

Supper Sleuths presents

At the Stroke of Murder



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Player Booklet

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Player Booklet and Secret Clue

How to Play the Game

This room is full of murder suspects – and you are one of them! You must try to figure out who the murderer is 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. Do not turn the page in your player's 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 the page, you will see hidden information about your character. Do not reveal this information until 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 murderer, **DO NOT TELL!** If asked about it, you should say, "I am not aware of that information at this time," or just lie if you have to. 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." The murderer is the only one permitted to lie at any time in this game.

There are also 8 secret clues that different players will reveal throughout the night. Make sure you do not look at your clue until your player's booklet tells you to look at it and pass it around to the group. When that time comes, just detach it and pass it around. You may also use the next page to take notes throughout the evening.

At the start of the game, the killer 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 killer, including yourself. However, you must give evidence from the clues, and again, **DO NOT TELL** if the booklet says you are the killer! Have fun!

Appetizers

Share this information with the group after Chef Jacques Charles:

Bonjour, Aloha, and Hola! Celeste Pardon, here. I'm the front desk clerk at Le Prix, so any hotel questions you have can be directed right here (wave toward yourself). I am an organized, efficient, and generally helpful person so please let me know how I can help you. I was very sad to hear that one of our guests was treated so badly, it's never happened before. Room #5E will never be the same without the beautiful Ms. Pascal to brighten it up. However it is a Jacuzzi room with a view of the Eiffel Tower so if anyone is interested in an upgrade for \$50 Euros more a night, please see me during the break. Again, I hope it doesn't dampen the spirits of those who were looking forward to an evening of fun in this most romantic city. I certainly will try to help accommodate you with the very best customer service possible. Bienvenue (welcome in French)!

Appetizers

Hidden Information:

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

You had special reasons for getting this job at le Prix. It is your first day on the job and you wanted to make sure you were also close as possible to Ms. Pascal.

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Soup/Salad

Share this information with the group after Logan Hardley:

Well, since we've just heard so brashly from the liquor cabinet and redneck over there, I'd like to check in with everyone to see how the accommodations are and to find out whether you'll be staying for another night. If anyone would like local coupons, just email me at lafemmenikita@ymail.com. If anyone needs toothbrushes, toothpaste, or ice, these things are complimentary. It is after all, our treat to host you. However, the items in your mini fridge cost several dollars each and we mean to collect every penny. I take strict inventory of those before check in *and* check out. Some of you commented privately to me that you'd seen me in your room, and this is the reason why. Note: Please make sure you don't throw away your room keycards. Those are quite pricey to replace. For those leaving, checkout will be at 10AM sharp. Yella! That's "hurry" in Arabic.

Soup/Salad

Hidden Information:

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

You are an international spy. You have been trying to bribe Ms. Pascal to share her secret balance of ingredients to make this natural oil critics have been raving about. You have several different countries vying for it and you want to offer it to whoever pays top dollar. When bribery didn't work, you tried threats when threats didn't work, you tried stealing it. If anyone asks about why you look familiar to Mr. Hardley, stray them off course. In reality, you did marry him for information sake only, by a fake minister. You wanted to investigate him but didn't find much in the area of suspicion or anything else for that matter. You left, and he thought you died. What an ego!

Celeste Pardon



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Main Course

Share this information with the group after Dr. Brughni :

Dr. Brughni, I like a man who can handle his analysis without the emotion and drama so frequently seen in more childlike creatures. For example...Drumroll, please. Fresh off the press. A newsflash about our English waitress here tonight. Never hire a woman whose resume is shorter than her hair. And seriously do not hire a woman who changed her alcohol stained shirt just minutes after the death of Mrs. Pascal. The shirt was also covered in a red substance. I took the liberty of checking the laundry room this evening and it came up with a funny smell and her nametag on it. I think we have found our murderer. Brilliant! She turned out the lights, and “pop”, lopped Ms. Pascal right off, to use your own words, Ms. Slake. Here’s a look for everyone (show clue #6). Now don’t smudge. I’ll be framing this later for a hotel memento.

Sidenote: Chef

If there are any lulls in the conversation tonight, try talking about how much you love running and show off your running shoes you brought or wore. You can also brag about how fast you are or how long you can run.

Main Course

Hidden Information:

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

If anyone asks you about why you love running so much, just say that as a woman, you never know when you’re going to need to move fast. Don’t let on about spying unless directly questioned.

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Dessert

Share this after being accused by Madeline LaBelle:

Everyone, may I have your attention please? I am sorry to have misled you. But I did not lie. You see, I did enjoy very much being a front desk clerk if even for just one night. The beauty of my job is that I get to play many roles and as a truly efficient woman, sprucing up this château was a lovely retreat of sorts. Now, for the accusation from LaBelle the non-ballerina. I am professionally trained as a spy and killing Ms. Pascal was not on the agenda for tonight, as you will see from the clue. In fact, I work for a non-violent, “go green” spy agency that would never tolerate abuse of any kind. Sneaking, stealing, bribery, and forgery, but not killing. Understood? Capiche? Go spygirl!

Dessert

Hidden Information:

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

You have no new hidden information at this time.
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 murder. There are a lot of crooked guests here, but only one is a murderer!

Motive:

Who would most want to kill this woman? Why?

Weapon:

Who would have had the means to do so?

Overall Evidence:

Whom does the evidence point to most strongly?

I, Celeste Pardon, believe

committed the murder of
R. I. P.

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Found: White Women's Dress Shirt

Property of: Suspect, Brandy Slake

Recovered by: Officer Chris Peakreme.

Location: Trash can in the kitchen.

Info: It is believed that suspect, Brandy Slake, was wearing this shirt at the time of the murder. Ms. Slake claims the red stains are from a Bloody Mary drink that was spilled on her while serving Mme. Pascal. Samples are at the lab. Results are expected to arrive later this evening.