

#### 14 guests – 8 required players and 6 optional players

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#### SYNOPSIS

Godley Grove was once a peaceful town. Recently, the town has been forced to deal with a rising crime wave. The police have been working diligently to keep peace in the streets, but the growing number of scandals among the citizens is proving to make it impossible to maintain law and order.

Nevertheless, the town's famous for its social scene. There's a party lurking around every corner, and it's time for the folks on Magnolia Avenue to host their yearly block party. Peyton Crownly, a local comic with many enemies, has decided to claim the honor as the host of this year's block party. Peyton has planned a night of good food, fun games, and great spirits. You get along with most of the guests on the invite list, but there are some you'd rather not be around. Nevertheless, you've been invited to the party. This is where your story begins.

## LIST OF CHARACTERS FOR THE HOST

(14 characters total: 8 required (1 F, 7 either) and 6 optional (1M, 3F, 2 either)

NAME AND OCCUPATION	CHARACTER DESCRIPTION	SUGGESTIONS			
FIONA FROST Griminal Investigator REQUIRED Female	Fiona Frost is a young criminal investigator who works closely with her team to sleuth crimes with the Godley Grove Police Department. The townspeople of Godley Grove are a close-knit community and often host events throughout the neighborhoods to encourage kinship between neighbors – especially since the crime wave began last summer. Fiona attends as many block parties as she can to stay tuned in to the town's brewing scandals.	Casual teen attire. Black glasses as an optional prop.			
ASHTON HARVEY Magician REQUIRED Either	Ashton Harvey is a dedicated friend and hardworking magician. There is no doubt that Ashton is a top performer for events in the town of Godley Grove and has been for many years. The townspeople book Ashton for birthday parties, family reunions, corporate events, and more. Ashton lives with Reese Harvey, and these siblings spend most of their free time testing Reese's video game creations.	Magician's attire. Cape, top hat and a wand as an optional accessory. Optional to have a stuffed bunny to pull out of your hat.			
PEYTON CROWNLY Stand-up Comedian REQUIRED Either	Peyton Crownly is the peculiar stand-up comedian. A constant whistler, Peyton Crownly will deliver uncomfortable stares and periods of awkward silence during a conversation. Peyton roasts the town's residents during comedy routines, and many consider Peyton to be an archenemy. Peyton's recently picked up a paintbrush and is trying to make a name as an artist.	Wear something funny – to make others laugh. Or maybe a funny t- shirt and jeans.			
REESE HARVEY Video Game Designer REQUIRED Either	Reese Harvey is the muscled video game designer. Reese loves to talk about one thing and one thing only – <i>Reese</i> <i>Harvey</i> . Reese spends an extraordinary amount of time testing video games with Ashton Harvey – Reese's sibling and roommate. Unfortunately, Reese was a notorious high school bully. Old habits are hard to break, and some people have witnessed this behavior manifest when Reese doesn't get his/her way.	Video game-inspired attire. Optional to bring any video game accessories to 'show and tell' during the party.			
LOGAN ANTHONY Toy Factory Worker REQUIRED Either	Logan Anthony is the bossy toy factory worker at the <i>Godley</i> <i>Grove Toy Factory</i> . A former tyrant that bullied other kids at school with Reese Harvey, Logan's reputation hasn't improved much, as Logan pitches mean-spirited toys to the company's executives.	Wear a factory uniform of any kind. Have optional toys as accessories so you can 'show and tell' during the party.			
DREW ADEL Social Media Consultant REQUIRED Either	Drew Adel is the highly intellectual social media consultant. A dependable hard worker, Drew is a loyal friend. Drew's known as social media royalty' because Drew can turn your business's social media accounts to a million followers nearly overnight! Drew is relatively new to town and has acquired many new clients in a short time.	Casual attire (t-shirt, jeans). Smartphone with access to social media sites as an optional prop.			
RILEY CORALS Retired Fisherman REQUIRED Either	Riley Corals is the aggressive owner of the only marina in town, the <i>Silver Springs Marina</i> . Riley infuriates the townsfolk, as the marina's prices are unreasonable to lease boats or rent boat slips from there. Riley owns a huge mansion on the hill, and the curious townspeople often wonder what Riley is hiding and how Riley came into the large sum of money to live there.	Casual attire with a fisherman's vest (with pockets for lures, etc.) Optional to wear a captain's hat and have fishing lures (no hooks) as props.			

OMARI SHADY Artist REQUIRED Either	Omari Shady is the creative and eccentric artist. At times, this paintbrush-toting sculptor can be meticulous and impatient. However, Omari's portraits and sculptures hang in most homes and businesses across Godley Grove and the surrounding cities.	Trendy clothing with a paint-splattered apron. Optional to have a sketchpad as an optional prop.
<b>BLUSH FRENZ</b> <i>Cosmetologist</i> Optional character	Blush Frenz is the rude cosmetologist at the <i>Godley Grove Hair</i> <i>Tavern</i> . Blush Frenz is also a notorious party crasher. To the other guests' dismay, Blush landed an invite to the Magnolia Avenue block party - even though Blush lives far away in the Southfork Hills. Most of the townspeople would prefer Blush to stay over there.	Casual clothing with a smock/apron. Outrageous hair and makeup (for a female character). Optional to have a makeup kit as props.
<b>PIZZY TANKUS</b> <i>Guitarist</i> Optional character	Pizzy Tankus is the antisocial guitarist for the band <i>Armpit</i> <i>Anguish</i> . Pizzy suffers from anger management issues and is judgmental of others. These nasty qualities tend to anger not only Pizzy's bandmates but everyone else. Armpit Anguish is a popular band even though their lyrics are nonsensical and their melodies sound like banshees shrieking.	Glam Rock hair, makeup, and attire. Toy guitar as an optional prop.
WOLFE NERO Drummer Optional character	<ul> <li>Wolfe Nero is a legendary criminal profiler and has worked closely with Fiona on criminal cases in the past. Lately, he has been more interested in touring with his band, <i>Godley Gray</i>.</li> <li>However, Fiona still calls upon Wolfe for help, as he is the best at determining the underlying cause of criminal behavior. He seems to creep inside criminal minds!</li> </ul>	Casual, trendy attire. Optional drumsticks as a prop.
MADISON CHRISTIE Griminal Investigator Optional character	Madison Christie is the longtime best friend of Fiona Frost. She is a talented soccer player and a technology guru. From computers to cell phones, Madison knows her way around technology like a spelunker in a cave. When she's not assembling computers, building an application, or solving riddles and crimes, she spends her free time studying historical criminal cases.	Athletic attire. A cellular phone, post-it notes and a pen as optional props.
<b>LAUREN HOPE</b> <i>Griminal Investigator</i> <i>Optional character</i>	Originally hailing from the UK, Lauren Hope is the reigning champion of the <i>National Mathematics League</i> . Lauren can crack any numeric code! She loves anything involving the paranormal and often tries to inject it into criminal investigations. This is a sore subject with Fiona, who definitely doesn't believe in ghosts.	Casual teen attire. A calculator, 'chewed' straw and a military- inspired cap as optional props. Lauren has very large, bushy hair – so wear a wig as an optional accessory.
WILLOW 'DOC' WALKER Griminal Investigator Optional character	Willow Walker, otherwise known as Doc, has aspired to become a physician since the age of three. She comes from a long line of family physicians and currently volunteers to shadow doctors at the local family clinic. Doc is Lauren Hope's best friend and is known for her high-pitched, squeaky voice. Willow is an old soul and has the dialect of a sixty-year-old.	Business suit or non- casual teen attire. Willow tends to dress as if she were already a physician. Alternatively - wear a lab coat.





# **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).

There are full instructions in the purchased game. This is the graphic representation of the instant download version . The party ready pack versions clue cards will be printed on double-sided, parchment style, detective-themed cards. **<u>GAME STRUCTURE:</u>** 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 <a href="http://mymysteryparty.com/how-to-host-faq/">http://mymysteryparty.com/how-to-host-faq/</a> or our author's blog for more DIY and hosting help: <a href="http://mymysteryparty.com/murder-mystery-blog/">http://mymysteryparty.com/how-to-host-faq/</a> or our author's blog for more DIY and hosting help: <a href="http://mymysteryparty.com/murder-mystery-blog/">http://mymysteryparty.com/murder-mystery-blog/</a> If your question is still not addressed in the FAQ/blog or these instructions, contact us via email: <a href="support@mymysteryparty.com">support@mymysteryparty.com</a> Responses are guaranteed within 24 hours.

# **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!

## **OPTIONAL PRE-GAME TASKS**

#### **Character M**

# **OPTIONAL - FOR SOME PRE-PARTY FUN, CONTACT THE FOLLOWING GUESTS BEFORE ISABELLA'S BLOCK PARTY:**

**Contact** the guest playing **Character L** and say that your contact at *Gig World* (the company that books you for parties) told you that she said to undercut you by 25%. You find this despicable and don't think that a comedian and a magician have the same niche in the entertainment industry. She just needs to stop. **CONTACT INFO:** 

**Contact** the guest playing **Character K** and say that if she has any friends/ family that need to hire an entertainer, you are available. Business has been slow lately. **CONTACT INFO:** 

**Contact** the guest playing **Character R** and say that if she has any friends/ family that need to hire an entertainer, you are available. Business has been slow lately. **CONTACT INFO:** 

Each player will have a pre game task card in the purchased game. Names removed and genders disguised to minimize spoilers.

### **ROUND ONE CLUE CARDS**

### Character H ROUND ONE

#### **CLUES TO REVEAL DURING THIS ROUND**

- Character T signed up with your employer, Gig World, and told them to undercut you on jobs by 25%. She's booked solid, and you can't pay your bills.
- You tested Character K's most recently published game, Performance Disasters – a video game about horrible entertainers. The player's job is to make them better over the course of time. You found it hysterical she made a character out of Character B – you couldn't agree more that she is a horrible performer.
- You are considering hiring Character Y as a social media consultant. Ask her what can be done for you.
- Character S and her team of investigators are goodygoodies. You cannot stand people like that!
- You do your best to get along with Character B. You live together in a home you inherited. You wished you had the cash to move out, but have no choice but to stay.

#### PERSONAL CLUES TO CONCEAL

You're the \*occupation removed\* and sibling of Character V. You test her video games to make peace in the house, but do not condone her bully behavior. Character V and H were high school bullies. You wished Character V was never born! Each player will have a round one card in the purchased game. Names removed and genders disguised to minimize spoilers.

### **ROUND TWO MATERIALS**

#### CHARACTER D - ROUND TWO Pre-Murder Clues

- You didn't want to tell anyone about this at the party since it is so negative, but you want to confide in others that your mother is a doctor and is being sued by Character G for malpractice. Character G had stitches in the emergency room a month ago on an eyebrow from an injury sustained during a haircut. Your mother treated the wound, prescribed antibiotics, and gave a free antibiotic ointment sample. Character G claimed the wound got infected because your mother never sanitized the wound or instructed her to clean it afterward. This was a lie. You cannot stand Character G especially since your mother had a 100% malpractice-free record. She's a scam artist.
- You also believe Character B is a fraud. There's no way to add a million social media followers overnight to an account. It's just not possible unless they are fake!

#### Post-Murder Evidence & Alibi (Blood Type O-)

- Character S left the party room and was gone for ~5 minutes - sometime before the body was discovered.
- You didn't leave the party room until the body was found.
- Character T left the party ~11 minutes before the victim was discovered. Character T was gone for at least 6 minutes.

Each player will have a round two card in the purchased game. Names removed and genders disguised to minimize spoilers.

## MURDER MYSTERY INVESTIGATION

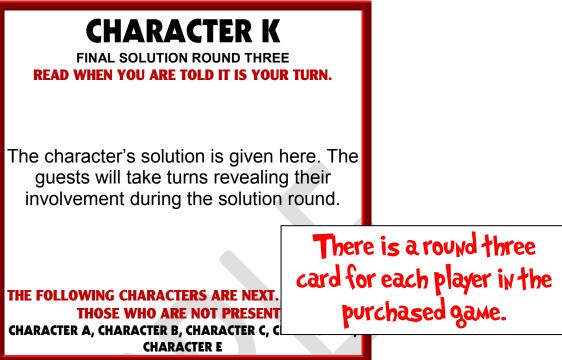
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### **ROUND 3 SOLUTIONS**



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# **MENU SUGGESTIONS**

Always ask for nutritional requirements of your guests with the RSVPs to determine if they have any allergies or objections to particular ingredients.

## **APPETIZERS:**

**MYSTERY STUFFED MUSHROOMS** 

ARTI'CHOKE' AND KALE DIP

**FIRST COURSE:** 

SUPER SLEUTH SALAD

ENTREE:

There are recipes in the purchased game.

GET A CLUE STUFFED CHICKEN

**SIDES:** 

SHERLOCK & WATSON CASSEROLE

AGATHA'S ASPARAGUS RISOTTO

**DESSERTS**:

PLAUSIBLE PUMPKIN DELIGHT

CRIME SCENE CAKE

## **COCKTAILS FOR ADULTS:**

THE AGATHA CHRISTIE (omit for minors)

THE HAUNTED HALLWAY (omit for minors)

THE BUTLER DID IT (omit for minors)

THE CONSERVATORY (omit for minors)



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There are bonus games free add ons from The Party Host Handbook with the purchased game.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR GAME:

- Send your guests to the Your Mystery Party guest pre-game site at <a href="http://yourmysteryparty.com/fional">http://yourmysteryparty.com/fional</a>
- Pinterest page: <u>https://goo.gl/G5JGR7</u> We have created a board for all of our games that includes themespecific 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.
- The game trailer video is located on the Your Mystery Party page.

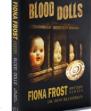
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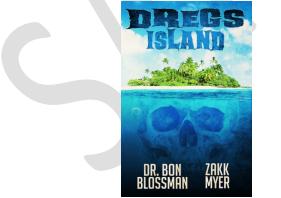


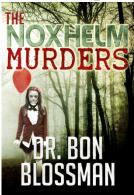






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