

(Virtual Intro File)

Be part of the wild and romantic era of the Roaring 20's in

Murder at The Juice Joint

With the passing of prohibition and organized crime on the rise, The Juice Joint, a swanky speakeasy, has been nothing but jumping. To celebrate its success, an elaborate party has been planned to remember at the exclusive nightspot... and you are invited!

However, one of the names on the guest list is also on another's hit list... and no one is safe from the consequences.

With murder on the menu, you are certain to find a medley of individuals to make the night most memorable. From major mobsters and their molls to the swanky singer with her hopes at Hollywood. The cigarette girl with a temper that sizzles to the crooked police chief with nothing to lose—no one is safe from murder...but everyone will have a chance at solving it.

Will the culprit be the Mayor who is capable of murder? The blacklisted bootlegger desperate to increase their sales? Or possibly the director with a shot at making history?

With the recipe for murder The Juice Joint will be certain to be serving up a night of mayhem to remember.

An evening of Murder, Mayhem
& the Mob.

Thank you for choosing Murder at The Juice Joint

We are confident you will find this comprehensive packet to provide everything you will want and need to run your very own murder mystery party—one that will have your guests talking about it for weeks, if not longer.

This murder mystery experience is designed to be easy to run and fun to play for all the guests involved. The game is played with all of your guests having active roles in the game and each guest having objectives to complete. These objectives keep the party from being pre-scripted and allow your guests to draw their own conclusions as to the motives and the identity of the murderer. This format also allows for great mingling among your guests and ensures that all of your guests feel included. Before the night is through, each guest will have discovered that they have a motive for killing the victim and be inclined to protect their innocence as well as seek out the murderer. To add to the experience and suspense of the night, the murder happens during the party, not before, as in some other murder mystery games. The victim is also allowed to play along after they 'die' since they have no clue who murdered them. Murder at The Juice Joint is certain to be a hit with all of your guests.

The following pages contain a simple list of things you need to do as host in order to have the party run smoothly. Once the party is going, it is up to the guests to make the most of it—something you will be surprised at how well they do.

How To Host Without Knowing the Murderer

We realize that part of the fun of throwing the party is playing along. If you choose to host WITHOUT knowing who the murderer is, simply follow these directions so that you can avoid any spoilers.

First, you will want to read this host's guide in full. Nowhere in the Host Guide pdf will the murderer and/or victim's identity or gender be listed. Additionally, with these in-depth instructions, it will ensure you that you are setting up the party correctly while being able to fully participate!

Second, even if you avoid places where the murderer is identified, the mystery materials will give you clues, added information, etc. so we suggest you refrain from studying or reading the mystery materials in full if desiring to play along.

There are only two places in the mystery materials that will tell you who the murderer is:

- (1) In the solution.** It will be separated into a different file AND flagged with a cover page to tell you not to read it. The name itself is not highlighted, rather usually listed within the text and amongst a lot of other text so there is little chance of "accidentally" seeing it when you are printing it off. If you still do not trust yourself, have someone else print it out and put it in the solution envelope.
- (2) It is listed in that guest's secrets in their "B" materials.** Since we cannot tell you which character to "not read," since that too would give it away, you will want to avoid reading the character's "B" information but your own. Again, it is not highlighted or bolded, but if you do not trust yourself, you may want to have someone else stuff the envelopes.

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Assigning the Characters

- **You, as host, will need to decide upon a character for each of your guests.** The easiest way to assign the characters is to read the character descriptions and match each character with the guest that you feel suits that particular character the best.
- **Because this party is dependent on a minimum number of people showing up,** you may want to determine ahead of time which guests are attending before assigning characters.
 - It is recommended that you send out the general invite with an RSVP date of two weeks before the party. After your guests RSVP positive, you can send them their character sheet.
- **You can download an invite at:** <http://www.nightofmystery.com/invitations.php>
- **The killer will not know they are the murderer until after the murder at the party.**
- **The victim will not know they are the victim until they get to the party.** The victim will become aware they are the victim when reading through their “A objectives.” Also listed in their first set of objectives is to, “fall down dead when they hear a loud bang, like a gunshot.”
- **The victim after “death”:** The victim will assume a different role, unlisted identity after the murder (already included in their character packet). If P.I. is not assigned, the victim will assume this role after they have “died.” As host, you will share P.I. Pinkerton’s dossier with the victim, via private chat, after the victim has died.
- **Which characters can I play without and not ruin the mystery?** Info included with mystery
- **If you have eliminated the investigator for your party,** then the victim will play the role of P.I. Pinkerton for the second half of the party. Following the “death,” the victim will get up and the host can then explain that there will be an investigator for the second half (which will be the victim). Once the victim receives P.I. Pinkerton’s dossier via private chat from the host, the new detective will open to the Investigation Instructions page, and proceed. Since the investigator’s main role is based after the murder, it is ok if the investigator is eliminated from the first half of the party and only plays the second half. Additionally, the victim does not know who killed them or why, so the victim can assume the role of the investigator for the second half.
- **As host, who should I be?** Included with mystery..
- **P.I. Pinkerton, Bernie Booze, Gino Gin and Chief Cameron can be played by a male or female guest.**
- **Good suggestions for assigning couples include:** Included with Mystery

Character Guest List

Guest Totals:

For the 15-20 GUEST VERSION: 6 males, 7-10 female roles, 2-4 gender neutral roles.

For the 10-15 GUEST VERSION: 3-5 males, 5-7 female roles, 2-3 gender neutral roles.

For the 8-12 GUEST VERSION: 3-4 males, 3-5 female roles, 2-3 gender neutral roles.

For the 6-8 GUEST VERSION: 3 males, 2-3 female roles, 1-2 gender neutral roles.

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Virtual Host Duties

Invite your guests and get an accurate guest count!

- You can use the downloadable invite provided by Night of Mystery.
- Order your materials from Night of Mystery!

Create a virtual meeting on a video conferencing site, such as Zoom.

Email your guests their part information:

- Their character packet PDF
- The information to be able to join your virtual meeting -- a link or a login and password.

Have your guests print out their character packet, preferably ahead of time.

- They will want to staple it together, then review the first four pages of their document, making sure not to read the rest of the packet. *There are clear instructions and dividers showing where to stop reading.*
- This dossier will have background information on the party scenario, their character and more!
- If your guests are unable to print out their character packet, they can also access the pdf on a device during the party.
- However, in this case, they will need two devices (one to access the pdf and one to access the party via the video conferencing site) at the time of the party.

At party time, you (the host) will want to have access to these files on your computer:

- Virtual Backgrounds to share with your guest
- P.I. Pinkerton's dossier, if P.I. Pinkerton is not already assigned to someone.
- Evidence PDF
- Solution PDF
- Each Award PDF
- These files are all included with your downloads, but you will share them with members of your group the night of the party via your room.

The night of the party, your guests will need:

- Ability to access your video conferencing room via a device (phone, computer, tablet, etc.).
- Their character packet
- *Ideally, this is already printed out, but could also be as a pdf on a device other than the device they are using to log into the party.*
- A pen or pencil, to write their final accusations and to take notes (if desired).

The host will also need:

- A copy of the host timeline and Zoom Room Directions (for reference) and the tally sheet to keep track of who guessed the correct murderer and the winners for best actor/actress (optional).

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Stage One: The Guests Arrive

- Everyone “arrives” in the virtual chat room.
- Host gives general guidance on how to upload virtual background, use chat, etc.

Stage Two: Introduction

- Once everyone has arrived, instruct Rosie Marie to turn to the next page in her dossier and read the Introduction aloud.
- Guests will turn to their next page in their own dossiers and complete their objectives within the virtual conference room or private chat. (Most will be done via virtual room at this point.)

Stage Three: Murder & Investigation

- When guests start to settle down and you are sure the victim has completed all of their objectives, arrange for a loud noise (like a bang or gunshot) to sound off. The victim will then fallen down “dead.”
- After the victim has “died,” P.I. Pinkerton will instruct everyone to remain calm. *
- P.I. Pinkerton will then turn their page to the “investigation instructions” and read the instructions aloud to the guests.
- Following the investigation instructions, the rest of the guests will turn their pages, which will have new information and objectives for the guests to complete now that the murder has occurred

Stage Four: Evidence Presentation

- When guests have settled down again, and P.I. Pinkerton finishes their investigation, instruct the P.I. Pinkerton that they may now turn their next page and present the evidence.
- At the same time, you will share the evidence PDF with the whole group via the chat function (you will simply attach it).
- After everyone has had time to go over the evidence, the guests will fill out their accusation forms. If some of your guests have not printed out their materials, have them write their accusations on a piece of paper. ***If you are also voting on best dressed, you might want to have everyone stand up and show off their outfit before casting votes.*
- Once everyone has written down their guesses, have everyone share who they are accusing and why, BEFORE the solution is read.

Stage Five: The Solution

- Message P.I. Pinkerton and attach the solution pdf (via private chat) and have them read it aloud to the guests.
- Present awards.

Gangster Gazette

The Juice Joint is Jumping!

In honor of The Juice Joint's excellent business, Rosie Marie, the owner of The Juice Joint is throwing a party to commemorate its success and to remember the previous owner, her late husband, Louie Marie. Since its establishment in 1921, The Juice Joint has become and remained the hottest nightspot in town. In appreciation of its customers, Rosie has promised a night to remember! Among the town's elite, those in attendance are sure to be:

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Missing Person Found Dead

Three weeks after the disappearance of Louie Marie, Mr. Marie's body was found floating in the river. "Due to the bullets lodged in Mr. Marie's skull, foul play has been suspected," Chief Cameron stated. At this time no one has been apprehended for the murder of Louie Marie and according to the police, there is very little evidence to prove who committed the crime.

Louie was the original owner of The Juice Joint, a family-owned establishment. Louie leaves behind his wife, Rosie, daughter, Anna, and nephew, Cy Ramsey. The Juice Joint will remain open and the ownership has been transferred to his wife Rosie Marie. "It's what Louie would have wanted," said Rosie.

New Governor Needed

With the statewide death toll the highest in recorded history and organized crime on the rise, the Governor has announced he will not be running for re-election. "It is difficult to speculate who will step up to take on the leadership of the state. What is for certain is that the next set of candidates will have to have a history of being tough on organized crime if they hope to win the election," stated political analyst, Bill Bosworth.

Casting Call

Attention those who want to be a part of Hollywood history!

If you are a talented woman with a great voice, here is your chance at stardom, please see

Hal Hollywood at:
The Grande Hotel
Thursday 1-3 p.m.

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Sample Character Description Taken From Another Mystery

Elizabeth the Elaborate

You are a vassal woman on the manor of Fernwood. Being a vassal, you were granted land by the lord and you have serfs and peasants work the land for you. In payment for the land granted to you, you give a percentage of your earnings to the king in taxes and provide security to the lord if the manor is ever in danger from invaders. You have raised your daughter, Maid Victoria, by yourself ever since your husband died in battle over ten years ago.

Until recently, you enjoy being part of the manor of Fernwood. Over the past year, the sheriff has started demanding higher taxes for the king. Previously, the sheriff had been collecting taxes at the rate of 10%, but now insists the king has raised the tax rate to 15%. You intend to talk to the king about the tax increase when he arrives on the manor. You suspect that King Kyle and Queen Genevieve will be visiting Fernwood for the jousting tournament which is being thrown in celebration of the noble marriage between Lord Taylor's son, Baron Bartholomew and Lady Diana of Dunnsberry.

Among other things, you hope to talk to Lord Taylor about your daughter's future. You have heard that he has intentions of arranging a marriage between your daughter, Maid Victoria, and Sir Rufus. Sir Rufus is a knight that is relatively new to the manor, but you do not trust what you hear and know of him. The less fortunate peasants have said that he is terrorizing them when they cannot pay the higher taxes that the sheriff is now collecting. What a horrible man!

You do not want to dishonor your lord by questioning his rule, but you do not want your daughter to have to marry a man who terrorizes peasants in the name of the king. You are apprehensive because speaking out against Sir Rufus may jeopardize your own safety. You will have to quickly find another reason to tell Lord Taylor that you do not wish Victoria to be married to Sir Rufus, the tournament and celebration is almost here!

Acting and Dressing Your Part: You are a vassal woman who speaks her mind to others. You are not a noble, but you are one of the more wealthier families in the manor. You have nicer clothes (brightly colored dresses made of expensive fabrics like silk and velvet) and some jewels.

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Sample Objectives Sheet For Beginning of Party Taken From Another Mystery

A Knight of Murder

Elizabeth the Elaborate

Objectives At The Start Of The Party:

These are things that are in your best interest to do before the evening goes much further. Be aware of what others around you are doing as well!

- Let Lord Taylor know that you are not happy with the arranged marriage between your daughter, Maid Victoria and Sir Rufus.
- Tell your daughter, Maid Victoria, that you will see to it that she is not made to marry out of love.
- If Sherilyn, the sheriff's wife, is here, ask her if she knows of the dastardly deeds that her husband and Sir Rufus are doing (terrorizing the peasants).
- If King Kyle is here, ask him why he decided to raise taxes.

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Sample Objectives Sheet For After The Murder Taken From Another Mystery

A Knight of Murder

Elizabeth the Elaborate

Things You Know:

**This is information not known to many—and possibly only YOU.
Use it wisely in your scheming and bribery or hide it to help
maintain your innocence.**

- Lord Taylor declared that your daughter, Maid Victoria, is to marry Sir Rufus.
- Sir Rufus was helping the sheriff terrorize the peasants and vassals who have had trouble paying the higher taxes.

Objectives After The Murder:

**These are things that are in your best interest to do to help solve the
murder. Be aware of what others around you are doing as well!**

- Tell your daughter, Maid Victoria, that everything is going according to your plan.
- Ask your Lord Taylor if you may choose a suitor for your daughter.
- Tell the sheriff that you are going to tell King Kyle & Lady Genevieve his dirty secret (about extorting money from the peasants) unless he can “convince” you not to reveal his scheme.

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*Sample Piece of Evidence
Taken From Another Mystery*

EXHIBIT A

Description: **The murder weapon-- a dagger in the heart**

Notes: **Found to be the cause of death.**



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ALL THE EXTRAS

Included with the mystery are ideas and designs to help you decorate your Juice Joint with fun and authentic materials that are easy to make. **Included are:** Designed Menu, Mobster posters, "how to" make your own brick wall, antique liquor labels, line-up sign board, and more!



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More Party Planning Resources

Night of Mystery does our best to provide you with everything you need to create a unique and creative mystery party - including giving you plenty of party planning resources and ideas for *each* mystery theme we offer! **Check out any/all of the resources below!!!**

***These resources are formatted for an in-person murder mystery party and may or may not be compatible with a virtual party.*

MurderAtTheJuiceJoint.com

Simply type in murderatthejuicejoint.com and it will take you to the “Party Tips” section of Night of Mystery dedicated to giving you the best ideas for decoration, costumes, hosting tips, etc. for THIS MYSTERY!!! Be sure to explore the “Hosting Tips” section of this was well!

“All The Extras” supplement

Check out the supplement that is filled with designs, posters, ideas, etc.

Our Pinterest page

Get ideas and how-tos on theme-centric decorations, food, etc. Be sure to “Follow Us” to get the latest and greatest pins that we add to the boards!

<http://www.pinterest.com/nightofmystery/murder-at-the-juice-joint/>

Flickr albums

Check out pictures from other host and hostesses from your mystery theme! See how much fun others had throwing this theme and get ideas for your own mystery party. Find the Murder at The Juice Joint gallery at: www.nightofmystery.com/photos-MJJ/

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Get a coupon and a chance to win a FREE Party!

Once your party is thrown, please let us know how your party went by emailing the details and pictures to nompartyofthemonth@gmail.com! We will email you a \$5 coupon for submitting your comments and/or pictures about your party. In addition to the coupon, party pictures and comments may be highlighted on social media and/or the blog. Each month we will select one posting to be featured in our “Party of the Month” blog and that customer will receive a \$65 gift certificate towards the purchase of a future party!

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This has been just a sampling of what you will receive when you purchase **Murder at The Juice Joint**.

The complete package includes:

- **A Host Guide**— A complete how-to of throwing your party which includes directions on assigning characters, directing the party, what to expect, general guidelines for using the party in a video conferencing site, and preparing for your virtual party.
- **Designed Invitations**— that you can customize with the details of your party.
- **Virtual Backgrounds**— Included are a number of images you can set on your screen to help set the moos for your party!
- **A Schedule of the Night**— A step-by-step breakdown of how the night will go. (Included in the host's guide.)
- **Individualized Character Dossiers for Each Character**—these are complete with all of the background information your guests will need to start the night, as well objectives for each character to achieve at each stage of the game.
- **An Introduction**— to be read to the guests upon arrival (included in one of the character's dossier).
- **Evidence** — more clues that will be presented towards the end of the night. This evidence will help your guests solve the mystery and find the murderer.
- **Solution**— a detailed description of the what and why the murder happened including who the murderer is.
- **Accusation Page**— to allow your guests to guess the murderer and to vote for the most animated character and best outfit.
- **Award Certificates**— to be awarded to the best costume, the most theatrical guest, the player with the most money at the end of the night and to each of the guests that solve the murder.
- **Party Printables and Extras**— directions, templates and designs to help you plan for your party.
- **MurderAtTheJuiceJoint.com**— a website filled with party planning ideas JUST for this party theme!

All of our parties come in the form of a professionally designed 50-125 page pdf. Immediately after completing your order, you will be able to re-login to your account using the username and password you established in the purchasing process. Once in your account, you will have the ability to download your party. By having our games online as instant downloads, we are able to satisfy even the most urgent need for a party.

Please log onto: www.nightofmystery.com
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