



CINCO DE MAYO MAYHEM – MURDER AT ISADORA'S FIESTA

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SYNOPSIS (THIS OUTLINES THE FLOW OF THE PARTY EVENTS).

Isadora Frankston is a distinguished socialite in Del Rio West – an upper class neighborhood in the bustling city of Palo Verde. Isadora is hosting an annual Mexican fiesta in honor of Cinco de Mayo. She's breaking out the chips and salsa, hiring the mariachi band, and prepping the dance floor for fun times with her friends & family.

In hopes to become the town's premier party host, she has reached out to all of her new friends with invitations this year. Sadly, Isadora has no idea she has invited over a disaster in the making. Her friends have entangled themselves into a web of scandals, ill-will, and horrible misfortunes. Unfortunately for Isadora, she isn't as integrated into society as she might believe. You've received your invitation, have picked out your most festive attire, and are crossing your fingers that *your* enemies didn't get an invite to this party. This is where your story begins.

LIST OF CHARACTERS FOR THE HOST

(14 characters total: 8 required (4f, 4 either) and 6 optional (3f, 3 either))

NAME OCCUPATION	BRIEF BIO	SUGGESTED ATTIRE
<p>ISADORA FRANKSTON <i>Socialite</i></p> <p>REQUIRED FEMALE</p>	<p>Isadora Frankston is a distinguished socialite in Del Rio West – an upper-class suburban neighborhood in the bustling city of Palo Verde. Known for hosting the best parties, she can be a bit of a tattletale, so it is best to leave your secrets at home.</p>	<p><i>Glamorous Mexican fiesta attire. Mexican hand fan as an optional prop.</i></p>
<p>JESSIE DIXSON <i>Camp Counselor</i></p> <p>REQUIRED EITHER</p>	<p>Jessie Dixson is a hardworking summer camp counselor. Jessie spends all year preparing for the long days of the <i>La Quinta Summer Camp</i> in the neighboring town of Santa Paola Valley. Jessie is a loyal employee but tends to find trouble at the wrong times.</p>	<p><i>Casual camp attire. A whistle as an optional prop. Optional to make a name tag that says 'La Quinta Summer Camp Counselor.'</i></p>
<p>CASEY ROWAN <i>Stand-up Comic</i></p> <p>REQUIRED EITHER</p>	<p>Casey Rowan is the peculiar stand-up comedian and finger puppeteer. Casey is known for roasting the town's residents during performances during a finger puppet act. Many locals are annoyed by it, so this comic usually tries to avoid social gatherings.</p>	<p><i>Quirky Mexican fiesta clothes. Optional to draw other characters on your fingers to use as puppets during the game.</i></p>
<p>HARLEY DIAMOND <i>Piñata Designer</i></p> <p>REQUIRED EITHER</p>	<p>Harley Diamond is the boisterous piñata designer. Harley loves to talk about one thing and one thing only – <i>Harley Diamond</i>. Harley tests new piñata designs at the city park, so if you are a candy lover, it's best to hang around the park on Saturday mornings. Harley is a reformed nerd, but sometimes, a nerdy past shows through in Harley's behavior.</p>	<p><i>Casual, nerdy fiesta attire (i.e. high-waist shorts, t-shirt). Optional to bring mini piñatas to 'show and tell' during the party.</i></p>
<p>ARMANI COLE <i>Banquet Server</i></p> <p>REQUIRED EITHER</p>	<p>Armani Cole is the bossy banquet server at the <i>Palo Verde Country Club</i>. Armani has a shady past and should not be trusted. Those who double-cross Armani live with regret.</p>	<p><i>White oxford shirt, black pants (or skirt for a female) and a black vest. Add a festive sombrero to your costume.</i></p>
<p>BIANCA POKERS <i>Social Media Consultant</i></p> <p>REQUIRED FEMALE</p>	<p>Bianca Pokers is an intellectual social media consultant. Bianca is a true friend but has a super quirky personality. Bianca's weird antics drive some people crazy!</p>	<p><i>Casual attire with a festive sombrero to your costume.</i></p>
<p>JOSEFINA GRAVES <i>Owner, Cliché Couture</i></p> <p>REQUIRED FEMALE</p>	<p>Josefina Graves is an arrogant fashion designer and owner of the kooky clothing store – <i>Cliché Couture</i>. Josefina designs, creates, and sells the city's most horrendous, one-of-a-kind attire. You can't help but smile when you see someone wearing a piece from Josefina's collection.</p>	<p><i>Crazy, non-matching attire such as a bodysuit, tutu, sombrero, mask and parasol with patent leather go-go boots.</i></p>

<p>OLIVIA SHADY <i>Living Artist</i></p> <p>REQUIRED FEMALE</p>	<p>Olivia Shady is the creative living artist. This performer is meticulous, which is why her creative displays pop up all over town. Olivia always has to be the star of her living art exhibits, so her plate remains full with very little time for anything else.</p>	<p><i>Art-inspired attire. Put fresh flowers in your hair, wear wild, artistic makeup and flowing clothes – Mexican inspired, preferred.</i></p>
<p>MALENA GONZALEZ <i>Cosmetologist</i></p> <p><i>Optional Female</i></p>	<p>Malena Gonzalez is the rude cosmetologist at the <i>Palo Verde Hair Tavern</i>. Malena Gonzalez is a notorious party crasher but has recently acquired an invite to Isadora's fiesta - even though she lives in the neighboring Santa Paola Valley.</p>	<p><i>Casual clothing with a smock / apron. Outrageous hair and makeup. Add a festive sombrero to your costume.</i></p>
<p>CAROLINA HERRERA <i>Guitarist</i></p> <p><i>Optional Female</i></p>	<p>Carolina Herrera is the antisocial guitarist for the band <i>The Blonde Destroyers</i>. Carolina suffers from anger management problems and is openly judgmental of others. These nasty qualities anger her bandmates as well as anyone around her for more than a minute.</p>	<p><i>Glam rock hair, heavy rocker makeup, and optional to have a guitar (real or fake) as a prop. Optional to wear Mexican fiesta accessories.</i></p>
<p>LOLA LINLEY <i>Ballroom Dance Instructor</i></p> <p><i>Optional Female</i></p>	<p>Lola Linley is a feisty ballroom dance instructor at <i>5, 6, 7, 8 Dance Studio</i>. Lola is one of the most energetic people you will ever meet. At times, her high energy comes off like <i>gamma rays</i>. Lola is a notorious gossip with over 500 students in her dance classes each week. Because of this, she is well-integrated into Palo Verde society.</p>	<p><i>Mexican folkloric dance dress or any style of Mexican dance dress. Flower in your hair &/or a mini sombrero on a headband.</i></p>
<p>MADISON THOMAS <i>Interior Designer</i></p> <p><i>Optional Either</i></p>	<p>Madison Thomas is the friendly interior designer who sings nightly at <i>Julio's Taco Lounge</i>. Madison hasn't been lucky enough to find a big break with a singing career yet. A serious negotiator, if there's ever a need for a peacemaker, choose Madison.</p>	<p><i>Casual Mexican fiesta attire. Paint swatches &/or a toy microphone for your (optional) singing impromptu performances as optional props.</i></p>
<p>EMERSON JADE <i>Mariachi Band Manager</i></p> <p><i>Optional Either</i></p>	<p>Emerson Jade is the insufferable band manager for the <i>Mariachi Los Toros Rojos</i>. Lacking control for volume and content, Emerson speaks without a care in the world. Amicable to others most of the time, this guitarist has a short fuse. It's best to keep verbal sparks far away from Emerson.</p>	<p><i>Mariachi style clothing of any kind. Optional to have an instrument as a prop.</i></p>
<p>QUINN IVY <i>Antique Dealer</i></p> <p><i>Optional Either</i></p>	<p>Quinn Ivy is the haughty, exaggerating antique dealer and adventurer. Quinn can win you over with a little charm, but don't be fooled – Quinn only cares about one thing in this world, and that's <i>money</i>.</p>	<p><i>Rugged explorer costume. Bring along 'pieces' (i.e. old costume jewelry, figurines, etc.) that look like rare antiques.</i></p>

NAME TAGS



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

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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 included in the purchased game. They are brief, yet detailed and thorough.

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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. 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.

For further questions, check out our FAQ webpage at <http://mymysteryparty.com/how-to-host-faq/> or our author's blog for more DIY and hosting help: <http://mymysteryparty.com/murder-mystery-blog/>

If your question is still not addressed in the FAQ/blog or these instructions, contact us via email: support@mymysteryparty.com Responses are guaranteed within 24 hours.

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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. 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 and discuss them with every other player in the game.

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 and discuss the evidence thoroughly.

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!

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OPTIONAL PRE-GAME TASKS:

Character D

OPTIONAL: FOR SOME PRE-PARTY FUN, CONTACT THE FOLLOWING GUESTS:

Contact the guest playing **Character E** and say you heard about her recent performance at the comedy club. To be honest, you wouldn't have invited her to your fiesta if you know s/he felt that way about you. However, a proper host would never rescind an invitation.

CONTACT INFO:

Contact the guest playing **Character M** and say you've heard great things about the *La Quinta Summer Camp* in Santa Paola Valley – besides a report of a bully kid who makes the younger kids miserable. Character M should expect to have fewer campers enrolled in the camp this summer.

CONTACT INFO:

ROUND ONE CARDS: ✂ cut out, slip into labeled envelopes with the appropriate character and round. To begin the game, pass out the envelopes to the guests.

CHARACTER O – ROUND ONE

CLUES TO REVEAL DURING THIS ROUND

Mingle with other guests and discuss the following:

- ☞ Character P or Character D owe you a new sweater! They put a hole in it while fighting over it during a sale at your store. It's worth \$89.99! You won't have another sale at *Cliché Couture* for a long time since it causes disputes and ends up ruining the merchandise.
- ☞ Your ex-husband is a produce manager at *Costico Warehouse*. You can stroll into the warehouse and pick out what you want – he doesn't charge you. You wished you had more exes to give you hookups.
- ☞ You recently got into a car wreck with Character H and he blamed you. But he pulled out in front of you! You turned your car around to drive back to the scene, but he reported to the police you attempted a hit and run. You didn't have insurance and may be in big trouble if this accident is found to be your fault. You don't know why he is here. You heard his sister was also hosting a fiesta for Cinco de Mayo.

PERSONAL CLUES TO CONCEAL

- ☞ Character Y was your childhood bully. She still makes people mad by turning them into comedy skits.
- ☞ You're the aggressive owner of *Cliché Couture* – a boutique that sells unique and kind of wacky clothing that you design yourself. Your clothes are expensive, but nobody can get them anywhere else. You have banned many people in town for various reasons, but mostly for fighting over clothes during clearance sales.

Names and gender have been removed to minimize spoilers. Each player has a card in the purchased game.

ROUND TWO CARDS

CHARACTER Q - ROUND TWO

Pre-Murder Clues to Discuss

- Talk about how you paid for Character K's trip to southern Mexico. At the time, she was gracious about it. You found a rare, valuable artifact, and she tried to claim s/he helped find it, but she was at the hotel pool during the dig in the desert! Character K had nothing to do with the discovery other than enjoying a tropical vacation on your dime. You are selling the 2-inch Olmec apple green jade figure of a naked standing man to the gallery for 20K. Character K will not see a dime of this money. You will fight to the death about this.
- Talk to others (besides Character B) about how he tries to guilt-trip others into helping at the day camp for free. The day camp is a business that profits – not a charity! It's annoying that he keeps hounding you about 'volunteering your time' at the camp. Avoid him!

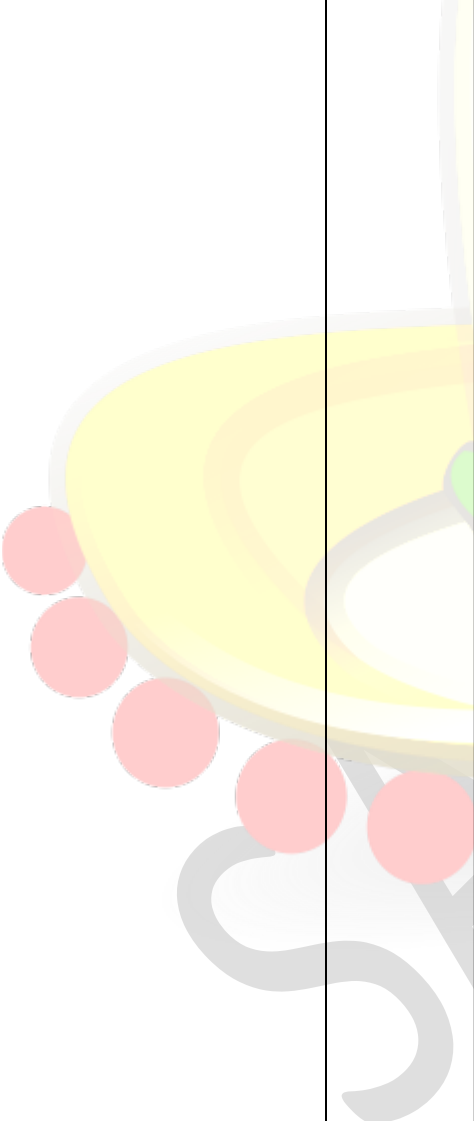

Post-Murder Evidence & Alibi

- You went to the restroom about 15 minutes prior to the body being discovered. You were gone for 2 minutes.
- You don't remember ever touching the vial or the murder weapon lying next to the body.
- Character T left the party area not too long before the victim was discovered – it was within 10-15 minutes of the body being discovered.
- If the victim were poisoned, the murderer had knowledge about &/or access to the poison. You know nothing about poisons, neurotoxins, or medicine. You've never been trained in such things.

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MYSTERY INVESTIGATION

INVESTIGATED BY:

SUSPECT	M		EVIDENCE
		<p><i>There are mystery investigation sheets for each player.</i></p>	

WHODUNIT _____
MOTIVE _____
HOW DID THEY DO IT _____

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SOLUTION ROUND THREE CARDS

CHARACTER W

FINAL SOLUTION ROUND THREE

READ WHEN YOU ARE TOLD IT IS YOUR TURN.

THE SOLUTION TO THE MYSTERY IS HERE. EACH PLAYER WILL READ THE SOLUTION ALOUD IN FRONT OF THE GROUP. THE CARDS DIRECT THE ORDER.

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THE FOLLOWING ARE NEXT. SKIP ANY THAT ARE NOT PRESENT:

**CHARACTER A, CHARACTER K, CHARACTER W,
CHARACTER B**

MENU SUGGESTIONS

PALO VERDE GUACAMOLE

ISADORA'S HOMEMADE SALSA

DEL RIO WEST GREEN RICE

QUESADILLAS TO DIE FOR

PALO VERDE CHICKEN ENCHILADAS

FEISTY PINEAPPLE COCKTAIL (Adults only)

ROCKIN' ROSADO COCKTAIL (Adults only)

IT'S TEQUILA THYME (Adults only)

YOU CAN'T HAVE THE RASPBERRY MANGO SANGRIA (Adults only)

MARGARITA FOR EVERYBODY (Virgin Cocktail)

WATERMELON BRIGHTS (Virgin Cocktail)

TRES LECHE DELIGHT

There are recipes given in the purchased game. These are optional.

BONUS ACTIVITIES!

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There are bonus games – free add ons to your night of mystery! These will vary between instant download and party ready pack versions.

**Do not read if you do not want to know the
solution!**

THE ANSWERS LIE WITHIN:

The answer key is in the purchased game.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR GAME:

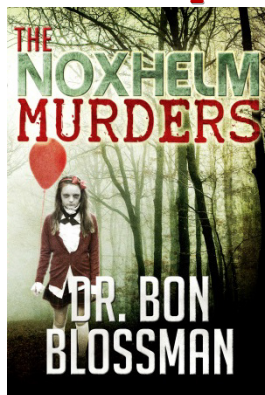
- Send your guests to the Your Mystery Party guest pre-game site at www.YourMysteryParty.com/fiesta
- Pinterest page: <https://www.pinterest.com/mymysteryparty> We have created a board for all of our games that includes theme-specific DIY party food and décor. To find the direct link to the Pinterest 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. Please do not ruin the game for others.
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