

Supper Sleuths presents

At the Stroke of Murder

Bonjour! We graciously extend an exclusive invitation to you as we bring in the New Year celebrating the grand renovation of the historic chateau lodge, Le Prix, in the heart of the most romantic city in the world, Paris! So, don your best Parisian apparel and come with an appetite for fine French fare. But be on guard, as you will mingle with some of the most dashing, daunting, and dangerous individuals this night has ever seen. The infamed scientist, Racquel Isabella Pascal has been murdered and the mystery will be yours to uncover!

Please come to the home of _____ at _____ o'clock

on the night of _____ at this address _____

R.S.V.P. to _____

You will play the role of **Celeste Pardon**

You are pretending to be a front desk clerk who is very proud of her punctuality and her knowledge of time in several languages. You can try to use the phrases below, or even just pretend and make up your own languages when you are acting. Your five languages are English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, and German. Even though you are supposed to be a lowly front desk clerk, talk as though you are very in the know about politics, and a real diplomat, with as much skill as you can muster. Use big words (your player book will give you some of those), and talk about how much you love to go running. In fact, wear a pair of tennis shoes and say you plan to go for an evening jog after the night is through.

Phrases to Practice if you want to have extra commentary:

English -The time is midnight.

Portuguese - O tempo é a meia-noite.

French - Le temps est le minuit.

Spanish - El tiempo es la medianoche.

German - Die Zeit ist Mitternacht.

Costume Suggestion:

Your outfit should be a simple pants suit with a vest and any international combos you can come up with; examples are a French beret, or a Spanish flower in your hair, an American or UN flag pin to put on your vest, or any other simple International items you can find. Red is color you should play up since many nations use red in their flags. A nametag is the perfect little addition to this international ensemble.

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Celeste Pardon
Player Booklet

Celeste Pardon

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!

The Suspects

Jacques Charles –Head chef at Le Prix with his own syndicate cooking show, Jacques is a concentrated and methodical man, whose schemes will prove to keep the night as spicy as anyone could request.

Brandy Slake – A youthful waitress struggling to make ends meet, Brandy has always lived a predictably flat life. Would she dare make a move tonight that would get her the spotlight she has always secretly craved?

Logan Hardley – In Europe for the first time, Mr. Hardley is an American widower who struck it rich with an Internet video last year and decided to honeymoon with his fourth wife here...after only three months of mourning.

Julie Hardley– A self-described true American Beauty, this perky bride is happy to be in another country and even happier to spend all of her husband’s money. But will her preliminary marital bliss be shortened by her haunting history?

Celeste Pardon – This beautiful but quirky front desk clerk will answer all of your questions, including telling you the time in five different languages. But when it comes to answering the most important of questions Celeste may have to beg *your* pardon.

Jake Spaulding – A British rock star that has just topped the pop charts, Mr. Spaulding is a tad cocky and a more than a tad gorgeous, especially appealing since he has just gotten dumped by the queen of pop herself. But even Mr. Spaulding's suave songs can't conceal all of his shams.

Madeline LaBelle – A true prima donna, Madeline is a hard working passionate, and driven ballerina; she is equally as passionate about her political views. Would she risk a tour de force to make sure things stay in her favor?

Jean Paul Brughni– A curious Freudian psychiatrist, Mr. Brughni will be analyzing everyone and their mother to death. But when the tables have turned, will his he pass his own biased psychological tests?

Notes

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Appetizers

Share this information with the group after Chef Jacques Charles:

Bonjour, Aloha, and Konnichiwa! Celeste Pardon, here. I'm the front desk clerk here at Le Prix, so any hotel questions you have can be directed to me. I am an organized, efficient, and generally helpful person, so please do let me know how I can help you. I was very sad to hear that one of our guests was treated so badly, let me assure you it's never happened before. Room #5E will never be the same without the beautiful Ms. Pascal to brighten it up. However, I spy a deal! It is a Jacuzzi room with a view of the Eiffel Tower. Ooh la la! So if anyone is interested in an upgrade for only 50 Euros more per 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 have been sure to stick as close as possible to Ms. Pascal all evening. You have quite a repertoire of different languages.

Celeste Pardon



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Soup/Salad

Share this information with the group after Logan Hardley:

Well, fantastic! How are we doing then? Since we've just heard so brashly from the liquor cabinet and redneck over there, I want to hear from everyone about how the accommodations are and 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. 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* at check out. Some of you commented privately to me that you'd seen me in your rooms, and this is the reason why. And please make sure you don't throw away your room keycards. And for those leaving tomorrow, checkout will be at 10AM sharp, so you might want to "Yella!" That's "hurry" in Arabic. Oh, and if anyone needs more champagne, just say "Hola!" but note that after the tiny incident earlier, we are all out of 1939 Chateau Cheval Blanc. Uh, yeah, sorry.

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 meal pill. 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.

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 Cockney waitress here tonight. Never hire a woman whose resume is shorter than the hair on her lip. And seriously do not hire a woman who changed her bright red-stained shirt just minutes after the death of Mrs. Pascal. I took the liberty of checking the trash bins this evening and the shirt came up covered in stains with her nametag on it. I think we have found our murderer! She has access to the wines and I say she murdered Ms. Pascal! Here's a look for everyone (show the group your secret clue). Now don't smudge. I'll be framing this later for a hotel memento.

Main Course

Hidden Information:

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

If anyone asks you about why you know so many languages, tell them it is to better serve the customers. Don't let on about spying unless directly questioned. Also, ask Dr. Brughni about what he thinks about the mental status of the guests so far?

Celeste Pardon



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Dessert

Share this after being accused by Madeline LaBelle:

Everyone, may I please have your attention? About the accusation from LaBelle, the non-ballerina, I am sorry to have misled you. I did enjoy very much being a front desk clerk even if for just one night. The beauty of my job is that I get to play many roles. Yes, I am a professionally-trained spy, skilled in many languages, and over a dozen martial arts, but killing Ms. Pascal was not on my agenda for tonight, as you can see from the background check. And they have no proof for the mattress tag incident in the USA. No, I haven't murdered anyone tonight or ever. Sneaking, stealing, bribery, and forgery, yes, but not killing. And if I had, I definitely would've used something much cooler than a big champagne bottle, something like poisoned lipstick or a laser bra or something. I'm a spy! Capiche?

Dessert

Hidden Information:

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

You have no new hidden information this round. Feel free to ad lib and enjoy the food!
Ask lots of questions before making your final verdict. Great job tonight!

Celeste Pardon



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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.

CRIME SCENE DO NOT CROSS

Secret Clue for
Celeste Pardon

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Found: White Women's Dress Shirt

Property of: Suspect, Brandy Slake

Recovered by: Officer Chris Peakream.

Location: Trash can in the kitchen.

Info: It is believed that suspect, Brandy Slake, was wearing this shirt at the time of the murder. Samples are at the lab. Results are expected to arrive later this evening.