MURDER AT THE HOLIDAY PARTY OF WIDGETS, INCORPORATED

8-16 (Expandable to over 100+) Guests Electronic Version.

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SYNOPSIS (THIS OUTLINES THE FLOW OF THE PARTY EVEN S)

Ebbie Smooge, C.E.O. of Widgets, Inc., was a miserly old soul who lacked a shred of Holiday spirit and treated the employees of Widgets, Inc. very, very poorly. Against Ebbie's wishes, a Holiday party was scheduled by his most trusted and loyal assistant, Pat Head, in response to an employee petition and threat of a 'walk out!' So, the employees and their loved ones arrived at the party and immediately began to enjoy a relaxing cocktail and appetizer hour. Finally allowed to be around each other without the stresses of a high-paced work environment, the guests mingled with fun general trivia challenges and started to get to know each other outside of the work place. A few skirmishes broke out among the guests who were known to not get along too fabulously, but Pat Head got everything back on track with a fun 'What Wintry Thing am I?' game followed by a Holiday Scramble Challenge. A delicious dinner was served and the guests had a blast until...a murder occurred! The guests rallied together to figure out whodunit before the police arrived. The negative press of an unsolved murder was certainly the type of media attention that Widgets, Inc. did not need. After an intense investigation, the guests took a break and played an exciting game of Corporate Taboo. Then, with dessert and coffee, the guests accused who they believed the murderer was and after everyone took turns coming clean with their involvement with the murder...the murderer confessed! After a fun game of Corporate Charades, the party was over and the murderer was escorted away by the police! Overall it was an awesome and very memorable Holiday party!

LIST OF CHARACTERS

СНА	RACTER NAME AND OCCUPATION	CHARACTER DESCRIPTION	COSTUME SUGGESTIONS
· ·	Ebbie Smooge Chief Executive Officer REQUIRED Male	Ebbie Smooge is the miserly Chief Executive Officer of Widgets, Inc. Ebbie despises the Holidays as well as anything that he feels wastes time and money. If you looked up the word 'Miser' in the dictionary, Ebbie's picture would be right next to it.	Black suit, black top hat and cane.
	Penny Pinché Chief Financial Officer REQUIRED Female	Penny Pinché is the frugal Chief Financial Officer for Widgets, Inc. Penny is not known to have a huge sense of humor or patience so if she says to do somethingshe means to do it now!	Semi-formal evening attire.
	O. Prate Chief of Operations REQUIRED Either	O. Prate is the fun-loving Chief of Operations for Widgets, Inc. S/he is the one and only high level executive that you can go to for a good laugh.	Semi-formal evening attire. Post it note pad and a pen as optional props.
	Pat Head Executive Assistant to Mr. Smooge REQUIRED Either	Pat Head is Mr. Ebbie Smooge's slightly neurotic executive assistant at Widgets, Inc. Held tightly by Ebbie's puppet strings, this dedicated minion does exactly what s/he's instructed to doeven if s/he doesn't agree with it.	Semi-formal evening attire. A pen and notepad as an optional prop.
	Tydel S. Evan Vice President of Human Resources REQUIRED Either (Can have multiple players in this role to play members of the department)	Tydel S. Evan is the overly-friendly Vice President of Human Resources at Widgets, Inc. Tydel has never faced a problem that s/he couldn't fix! Tydel is lovingly nicknamed Sas by the department which is an acronym for sunshine and solutions.	Semi-formal evening attire.
	Ada Broshur Vice President of Marketing & Advertising REQUIRE Female (Can have multiple players in this role to play members of the department)	Ada Broshur is the former Miss America and Vice President of Marketing and Advertising. This Beauty Queen certainly knows how to run an effective ad campaign as she is the best public speaker in the entire corporation.	Extra-glamorous evening attire.
	Dr. Alberta Newton Vice President of Research & Development REQUIRED Female (Can have multiple players as members of the department)	Research & Development would be in utter shambles without the direction of Alberta Newton. A definite genius, this scientist runs a tight ship and creates new & improved widgets faster than you can say widget!	Semi-formal evening attire. Any scientific props (i.e. lab coat, gloves, beakers, calipers, etc.) are optional.
	Follo N. Soxx Vice President of Internal Audit & Compliance REQUIRED Male (Can have multiple players in this role to play members of the department)	Follo N. Soxx certainly hasn't made a lot of friends at Widgets, Inc. over the years. A cringe is the norm when one sees the department of Internal Audit's name on their caller I.D. Follo and his crew are known for being extremely uptight, inflexible and impersonal.	Semi-formal evening attire.

	Davan Chinasta		
9	Boxen Shiposte Vice President of Shipping Optional Male	Boxen Shiposte is the prim and proper Vice President of Shipping at Widgets, Inc. You could sum up this charming gent with the words	Semi-formal evening attire. A tuxedo as an alternative costume.
88	(Can have multiple players in this role to play members of the department)	'flawless etiquette.'	cooldino.
	Ergot Nomics		
	Vice President of Environmental Health & Safety	Ergot Nomics is the quirky Vice President of Environmental Health & Safety at Widgets, Inc. You never know what you'll get when you're	Semi-formal evening attire.
	Optional Either (Can have multiple players in this role to play members of the department)	around Ergot as s/he is known to be quite unpredictable.	
	Mack N. Pradax		
	Vice President of Production Optional Male	Mack N. Pradax is the wild & crazy Vice President of Production at Widgets, Inc. His employees often laugh about the outlandish stunts he pulls in the warehouse and bizarre is	Semi-formal evening attire. Wild and crazy tie, belt and socks.
	(Can have multiple players in this role to play members of the department)	Mack's middle name!	
	Dr. Angio		
***	Vice President of Widget Health Center	PagingDr. Angio! PagingDr. Angio! Ebbie Smooge is on his way to the Health Center! Dr. Angio is the ultra-charismatic	Semi-formal evening attire or a white physician's coat as an alternative costume. A
	Optional Either (Can have multiple players in this role to play members of the department)	physician who was brought to Widgets, Inc. on a full time basis to monitor Ebbie's heart condition.	stethoscope as an optional prop.
	Chef Ramsee	The Widget Food Court used to be home to a	
100	Vice President of Widget Food Court	The Widget Food Court used to be home to a dozen fast food counters but today, the bold and brazen Chef Ramsee has transformed the	Semi-formal evening attire or a cher's uniform as an
	Optional Either (Can have multiple players in this role to play members of the department)	food court into a delectable culinary wonderland!	alternative costume.
	Ned Reparse		
3.5	Vice President of Building Maintenance Optional Fither (Can have multiple players in this role to play members of the	Ned Reparse is the mysterious Vice President of Building Maintenance of Widgets, Inc. Ned rarely leaves his/her office and to date, nobody has cracked his/her personal shellso who knows what this V.P. is all about?	Semi-formal evening attire.
	department)		
	Celin Moore		
#	Vice President of Sales	Sales is what make the Widget's go round is Celin Moore's motto. This aggressive and	
	O tional Either	outgoing Vice President of Sales is one V.P.	Semi-formal evening attire.
A	(Can have multiple players in this role to play members of the department)	that you'd never want to double cross!	
	Mony Torres		
	Vice President of Information Technology	The quiet and reserved yet brainy Mony Torres is the Vice President of Information Technology at Widgets, Inc. If there's ever an issue with your computers/he's only a 4 digit extension	Semi-formal evening attire. A computer mouse draped over the shoulder as an optional
2	Optional Either- Expandable (Can have multiple players in this role to play members of the department)	away!	prop.

HOST DIRECTIVES

Get ready for a fun Holiday with the MURDER AT THE HOLIDAY PARTY OF WIDGETS, INCORPORATED game from mymysteryparty.com! This light-hearted game is a light sleuthing mystery where the players will act out a fun corporate character while solving the entertaining and corporate-friendly mystery! The party can be a huge success as long as you and your 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. It is optimal to choose different colored envelopes for each round.

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To view a pdf file, you will need the free software, <u>Adobe Reader</u> – this can be downloaded at <u>www.adobe.com</u>. You will need the full version of <u>Adobe Acrobat</u> to cut and paste sections out of pdf file.

If you do not want to know the solution, do not view the final round of clues. For a complete surprise, you can elect the pre-printed 'party ready' party pack option from the mymysteryparty.com site and we will send you the clues in sealed envelopes and the rest of prepared game documents—'ready to go' (this is an additional charge but a great relief for you).

THE GAME IS ORGANIZED INTO FOUR ROUNDS AND IS STRUCTURED AS FOLLOWS:

OPTIONAL PRE-GAME STARTER: these pre-game starters are to be delivered to each guest 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.

COCKTAIL & APPETIZER HOUR / ROUND ONE: Deliver these clues as your guests arrive. Serve appetizers and yummy drinks (eggnog cocktails for adults).

DINNER HOUR / ROUND TWO: Deliver these clues during dinner to your guests ©

THE BIG REVEAL SOLUTION ROUND THREE: Deliver these clues with hot chocolate (coffee) and dessert!

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

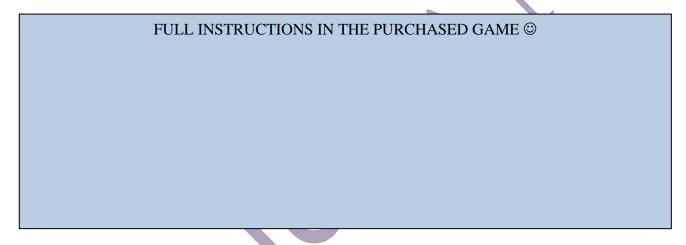
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HELPFUL HINTS ON HOW TO PLAY A MYSTERY PARTY

GUEST INSTRUCTIONS

So you've been assigned a character and you've come to the party dressed in the most fabulous costume for your assigned character and have been told to play your role. So now what?

The mystery is separated into 3 main rounds of party play. During the party, you will be handed an envelope that contains the clues necessary for your character for the round. The clues for all of the characters provide everything that you need to solve the mystery. However, during the investigation segment of the game, you will need to ask the right questions and pay close attention to everyone's clues to be able to get the whole picture of what has happened.



time discussing issues with other guests. Make sure you speak to all guests in each round. Any guests who you feel might be hiding something...make sure to ask them loads of questions! You will be asked to submit a guess of 'whodunit' and why they did it at the end of round two.

From this point forward, you are to remain in character until the mystery is solved. If you are playing a 'green alien from Mars', then that is who you are until the end! Undoubtedly, your host has cast you into a character that you are comfortable playing. There are some characters that are designed to be played more reserved than other characters that should be played more boisterous. Feel free to play your role however you feel comfortable. Embellish your character's personality if you would like. However, if you are feeling more reserved tonight, you can opt to allow the other characters to approach you or you can simply listen in on others' conversations to get your information.

OPTIONAL PRE-GAME STARTER

HOST INSTRUCTIONS: Before the party, encourage your guests to view this mystery on the www.mymysteryparty.com website or use the free printable My Mystery Party invitations as they have the character list (without the required/optional designations) and the game synopsis included. This way, before the party, they can get familiar with the other characters that will be at the party.

This optional pre-game round is to be implemented approximately one week before the party. Please note that this round is designed to generate pre-game excitement and is not necessary to solve the mystery. The ways to deliver these starters are as follows:

- Cut and paste the starters from the PDF file into an email and send them to your guests.
- Print these starters and send them to your guests via snail mail USPS.
- × You can hand these to your guests as they arrive before you give the round one envelopes.

PRE GAME STARTERS:

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O. PRATE:

The Holiday Season is upon us! It is time for the Annual Widgets Inc. Holiday Party! The party will be held in the Widgets, Inc. Corporate

Headquarters Ball

Please pass along this invitation to your enasked me to pass along the message that this year...so you should pro

EACH CHARACTER WILL HAVE AN OPTIONAL PRE-GAME STARTER IN THE PURCHASED GAME ©

REGARDS,

Par Head

Executive Assistant to Mr. Smooge

Remember: your character is the fun-loving Chief of Operations at Widgets, Inc.

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COCKTAIL HOUR - GUESTS HAVE ARRIVED!

HOST INSTRUCTIONS: Round one – cocktail /appetizer hour begins as the guests arrive. Create a Holiday ambiance with seasonal music playing softly in the party room. For a more general Holiday party, the décor can be winter wonderland-themed. Use Icy blue, white, and silver décor with hanging snowflakes and disco balls. Sprinkle silver confetti or sequins on the table under liquor bottles and platters. Put up silver

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the clue-containing envelopes on a table for the guests to locate their own character names.

There are fun trivia ice-breakers in the clue cards for each guest during this round. Encourage the guests to use these ice breakers to start conversations with other guests before implementing their round one clues.

OPTIONAL: At the conclusion of this round, the What Wintry Thing am I? (below) game can be played.

PROP LIST: These are props needed for this round. Collect these items in advance and have them ready. If the optional game

• If the "What Wintry Thing am I?" game is played, the *Wintry Thing* sheets (below) will need to be printed, cut out, and tape will need to be affixed to the back side of them.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITY AT THE CONCLUSION OF ROUND ONE:

THE 'What Wintry Thing am I?'GAME!

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PLAYING TIME: approximately 5-10 minutes.

ROUND ONE CLUES – CUT OUT, STUFF INTO ENVELOPES AND LABEL WITH THE APPROPRIATE ROUND AND CHARACTER imes Hand the clue envelopes to the guests to start round one.

PENNY PINCHÉ – ROUND ONE. USE THE FOLLOWING TRIVIA QUESTIONS AS AN ICE BREAKER

Description: Five diverse high school students meet in detention and find that they have a lot more in common

than they would have ever given a chance to know. Movie: The Breakfast Club

Description: A ruthless adventurer recovers powerful artifacts in a race against time. Movie: Laura Croft: Tomb Raider

CLUES TO REVEAL DURING THIS ROUND

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

- Tell Ebbie that you think that Internal Audit is getting dangerously close to figuring everything out.
- Tell everyone that they need to find ways to reduce their budget by 25% for the next Fiscal year.
- Ask Follo N. Soxx why he allows Ada Broshur to send video tapes and application materials to Hollywood, California. Say that applying to be on reality television shows should not be a cost to the corporation and this issue needs to be investigated by Internal Audit immediately!
- Tell Alberta Newton that you are not allowing her to spend any more funds on widget grease. Tell her to get to the lab bench and formulate her *own* grease at the lowest cost to the company of the comp
- If anyone is talking about bonuses or raises, tell them that Widgets, Ir everyone worked harder...maybe in the distant future they could get i money.

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PERSONAL INFORMATION (You can conceal these clues from the of

- You are under a lot of stress because Ebbie Smooge tells you to redule
- You are hiding millions of funds in the books that Ebbie Smooge has designed widgets to terrorist organizations hiding in the Middle East a how much money that Widgets, Inc. truly had...they would all be quite upset!

During the mystery, your character must be honest and not make up any potentially mystery-altering clues in addition to those provided to you. You do not, however, have to share any clues that you collect with the other quests.

ROUND TWO: DINNER IS SERVED

HOST INSTRUCTIONS:

Before this round, put the following items in the nearest restroom underneath the sink or in any concealed place in the restroom for the victim to find.

- Victim T-shirt (optional)
- Victim Sign (page 40)
- White face makeup (optional)
- Threatening Note evidence (page 40)
 - **Crime scene barrier tape (optional)**

Pair your guests into teams of 2-3. **Facilitate the 'Holiday Scramble Challenge** during dinner (dinner is optional) and then score them using the 'Holiday Scramble' Answer Key (below). Do not tell the results of this challenge to the guests until the pre-murder clues have been implemented.

After you see the investigation of the Boardroom (see the Fingerprivell to compare to the suspects designated as the 'Boardroom' a sheet. 2. Simply lay them out on everyone to take a minute and information in their investigations. At the conclusion of this round, goon the 'Mystery Investigation's

Any time during this round, the 'C

PROP LIST: These are props n

- The Mystery Investigation
- The 'Holiday Scramble Ch
- Answer key for the 'Holida
- The fingerprint challenge
- If the optional 'Corporate '
- The threatening note evid
 The victim sign (page 40)

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wton lifted some fingerprints from yone gave a sample fingerprint as ways: 1. Hide them in a room then compare with the reference by your guests to view them. Tell e fingerprints and to include that

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their final guesses as to whodunit

advance and have them ready!

uests' (below).

r are needed. (Page 33.)

The optional props: victim t-shirt, white face makeup, crime scene barrier tape.

ROUND TWO REQUIRED ACTIVITY

'HOLIDAY SCRAMBLE CHALLENGE!'

GAME INSTRUCTIONS, ANSWER KEY AND CARDS IN THE PURCHASED GAME

ROUND TWO OPTIONAL ACTIVITY 'CORPORATE TABOO!'

GAME INSTRUCTIONS AND CARDS IN THE PURCHASED GAME®

ROUND TWO CLUES: Cut out and slip these clues into sealed and labeled (i.e. round two, character name) envelopes and hand to your guests after the 'Holiday Scramble Challenge' to officially begin round two.

PENNY PINCHÉ – ROUND TWO. DINNER IS SERVED!! PRE-MURDER:

- Tell everyone that you support Ebbie Smooge's decisions 100% and anyone who speaks openly against him should be immediately terminated.
- Tell Follo N. Soxx that you feel very harassed by his department and that you will take it up with the Board of Directors. Say that you feel like a target and he creates a hostile work environment.
- Ask 1-2 people if they know anything about money laundering. Sa know how the process worked. If they know anything, ask them if again, you're just wondering if it really goes on.

EACH CHARACTER WILL HAVE A ROUND TWO CLUE CARD IN THE PURCHASED GAME ☺

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POST-MURDER:

- You know that Ebbie is a very clean person and has the cleaning of then a final time after everyone leaves the offices for the day. If the murdered, these prints most likely belong to the suspect.
- You were the one who discovered the victim. You left the Ballroom to search for the people who were missing as a lot of people seemed to have left the Ballroom around the same time. You wanted to be sure that they were not out in the corporate headquarters offices stealing office supplies or anything like that.

PERSONAL INFORMATION: (This information can be concealed from the other quests.)

Tou realize that a stainless steel letter opener would be easily wiped free of fingerprints. The lack of prints on the murder weapon might not mean anything at all.

XTHREATENING NOTE VIDENCE FOUND ON VICTIM - CUT OUT AND PLACE WITH THE VCITIM SIGN IN THE NEAREST RESTROOM TO THE PARTY ROOM. THE VICTIM WILL NEED THIS FOR EVIDENCE DURING ROUND TWO.

THREATENING NOTE EVIDENCE IN PURCHAESD GAME ©

XTHE VICTIM SIGN: CUT OUT AND PUT IN THE NEAREST RESTROOM FOR THE VICTIM IN ROUND TWO.

VICTIM SIGN IS IN THE PURCHASED GAME \odot

MYSTERY INVESTIGATION SHEET - DETECTIVE NAME O. Prate

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ROUND THREE - REQUIRED ACTIVITY

FINGERPRINT CHALLENGE:

IN THE PURCHASED GAME - THERE WILL BE LIFTED FINGERPRINTS AND A REFERENCE SHEET.

ROUND THREE- 'THE BIG REVEAL'

HOST INSTRUCTIONS: This is the final solution round.

After you collect the Mystery Investigation Sheets, allow the guests to one-by-one accuse who they believe is the murderer. Instruct them to point at the accused and say their motive. After the accusations have been made, pass out the round three envelopes to your guests and have them sit in a circle or semi-circle in order to be able to see guests as they read their solution cards one at a time to the group.

Serve dessert and hot chocolate or coffee along with a delicious dessert. Instruct the guests to stand up in front of the group and read / act out their final solution round card one at a time in the exact order that is directed by the solution round cards.

The following is an optional activity, **'THE CORPORATE CHARADE CHALLENGE**' that can be played after the solution round.

ROUND THREE - OPTIONAL ACTIVITY

'THE CORPORATE CHARADE CHALLENGE'

GAME DIRECTIONS AND TOPICS IN THE PURCHASED GAME ©

PENNY PINCHÉ- FINAL SOLUTION ROUND THREE - READ FIRST

The final solutions will be now be read. One by one in the exact order ins with you) - each guest is to read their final solution round card to the group. Before you read your final solution, read the following music lyrics to the oth band and name of the song:

EACH CHARACTER WILL HAVE A FINAL SOLUTION ROUND CLUE CARD IN THE PURCHASED GAME ©

Money talks but it don't sing and da And it don't walk. As long as I can have you I'd much rather be

Answer: The artist is Neil Diamond and the song is "Forever in Blue Jeans"

You are not the criminal! You are the first one to read your final solution of the mystery to the group. Say the following to the group:

"I can admit that I am not sorry that this happened in the least. Follo N. Soxx was a horrible man with cruel intentions. Yes, I was hiding millions of dollars on the books from him and his auditors were hot on the trail...but it really doesn't give me a strong motive as I'm not the one who *earned* these funds...I am only following what my boss has instructed me to do with complete ignorance of *where* the funds came from. I'm innocent! I found the body, that's no secret, but I was only looking for about 4-5 people who had left the Ballroom. I was simply concerned and wanted to protect company property. I couldn't have people pilfering office supplies unsupervised."

O. PRATE IS NEXT TO READ HIS CLUE

NAMETAGS





played by:



played by



EACH CHARACTER WILL HAVE A NAME TAG IN THE PURCHASED GAME ©



MENU SUGGESTIONS

