

*Supper Sleuths presents*

# MYSTERY AT THE MOVIES



Dave Shepherd  
Player Booklet

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## Player Booklet and Secret Clue

### How to Play the Game

This room is full of crime suspects – and you are one of them! You must try to figure out who committed the crime tonight, by both accusing your fellow players and also trying to convince everyone else that you are innocent.

This game has four rounds, each round revealing new pieces of information about each character. Please do not turn the page in your player booklet until the host tells you to do so!

On the top of each page is information you are to share with the whole group. You can either ad lib or read directly from the page, but make sure that before moving on to the next round, you share all information on the top of each page with the whole group.

On the bottom of each page you will see hidden information about your character. You can reveal this information if and when you think it is the appropriate time. You may not lie if someone asks you about this information, but you do not need to offer incriminating evidence about yourself without a direct question. However, if you find out that you are the criminal, **DO NOT TELL!** If asked about it, do whatever you have to do to keep it a secret like change the subject or say, “I am not aware of that information at this time.” Likewise, if someone asks you a question you do not know the answer to, just say, “I am not aware of that information at this time.”

There are also 8 secret clues that different players will reveal throughout the game. Make sure you do not look at your clue until your player booklet tells you to pass it around to the group. When that time comes, just detach it and pass it around. Or if you are using a tablet, carefully pass it around with the clue displayed.

At the start of the game, the criminal is not aware of his or her identity – it could even be you! Be suspicious of everyone’s motives, and remain in character throughout the evening. After dessert, you will be given a chance to make your accusation. You may accuse any player of being the criminal, including yourself, but you must give evidence from the clues. Again, **DO NOT TELL** if the booklet says you are responsible for the crime! Okay, now go have some fun!

# The Suspects

**Maggie Meriwether** - Ms. Maggie Meriwether is a famous movie star who played the leading lady opposite Mr. Packer in his latest movie. Maggie is a beautiful woman who wears her heart on her sleeve and would do almost anything to help someone. Just how far would she go to please someone with whom she has fallen in love, however, remains to be seen.

**Eve Appleton** - Eve is a natural beauty, an heiress to family fortune, and could have been the fourth musketeer with her feminine yet tough demeanor. She is seen both on and off screen as a humanitarian who has brought life and hope to many countries in need. However, her past wasn't so pure, and there are reasons that she'll never look back.

**Rebecca Welling** - Although Rebecca has claims to fame, fortune, and a litany of movie credits to die for, she's America's sweetheart, as well as lead actor Ransom Packer's wife. Rebecca's beautiful persona can fool anyone for a moment, but when the spotlight's on her, make sure you watch her very closely, for sometimes beauty is only skin deep.

**Esther Crowne** - Royalty by marriage, this young foreign diva has a great love for America, dual citizenship, and more designer handbags than a department store. However, when her clan is implicated in a treacherous crime, will her icy country convince her to defect?

**Mose Stafford** - Attorney Mose Stafford is the most sought after counsel for the rich and famous. His intelligence and bravery have gotten him to the top of many a tough trial. When Mr. Packer needs his help, Mose is all in. That is until someone starts an accusation against him that could cost him not only the case, but everything else too.

**Pete Rockefeller** - Pete Rockefeller is new to Hollywood, and still learning the tricks of the trade. He rose to the top fast because of his good looks, sense of humor, and on-screen passion. Unfortunately, it's his temper off screen that could win him an Academy Award. Co-star to Mr. Packer, Pete insists he is willing to risk everything for him, but when the movie credits stop rolling, Pete may be MIA when his friend needs him most.

**Paul Scales** - Famous movie producer and screenwriter Paul Scales is shocked that the star of his new movie has disappeared. Although he is upset, nothing will get in the way of a good review for his life's work. Nothing except for evidence showing he may actually have more connections in this case than anyone ever suspected.

**Dave Shepherd** - Playing the villain in this movie was Dave Shepherd's comeback, and he is anxious for the world to see him still as a young and powerful star. Having been through rehab, divorces, grief, and escape from near death, Dave is still a leader many in America are rooting for. Will this recent scandal draw him back into his wilder days, or has he learned from his mistakes?

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# Appetizers

**Share this information with the group after Paul Scales:**

(Use a deep, gruff voice like Batman.) Ok, Scales, you can chill out about the movie showing. We all know the movie is going to be fantastic. They always have been and always will be. Would it have been even better if I got to play the hero and not the villain? Yes, of course. And actually it looks like there will be an opening for the next one. (Laugh at yourself and wait for Paul to reply if he chooses.) Well, the rest of you probably know me assuming you haven't been living under a rock for the past ten years. They have me plastered everywhere, from billboards to album covers to magazines to video games, and now here we are, together, in the flesh, in the very same room. But don't be nervous. Dave Shepherd is just a man. I'm nothing more than a multi-talented and highly successful actor and musician. Most of my career I have played the good guy, the king, the warrior, the hero. But I stepped down to play the villain in this movie. It was an honor to star along with Ransom in this film and I am sad to see people in pain now that he is gone forever and will never ever return. I'm especially sorry for your loss, Ms. Welling. You deserve so much more. You deserve to be happy.

## **Hidden Information:**

(Do not share until you feel it's necessary.)

You've been married several times and the alimony and child support have cost you almost every bit of your earnings from movies and music. You are desperate for money and for love. You wanted Ransom's role in these movies, and were especially jealous when you learned the difference in pay between the two roles.

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# Soup/Salad

Share this after Rebecca Welling.

Yeah, Paul, Rebecca's right as usual. Weren't you supposed to be in charge of the arrangements for your cast to get back from Terrestria? How'd you let your star just like vanish into thin air? And then you go off and talk about how this could totally increase sales? What's up with that?

## Hidden Information:

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Shhh! You actually came home from the shoot several days earlier than everybody else. If it gets brought up, tell them you were finished with all your scenes and had to come back early to take care of some personal business at home. You were actually hoping to see Rebecca while she was alone. Now you know why she wasn't around.

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# Main Course

**Share this information with the group after Rebecca Welling:**

Sorry to get off course, but as a musician, artist, poet, and actor, I feel everything very deeply. I feel compelled to tell you I'm so sad for your loss, Rebecca. May you find comfort in this time and may his soul rest in peace. Like the song I wrote for my fourth, or was it the fifth? wife: (Sing.) "Sometimes our favorite fruits only last for a season. And we don't know the reason. No, we don't know the reason! Mmmmmm!" Anyway, back to the mystery. What about Miss Queen Bee over here? If anybody has influence over the personnel at the airport it's her. She could have easily arranged for her heartthrob poster boy to be "kicknapped" as she says and brought back to her place. Looks like things aren't going so hot between her and the king. Can you say, "Royal pain in the neck?" Queenie? (Show the group your clue.)

## **Hidden Information:**

**(DO NOT SHARE! FOR YOUR EYES ONLY!)**

**IMPORTANT:** One little secret we forgot to mention is that YOU are responsible for the abduction. Yes, it's true. You really got into the part of the villain in this last movie and allowed it to take hold of you in your personal life. From the moment you met Rebecca years ago, you have wanted to make her the lucky wife number 7, and you are getting close! She isn't showing any signs of interest in you, but don't give up yet! Continue to point fingers in any and all directions, and enjoy pointing out the others' flaws.

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# Dessert

**Share this information with the group after Paul Scales:**

I'd say your aide is committing a federal offense by breaking and entering and tampering with my mail, that's what I'd say. I don't believe this! I'm being criticized because I invited a beautiful now likely single woman over to talk about a potential job opportunity? If she were interested, it would be good money for all, which I could frankly use right now. I don't know about the rest of you, but living on this side of town isn't cheap, especially when I got child support and alimony going in a million different directions. I simply thought it would be good timing for both of us because I got back from the shoot early, and she wouldn't want to miss out on time with her husband if he ever came back. I wondered why she didn't call. They *always* call. Now I know it's very likely simply because she never got the letter.

## **Hidden Information:**

(Do not share until you feel it's necessary.)

This is a no-brainer, but please don't accuse yourself of being responsible for the crime when it's time to guess! Peg any other person you feel is most suspicious! Feel free to ad lib and focus on the food!

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# Solve the Mystery

Take a few moments to think through the following questions and decide for yourself who committed the crime. There are a lot of crooked guests here, but only one is the criminal!

**Motive:**

Who would most want to commit this crime? Why?

**Weapon:**

Who would have had the means to do so?

**Overall Evidence:**

Whom does the evidence point to most strongly?

**I, Dave Shepherd, believe**

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**committed the crime against  
Ransom I. Packer!**



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Secret Clue for  
**Dave Shepherd**

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