

You are invited to come out to the Annual Hickleberry County Fair! Several of the county's most hilarious and notorious people are getting together for a memorable and suspenseful evening of home-cookin', good music, and a mystery to solve that is sure to knock your socks off! Memories will be made, but not all will be so sweet as Mrs. Witherspoon's prize-winning cherry pies. You see, the rumor is there's been a murder...

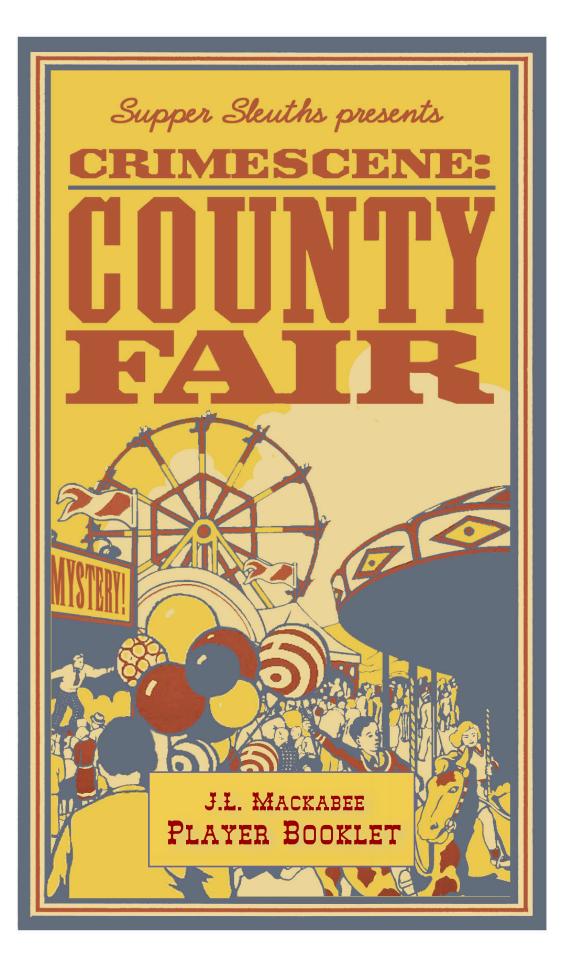
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You will play the role of J. L. Mackabee.

You come from a long line of truckers in the heartland. You've been on runs to about every major city on the blessed map of this great country, and you love to brag about your many experiences abroad. You also like to think of yourself as a tough but sensitive man of honor and pride. Throughout the night when you want something, you challenge others to armwrestle for it. Oh, and you can't help but speak trucker CB lingo all the time. For some help with this finely tuned language art, see http://www.thetruckersreport.com/trucker lingo.shtml

Costume Suggestion: Your attire consists of old rugged blue jeans, a flannel shirt, suspenders, and an old greasy hat, preferably with a John Deere emblem or car/truck theme. If possible wear a beard, mustache, or mullet wig, and for a finishing touch, wear a wallet with a chain on it. Your physical stature should be sitting or standing with fists clenched, hunched over as though you have a protruding gut (if you don't already have

Be sure to visit <u>www.suppersleuths.com</u> to learn about the other characters who will attend, and for more helpful resources to prepare for the occasion!



J.Ł. MACKABEE 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!

LIST OF CHARACTERS

Chester Finkowski – An Elvis impersonator who absolutely obsesses over his belief that "the King" is still alive, well and returning soon. Mr. Presley here may be in disguise for a reason deeper than rock and roll!

Madame Mona Soothini - A gypsy who makes her fortune selling yours, Mme Soothini is sure to attend the fair every year, but she can't be found as the fairgrounds close. Why she rushes off and where she goes is not clear, even when viewed through her crystal.

Travis Buckland – This handsome stud rides like he's got nothing to lose. He seems like a good ol' boy, just lookin' for thrills, but can a guy this reckless be trusted? Is he just talking bull?

Tiffany Ann Canterway – This sophisticated, attractive and arrogant horsewoman is a 4H snob and owner of Canterway Stables, the largest equestrian site in the whole county. She has participated in fundraising for the fair for years, but when she doesn't get her way, how long will her short fuse...and funding last?

J.L. Mackabee – This trucker loves a good county fair and has been to this one for the past 14 years. J.L. may look like any wide-eyed country kin of yours, but when he's on the road and on the radio, he's mixin' with all kinds. Some say he used to be in jail.

Ida Witherspoon - As a farmer's wife and notorious town gossip, Ida is the reigning quilting and cherry-berry pie champ in the county. Mrs. Witherspoon seems to have no real competition for the blue ribbon this year...so why has she been such an "old bitty" lately?

William B. Lackhart – Local mayor, Lackhart, feels the pressure to please all and to have a good fair each year. But whether he also plays fair to get votes is still out at the polls.

Cindy Sue Sweetly – Last year's "Berry-Beauty" queen, this year Cindy reluctantly passed her crown onto another young girl. She wears that flashy smile wherever she goes but some say that she never smiles when she doesn't know who's there.

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APPETIZERS

SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH THE GROUP AFTER TRAVIS.

Yo! My name's J.L. and I'm comin' to ya live coast to coast! I don't live around these here parts, but I've been coming to the Hickleberry County Fair ever since I could see over the steering' wheel. You see, daddy was a carnie and I learned the way of the road from him. I never did have much of a stompin' ground so my roots are all over this blessed country. I'm gonna say it to ya straight, I didn't kill nobody; I just stopped to drop a load and to visit some old pals. It's a shame old Roy's gone, as he and I go way back to the days of my daddy. Roy helped my daddy get the gig here at the fair 14 years ago. But, I got a road to catch, as soon as we're done with this meal. I need to go back to my wife, who's waiting for me in Reno, that little dumpy young thing. Over and out.

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

You have done wild things with your truck to make extra cash, including drug smuggling and bringing over illegal aliens from Mexico and Central America.

J.L. MACKABEE



Soup/Salad

SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH THE GROUP AFTER MADAME MONA:

Well, little lady (to Tiffany), you sure have your share of troubles these days! I can't say I'm an educated man to great degree, but I know how to read and I've read the Stumpville Sentinel for years and this week your name was all over the place. I'm surprised that you don't remember your place, seeing as to the fact that you're all out of money. Take a look at this paper, folks, unless you'd like to arm-wrestle me first, for it, ma'am. (If Tiffany will arm wrestle you, take her on and enjoy yourself, and then share with the group afterwards). Show/read your clue to the group.

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

You do love trucking but one of those reasons is because you owe your ex-wife child support, and the government has started withdrawing back pay from your paychecks, so you live in your truck. You don't even know your son. Your "little dumpy young thing" is not your wife, but a 16-year old girl you met in Costa Rica, on a truck run. You hope one day to marry her. You don't speak Spanish nor does she speak much English, but you both feel you are in love.

J.L. MACKABEE



MAIN COURSE

SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH THE GROUP AFTER CINDY SUE SWEETLY.

Burp (or pretend to). I am enjoying my time here very much, or at LEAST I WAS (loudly) until you guys started ruinin' it with this junk talkin' about me getting in trouble for a hair in my truck. Back 'em up, now! If anyone here thinks I'm guilty, I'll challenge them to an arm wrestling match to settle it right here and now. I'll show any of you who's on top, including that county mounty you drove up with, Cindy Sue. Now what!!

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

When accused regarding the hair found in your truckbed, try to defend yourself on account of just having recently shipped out a parcel of brooms with real goat hair, and play it off as "no biggie." You did a job for the mob, and it was messy enough as it was!

Your girlfriend's parents want money in order for you to bring their daughter to the States. You and she felt desperate to be together and you are headed down there after this, since you got a truckload of money recently.

J.L. MACKABEE



DESSERT

SHARE THIS AFTER CHESTER FINKOWSKI SPEAKS:

Look, Chest-hair, I don't know about that ride, I am sill really p.o.'d about Cindy Sue. Y'all need to just back off the hammer a little bit, know what I'm sayin'? I can't believe this is even happening. I just had the bull dog filled to the rim and was just about to take off for Sin City without lookin' back. But no, now I'm mixed up with this mess and now the bear's on my back like a bumper sticker. It went from 10-4 to 10-33 in a two shake, you copy? Y'all are accusing everybody and the guy's probably just shot himself. Shoot, I would too if my better half were skatin' for the likes of Chest-hair over here. Look, I think everyone here knows I ain't doing nothing but minding my own biz, just making a little green cheese on the shoulder. Guess it's for the best, my ex-wife and that little ankle biter at the home 20 probably need me, or at least my money. Wait! What am I sayin?! I can't stay here! I gotta get down to my new little lady and start fresh! I'm sorry y'all, but I'm splittin' just as soon as I get a green light. Catch ya on the flip flop! It's over and out for me boys. Wolfman Jack is back, takin' it to ya live coast to coast!

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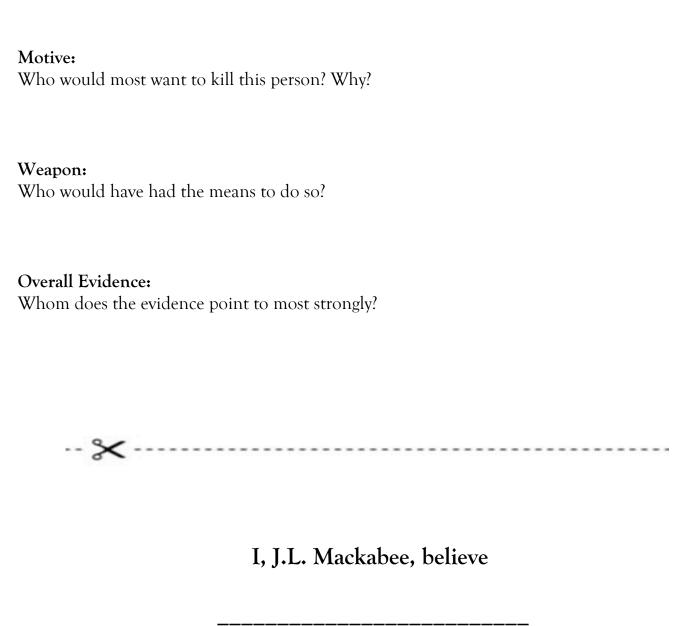
You had a screaming fight that you worry may have been overheard by Roy within minutes of his death. He came upon you loading up your truck with Wild Player, Tiffany's horse. When he saw you, he forbid you to leave. Since you wouldn't give it up, he told you that you were fired and he was notifying the police. Because you plan to skip the country anyway, you hoped you could get out of there before you were caught. You told him to %*&# off and tried to leave for Costa Rica when the police stopped you and brought you here first. You had time to CB your buddy to give him code for getting your truck cleared before the horse was discovered. Travis is also involved in stealing this horse, as he hooked you up with the mob who bought it. Let your eyes bug out and look anxious if possible.

J.L. MACKABEE



SOLVE THE MYSTERY

Take a few moments to think through the following questions, look over your notes, and
decide for yourself who committed the murder. There are a lot of crooked guests here,
but only one is the murderer!



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Roy Ichabod Parsley (R.I.P.)

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about just closing the stables and He's been doing a lot of talking old geezer, he don't like horses a bit! fair grounds says, "Though I love the Gus Lavoni, groundskeeper for the comment at the time of press, but manager of the Hickleberry County Parsley, well-known auctioneer and have sold 2/3 of its rights to Roy Stables has been in crisis for a long surrounding villages, Canterway danger of being closed. Canterway Stables, which is in Fair. Roy was not available for time. Long enough, sources say, to townspeople in Stumpville and Unbeknownst to most of the County Fair! She hopes to save spectacular goal for this year's Tiffany Ann Canterway has a

working the stables all by herself can auction cars at the fair each using it to build a car lot so he speculated, picking up the animals, and some even kids porry rides, feeding the m order to save money, giving prima donna has actually been and her bank book empty. This this to happen, but her year." Tiffany Ann Canterway fundraising has been desperate nas stated that she will not allow



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didn't help with that last one, he groaned, "I got a bad back!" Our groundskeeper was asked why he manure. When Gus the

cowboys. Parsley Cars, we're advice? Pack up your saddles,

ready and waiting!...[page 21]