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Hanna and Harry Heart are legends in the town of Amorville. From the town's most enviable high school sweethearts, they wed soon after high school and today, Hanna's a beautiful NFL cheerleader and Harry's a talented quarterback for the St. Louis Lambs! The Hearts often visit their hometown of Amorville and have made it a tradition to host a Valentine's Day soiree. This year, they are hosting their party at the lovely and quaint Mio Amore Café. The guests will arrive on scene and enjoy yummy appetizers while catching up on the latest juicy gossip. Hanna plans to get the party going with fun party games and has planned a delectable menu for dinner. Hopefully, the guests will get along, but rumors have been floating around town about scandals, deceit, bribery, and blackmails! The Hearts hope their friends can put their differences aside and have a memorable time at their celebration.

You've received your invitation and this is where your story begins.

## LIST OF CHARACTERS . FOR THE HOST'S EYES ONLY

NAME AND OCCUPATION	DESCRIPTION	SUGGESTED ATTIRE
hanna heart  NFL CHEERLEADER  REQUIRED Female	Hanna Heart is the energetic cheerleader for the St. Louis Lambs Football team! Hanna was the most popular girl back in high school. For this reason, she's used to getting her way. At times, she can be aggressive and is willing to do whatever it takes to get what she wants.	Cheerleading uniform of any kind or athletic warm up suit. Pom poms as optional accessories.
harry heart  NFL QUARTERBACK  REQUIRED  Male	Harry Heart is the heartthrob quarterback of the St. Louis Lambs. He's a handsome and charismatic man during his after-game television interviews and has gained quite the fan club. He's also a perfect gentleman in every way – on camera. Off the field, however, he's a lazy couch potato with the most appalling manners you've ever seen. It's a mystery how Hanna lives with this ill-mannered sloth!	Football uniform of any kind or athletic warm up suit.
DESIREE CANDYMAN  MOLECULAR BIOLOGIST  REQUIRED Female	Details, details, details! If you're speaking to Dr. Desirée Candyman, you better get ready for a plethora of intricate fine points and facts! This is one over-explaining scientist. She has dreams of becoming a famous comic and will perform her standup comedy routine for anyone with an open ear and extra minute.	Nerdy attire. Lab jacket and glasses as optional props.
ADOR CANDYMAN  ROCKET SCIENTIST  REQUIRED  Male	Dr. Ador Candyman prefers to stand back in the shadows during social gatherings as his exceptionally high I.Q. makes him sensitive to his surroundings. Ador is paranoid. Rumor has it he believes the government is spying on him! Most people will placate Ador, as they are too afraid to argue about his conspiracy theories.	Nerdy attire. Lab jacket and glasses as optional props.
ROSE DARLING FLORIST REQUIRED Female	Rose Darling owns <i>The Fancy Florist</i> floral shop, which is the most popular floral boutique in Amorville. Rose is an infamous drama queen, so get some tissues ready for this emotional diva! Choose your words carefully around her if you don't want to make her cry - <i>or worse</i> – throw a tantrum!	Trendy attire with a floral print. Fresh cut or silk flowers as optional props. A pack of tissues as an optional prop.
hershey Darling  CHOCOLATIER  REQUIRED  Male	Hershey Darling owns the Charming Chocolate Shop which is next door to his wife's floral store. Like his better half, Hershey is an obnoxious drama king who constantly looks for a reason to throw a fit. Touted as the most talented candy maker in the world, the residents of Amorville flock to Hershey's store each day to get a taste of his latest confections!	Trendy attire or a Willy Wonka- inspired costume. Chocolates and other candies as optional props.
honey Dew FARMER Optional Female	Honey Dew is the brains behind the <i>Dew Farm</i> located on the outskirts of Amorville. Honey keeps the farmhands entertained with her constant rhyming and isn't afraid to pick up a pitch fork and work as hard as her crew! What Honey says <i>goes</i> on the farm and everyone knows it!	Overalls and a flannel shirt. Pitchfork and straw farming hat as optional props.

<b>SUNNER DEW</b> FARMER  Optional Male	Gunner Dew is the brawn behind the <i>Dew Farm</i> . No stranger to hard work – this farmer's up at dawn and works until dusk! You'd never guess that Gunner is a romantic poet who spends his free time at the <i>Living Poet's Society</i> gatherings reciting love poems! Gunner also loves to impersonate the animals on the farm! His goofy behavior can make a room turn awkward.	Overalls and a flannel shirt or a farm dress. Pitchfork and straw farming hat as optional props.
MYRTLE LOVE RETIRED PERFUME COUNTER SALESPERSON Optional Female	Myrtle Love is a recently-retired perfume counter salesperson. Myrtle is judgmental of others and is notorious for passive-aggressive behavior. As expected, perfume sales have sky-rocketed at Blamey's Department Store since she retired! Myrtle also has an intense fear of germs so getting too close to her is out of the question!	Elderly moo-moo style dress - or any dress a Granny would love. Gray wig (if you are not elderly), a shawl and glasses are optional props. A cane or walker is a plus!
RETIRED CANDY SHOP OWNER  Optional Male	Senility is Eugene Love's middle name! Eugene is a retired candy maker and an incessant practical joker. This grandpa can't be told what to do. Some say he's not senile at allhe just wants to get away with anything and everything!	Elderly man attire. Gray wig (if you are not elderly) and glasses. Fake hearing aid is a plus!
LOVEY HUNTSMAN  EXECUTIVE, SHANEL PERFUME  Optional Female	Lovey Huntsman is a gregarious executive for Shanel Perfume. Beware – she's known to act a bit loony on occasion! From suits to shotguns, Lovey and her husband are avid big game hunters! This is one fragrant hunter that loves to dance if she hears music, so get ready to <i>cut a rug</i> with her if you're in arms reach!	Hunter attire. Fake shotgun as an optional prop.
CARCY HUNTSMAN  VP OF MARKETING, BALLMARK GREETING CARDS  Optional Male	Carey Huntsman is known for his perfect etiquette and literary proficiency. An avid big game hunter in his free time, Carey spends his days as the overbearing Vice President of Marketing for Ballmark Greeting Card Company.	Hunter attire. Fake shotgun as an optional prop.

#### **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).

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FOR MORE INFORMATION ON OUR GENERAL GAME FORMAT, WATCH OUR INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEOS AT WWW.MYMYSTERYPARTY.COM/VIDEOS WE WALK YOU THROUGH STEP BY STEP ON HOW TO PLAN AND HOST A MYSTERY PARTY.



#### **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 by the host. The guests can discuss the report and/or view it as individuals – however they choose to use the information is fine.

**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-CAME TASKS- The following tasks are completely optional and exclusion of them does not alter the mystery in any way. However, it does lead to pre-game build up and excitement! Input your guests' information below. The usual method of contact is via email. Print the game and cut out the task cards and slip them into envelopes. Send about 1 week prior to the party.

#### CHARACTER I

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

Contact the guest playing your husband, character T, and tell him that you're in luck - the Candymans just RSVP'd to your Valentine's Day dinner party at the Mio Amore Café.

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Contact the guest playing Character N and say that you hope that she and her husband can make it to your Valentine's Day soiree at the Mio Amore Café! You heard about the hunting accident 6 months ago and hope that everything is alright between everyone. CONTACT INFORMATION:

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have a pre-game task
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purchased game.
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minimize spoilers

#### character y. Round one

#### CLUES TO REVEAL DURING THIS ROUND

During this round, mingle with other guests to discuss the following information with whomever you choose:

- Tell Character K your husband thought he saw some men that looked like secret service agents come into his chocolate store the other day. It could have just been his senility talking, however.
- Ask Character J about his plans to build a youth athletic training center in town. You think that it is nice when big celebrities take care of their home town. Even if they are mean and ill-spirited celebrities like him.
- Ask Character B about the rumor your dearest friend, Missy Candyman (her great grandmother), was poisoned and did not die of natural causes last week. PERSONAL CLUES TO CONCEAL
- You aren't surprised rumors are circulating about Missy Candyman's murder last week. She was your best friend. She mentioned she thought someone was poisoning her. You told her she was being paranoid. She was old but healthy! Her death is suspicious. You do believe in 'an eye for an eye.' You've always wanted to see what it feels like to murder someone. You'd avenge your friend if you found out it was foul play.
- When you were a fragrance sales girl, you had threatened to kill a customer or two for wasting your time smelling fragrances and not purchasing anything.

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MIND ONE CLUE CARDS – > cut out, stuff into labeled envelopes with the appropriate character and round. To begin round two, pass out these envelopes to the guests.

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#### CHARACTERW ROUND TWO

#### **PRe-MURDER CLUES:**

- If anyone asks, your wife is completely sane. You don't have any idea why anyone would say she wasn't.
- Ask Character R if it was truly an accident when he shot his wife's brother in the arm. It was such a horrible shot; you can't imagine how it was an accident. His wife's brother was nowhere near that deer!
- Tell your wife in private she might have a slight mental illness. You are concerned for her and think she should go to the doctor. You don't want to hurt her feelings, as it's probably stress, but she has been acting a little strange lately.
- Ask Character V about these men in suits that came to his chocolate shop. You heard everyone talking about it and you're just curious.

#### **POST-MURDER CLUES:**

- Character T is a scientist and is an expert in biochemistry. S/he could definitely have pulled off this type of murder.
- Character E grabbed a glass off the display but put it back and grabbed a coffee cup instead. She probably just changed her mind.
- While the victim was gone, Character D gave the victim a refill in his/her glass and then set down the glass on a table. It was unattended for a minute or two. Someone could have put poison in it at this time...if Character D hadn't already done so.



## Murder Mystery Investigation



There is a mystery investigation sheet for each player in the purchased game.

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FINAL SOLUTION ROUND (ARDS - cut out these clues and slip into labeled envelopes and seal them. Hand these out to the guests to begin round three.



#### DO NOT VIEW THE FOLLOWING CARDS IF YOU WISH TO KEEP THE SURPRISE!

CHARACTER Y- FINAL SOLUTION ROUND READ WHEN YOU ARE TOLD IT IS YOUR TURN.

THE SOLUTION FOR THIS PLAYER
WILL BE HERE. THEY WILL TAKE
TURNS READING THEIR SOLUTIONS IN
FRONT OF THE GROUP AND THE
MURDERER WILL EVENTUALLY
CONFESS.

THE FOLLOWING CHARACTERS ARE TO READ IN THS ORDER.
SKIP OVER ANYONE NOT AT THE PARTY:
CHARACTER B, CHARACTER S, CHARACTER O

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# Invited Guests hanna heart

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#### Desiree candyman

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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:**

ARTI'CHOKE' AND KALE DIP	
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LOBSTER OF LOVE SALAD	
	ENTREE:
CHERRY PORK TENDERLOIN	SIDES:
SHERLOCK & WATSON CASSEROLE	
AGATHA'S ASPARAGUS RISOTTO	
	DESSERTS:
LOVER'S CHEESECAKE	
DEATH BY CHOCOLATE PUDDING	
COCK	TAILS FOR ADULTS:
CHERRY BON BON	
THE RED ROSE	
THE BUTLER DID IT (omit for minors)	
SWEET & SOUR LOVE	

**MYSTERY STUFFED MUSHROOMS** 

#### **BONUS ACTIVITIES!**

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THE BOISTEROUS BALLOON BATTLE

THE VALENTINES MEMORY GAME

SO YOU THINK YOU CAN DANCE CONTEST
CUPID COSTUME CHALLENGE
BALLOON BEDLAM
RAUCOUS RAP CONTEST
MONEY CHALLENGE
BALLOON BALANCE RELAY

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# **ANSWER KEY**

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#### FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR GAME:

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- Send your guests to the Your Mystery Party guest pre-game site at www.YourMysteryParty.com/tildeath
- Pinterest page: <a href="https://www.pinterest.com/mymysteryparty/valentines-day-party-ideas/">https://www.pinterest.com/mymysteryparty/valentines-day-party-ideas/</a> 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.
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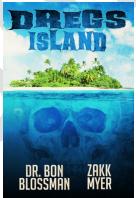


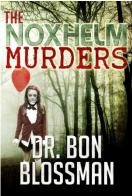






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