

Supper Sleuths presents

MYSTERY
AT THE
MOVIES



The central graphic is a collage of movie-related items. At the top, the text 'Supper Sleuths presents' is written in a cursive font. Below it, the word 'MYSTERY' is in large, bold, red letters. Underneath that, 'AT THE' is in white, block letters. At the bottom of the collage, 'MOVIES' is written in large, glowing, red letters. The collage includes a red and white striped popcorn bucket, a yellow cinema ticket with 'CINEMA TICKET' and 'ADMIT ONE' written on it, a clapperboard with 'Mystery at the Movies' and 'Supper Sleuths' written on it, and a magnifying glass over the clapperboard. The background features red curtains and a film strip.

Sara Abrams
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?

Notes

Appetizers

Share this information with the group last, after all others:

(Speak in a thick Southern accent.) Well, bless your little heart (to the last person who spoke before you). Oh, howdy, y'all! I'm Sara Abrams. Some of ya's are looking at me funny like, "What? Is that really old Miss Sara Abrams? I ain't seen her for years!" Well, I done left Hollywood now, except when I'm called to do a small role here and there, and I headed out to the hills of Kentucky where I got me a big ole sheep farm. Funny seeing Ms. Appleton and Mrs. Welling here tonight. I've been in show business so long I used to babysit both of you when you was just cute, little dumpy things. So you mind your manners now, you hear? Or I'll get my wooden spoon! (Laugh out loud.) I played the mother to Packer in this latest movie, and it breaks my heart to hear he's gone missing. I am just beside myself! But I reckon I need to stay calm because my family is obviously going to be growing very soon (Make an effort to stand and show the group your pregnant tummy.) Looks like I'm on double duty tonight, because I've got *two* sons to worry about deliverin! Ooh! I think I just felt a kick! Everything's gonna be just fine, little baby, you just wait and see.

Hidden Information:

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

Throughout the night, if someone gets too loud or says something offensive, say things like, "Hush your mouth! The baby's listening!" or "Mind your manners! The baby's listening!" or "The baby's trying to take a nap, could everyone keep it down?"

Sara Abrams



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Soup/Salad

Share this information with the group last, after all others:

Hey, Davey, I just thought of something, sonny. You know a pretty lady who could sing for you? Me! Now, talk about an old lady who can carry a tune while carryin a baby! Ha ha! Hey, just sayin! (Now close your eyes, rub your tummy, and dramatically start singing a lullaby to the baby. Choose a really cheesy pop song everyone would know. Motion for others to join in and say, “Come on, he loves an audience. I tell ya, he’s a little ham just like his momma!”).

Hidden Information:

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Feel free to ad lib and by all means enjoy the food. Don’t forget you’re eating for two! Consider asking for strange and funny combinations of food that a pregnant woman might be craving, like popcorn dipped in soda.

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Main Course

Share this information with the group last, after all others:

Now, now, Queen Esther, every marriage has little old wrinkles to iron out. You might not want to watch the same TV show, or eat at the same restaurant, or maybe he is losin' patience with your biological clock and wants to have a child with your housekeeper. Anyway, we sure showed her, didn't we baby boy! Heh, heh! By the way, is there a doctor in the house? And I don't mean you played one on TV. I'm afraid little Packman may be upset by all this arguing. I just felt a roundhouse kick to the spleen! Then again, that might be the dinner talkin! Either way, that grub hit the spot! Whew! Listen, if I go into labor, I'm gonna need a dish rag to bite on and one of y'all to knock me out!

Hidden Information:

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During the break, make frequent expressions of pain like you're having brief contractions. Don't worry, you're not going into labor tonight! Feel free to ad lib and enjoy the food!

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Dessert

Share this with the group after Mose Stafford:

I hate to bother anyone but can somebody feel my stomach? (Turn to the person next to you.) I think little man's tryin' to tell us somethin' but I can't make it out. Sshhhh! Hush, everyone. Yes, honey? One kick for yes and two kicks for no! (Now act like you're listening.) Ha! I knew I was onto something! He said the guilty one is right here in this room! That, and I'm having twins!

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!

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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, Sara Abrams, believe

committed the crime against
Ransom I. Packer!