louisiana Music Hall of Fame during his time.	1960's trendy attire. Trumpet (toy/real) as an optional prop.
LUCY BELL  American Comedian,  Model, Film /  Television Actress  1910–1985	Lucy Bell was one of the most influential celebrities during her lifetime. She achieved one of the longest-running entertainment careers before settling in as a studio executive with LuDesi Productions. A five-time Emmy Award winner, Bell has dabbled in nearly every aspect of the entertainment industry from Broadway plays to runway shows. However, she is best known for her long-running sitcom she starred in with her husband, Loving Lucy.	1950's style dress. Red wig in a '50s style updo, red lipstick to finish the look
HAL SAPONE Crime Boss 1897-1945	Hal Sapone was the infamous organized crime leader of the South Side Gangsters in 1920's Chicago. He was a crime boss at the height of the prohibition era and was one of the leading bootleggers in the United States. This smooth operator owned the infamous speakeasy, The Grand Gatsby. This menacing lawbreaker was never seen without his dedicated mobsters.	1920's mobster costume. A fedora, zoot suit and wing-tipped shoes. A pocket watch on a chain and a toy Tommy gun as an optional accessory.
ELIZA TUTOR Queen of England 1532-1602	Eliza the I was the prim and proper daughter of King Henley the VIII. As the Queen of England, she lived her life longing to marry her childhood friend and favored suitor. Alas, she never married. She was unable to wed for fear of an uprising since the would-be unity was not sanctioned by England. Eliza died of natural causes, but some say it was a broken heart.	Regal, full-length Victorian gown, hair in a large updo adorned with jewels, feathers and a jeweled crown.

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