

Paul Scales 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 the 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?

Notes

Appetizers

Share this information with the group after Rebecca Welling:

(Speak in a thick New York accent.) Ladies! Ladies! I know you're busy yapping at each other, but help me understand something over here. Are you telling me the star and co-writer of my movie is *missing* and it's opening *tonight*!? Aye yai yai! This is bad, very bad! This could be terrible for ratings. Wait, no, that's not right. I'm sorry, I shouldn't talk like that. Why? Cuz it just might actually stir interest! Oh, this could be good, very good! By the way, on another note we need to talk about the serious matter at hand... Are we still gonna be showing the movie tonight? I'd still like to get everyone's opinion of it. What is Ransom doing anyway?! He's gonna miss the whole thing after we worked so hard together. C'mon, Pete got through customs all right. Am I right? It just doesn't make sense. How would Terrestrian freaks get hold of Ransom for ransom? He's like a superhero! Oh, and if you didn't already know it, I am Paul Scales, Hollywood's most in demand writer and producer. How ya doin?! If you're here this evening, it's because I invited you here, so there you go! You're welcome! Ha!

Hidden Information:

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

When Dave Shepherd says that he can be the star of the next Packman, say, "What! The whole Packman series is named after Packer. You're not the hero this time, Dave, so fuggetaboutit! It's villain or vamoose!"



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Soup/Salad

Share this information with the group <u>after Dave Shepherd</u>:

Hey! Yo! Look, guys, I didn't plan on bringing that up because it's none of your freakin' business! Yeah, so what? I am full-blooded Terrestrian. Times were tough when I was a kid and so I got caught up in the wrong crowd and turned to a life of crime. Or should I say Grime! Ha! I started with mostly little stuff, a loaf of bread here, a chicken there. Pretty soon I was swiping great big herds of pigs. I was bringing home the bacon, know what I'm sayin! I was the best around. The other kids practically worshiped me. But you know what? I'm not proud of that stuff I did. What can I say I was a stupid punk kid. Thank God my father literally knocked some sense into me when I was on the road to trouble and he sent me to live with my uncle in New York. That's when I met Ransom. He was the greatest I'd ever seen, this guy. He inspired me! He moved me! He made me want to be a hero! I knew that from then on, I wanted to make movies. And the rest is history! I was stealing pigs. Pigs! Now me and Ransom are changing the world! Look, I got nuttin' to do with this abduction. I know you guys know that, right? Gimme a break! I have much better things to do with my time. Not to mention I wouldn't want anything to happen to Ransom! I love that guy!

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During the break, pace the room saying, "Lights, camera, action!" or reverse the order saying, "Action, camera, lights!" If you brought papers or a briefcase, make a production of dropping them all over and say something to the effect of, "Movie ideas! Nobody touch that!" Have fun being a quirky and creative producer.



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Main Course

Share this information with the group after Esther Crowne :

Two things: First, I don't want nuttin to do with your country ever again, I'm an expatriot, know what I mean? Ha! And second, your people are not my people, Esther. I'm an American, now, through and through. Now dat don't mean I tink you and everybody else over there is a terrorist. Every country has good guys and bad guys. Am I right? I say we still give the film some show time. People all over the world are inspired by Ransom, Terrestria included, and it can only help him to keep dat goin'. Can you imagine how the story of Ransom's captivity will only add to his ability to inspire the world through this movie? Especially if he escapes to freedom! Know what I mean? Packman won't just be a made-up story on the silver screen. He'll be a *real hero* who inspires the world to rise up against terrorism everywhere! You follow me? A real super-hero! Hey! Yo!

Hidden Information:

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You actually just felt a tear in your own eye.



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Dessert

Share this with the group after Maggie Meriwether:

Alright! Alright! Enough soap opera drama! Let's get back to the mystery and adventure over here. Hey! Yo! Looky, looky, here's what was just brought to my attention by one of my aides. Looks like an unopened letter addressed to Rebecca from Davey boy that was sent while we were all out at the shoot, but then got stamped "Return to Sender." Whatsamatta wit you, Dave! You tink the whole freakin' world needs to know you got it bad for Ransom's wife? Fuggedaboutit! (Show the group your clue.)

Hidden Information:

If there is a character no one has accused much tonight, try to get a little bit more information out of them, so you can make sure you have as much information as possible as you guess whodunnit! Feel free to ad lib and focus on the food!



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, Paul Scales, believe

committed the crime against Ransom I. Packer! Secret Clue for Paul Scales POLICE COPY

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Dear Refecca,

It's late. I'm up sitting here working on a new song and it hit me. I'm home early from the shoot. You're probably going stir crazy while Ransom is away. I've been longing to Now might be the perfect time to express discuss a great business opportunity with you! My tone for My career in music has taken me places I never imagined. I just know there's a place for a stamming beauty a well-known female star singing backup on stage. How about you come over and sing a few lines with me and see how well we harmonize? Here's my humber (555-2114) Call me maybe? Yours, Dave G