

Supper Sleuths presents

At the Stroke of Murder



Jacques Charles
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 Brandy Slake:

Ahem. Ahem. (Make sure you have everyone's attention and give anyone not listening a shrewd/critical look, or you can ask Brandy to quiet everyone). Bonjour. I am Jacque Charles. You've been awaiting my gourmet cooking tonight, no doubt. But, just like that (slap hands together sharply), it's been corrupted by the filthy behaviors of those around me. Just as in my kitchen I demand pristine service and cooking, I also expect my company to be of fine character. To think that I am in the presence of a murderer, is lower than to think I have a large rat in my kitchen. My grandpere Charles would roll over in his grave if he knew that I was rolled up like a crepe in this disaster. But, alas, a small comfort never to be overlooked is that my delicacies can still be enjoyed. Please. Keep your elbows off the table and eat the finest Parisian cuisine you will ever taste.

Appetizers

Hidden Information:

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

You were keeping close tabs on Ms. Pascal. You knew that she held very important oil information in her hands, oil products that would affect the cooking industry, and your new food line in particular. Treat Brandy as a servant, since you believe you are elite.

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Soup/Salad

Share this information with the group after Celeste Pardon:

I hope you are all enjoying your cuisine. Enjoy every last drop for you will have no Jacques Charles service from this day forward! Unless of course, you subscribe to my mail in catalog and fast food or freeze dried line coming to grocery markets this Fall. Except one of you. To this one I say, no catalog ordering even. Mrs. Julie Hardley. She is a thief. I saw her talking to Ms. Pascal, who was a fine customer of the highest breed. Ms. Pascal had on a rather expensive pearl necklace. I knew it because I complimented her on it and she was very flattered, saying she only wore it on the most special occasions; I told her that my cuisine was a special occasion in and of itself, all besides for it being a holiday. Only minutes later did I see she and the seedy Mrs. Hardley conversing. When I asked her how her food was later that night, she looked less than pleased, I can now only assume it was because her precious necklace was missing. During the break, police gave me this clue (show your clue). It turns out they found the necklace in Julie's purse tonight and took a picture of it. The necklace has Ms. Pascal's prints all over it. I knew you were trying to swindle from the minute I saw you, Mrs. Hardley, but I did not know even you could stoop that low as to kill.

Soup/Salad

Hidden Information:

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The oil you use in your cooking is a synthetic, man made brick-binding material that has not been scientifically validated. Ms. Pascal was promoting an oil which was much more costly but also much healthier, and that would probably put your own synthetic cooking materials in jeopardy.

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Main Course

Share this after Jake Spaulding accuses you:

Oh my, this rock star has really let show business go to his head. Mon ami, you are sadly mistaken. (Louder) I will not tolerate mistakes in my kitchen; I did have an argument with Mademoiselle Pascal during lunch. However, she ate my food. How much more could she have believed in me than to do that. Do you think I would have served an enemy dinner? Disregard that all of you are eating for the moment. But to sabotage the beautiful lady? To force her hand? Never force, strongly discourage but never force. The lawsuit was not meant to be a threat but a choice, rather. Publish negative findings about my oil and I will ruin your career. Don't and we can be friends, plus free frozen entrees for one year. That's not cheap.

Main Course

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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Dessert

Share this first, before anyone else:

Oh Mademoiselles and monsieurs, (softly) please understand that I am a man of taste and culture. I want the public to have the best. Ms. Pascal, an amateur in the culinary world, had no idea that the products she was promoting would be bad for the food industry. Therefore, I had to do whatever I could to make sure she did not succeed in her endeavors to cut me off. (For effect, smack fist, or jab fork or knife into table). I cannot believe this rock star of a man believes he is “saving the environment” by turning me in but I tell you what is true; he has neither taste nor talent. Never trust a man whose voice is higher than the Eiffel Tower. These ees impossible. I only kill what I cook and Chef Jacques Charles only cooks with beef, chicken or ham, not human! (Shake fist or slam down on table)

Dessert

Hidden Information:

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When questioned again about your cooking oil business and Ms. Pascal's book referencing the ban of it, talk about how it was a small annoyance but that you would never jeopardize your career by killing her over it. You could say something to the effect of, “When you have a nationwide staff of over 2000 employees, lawsuits come and go, it's all in a day's work.”

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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, Jacques Charles, believe

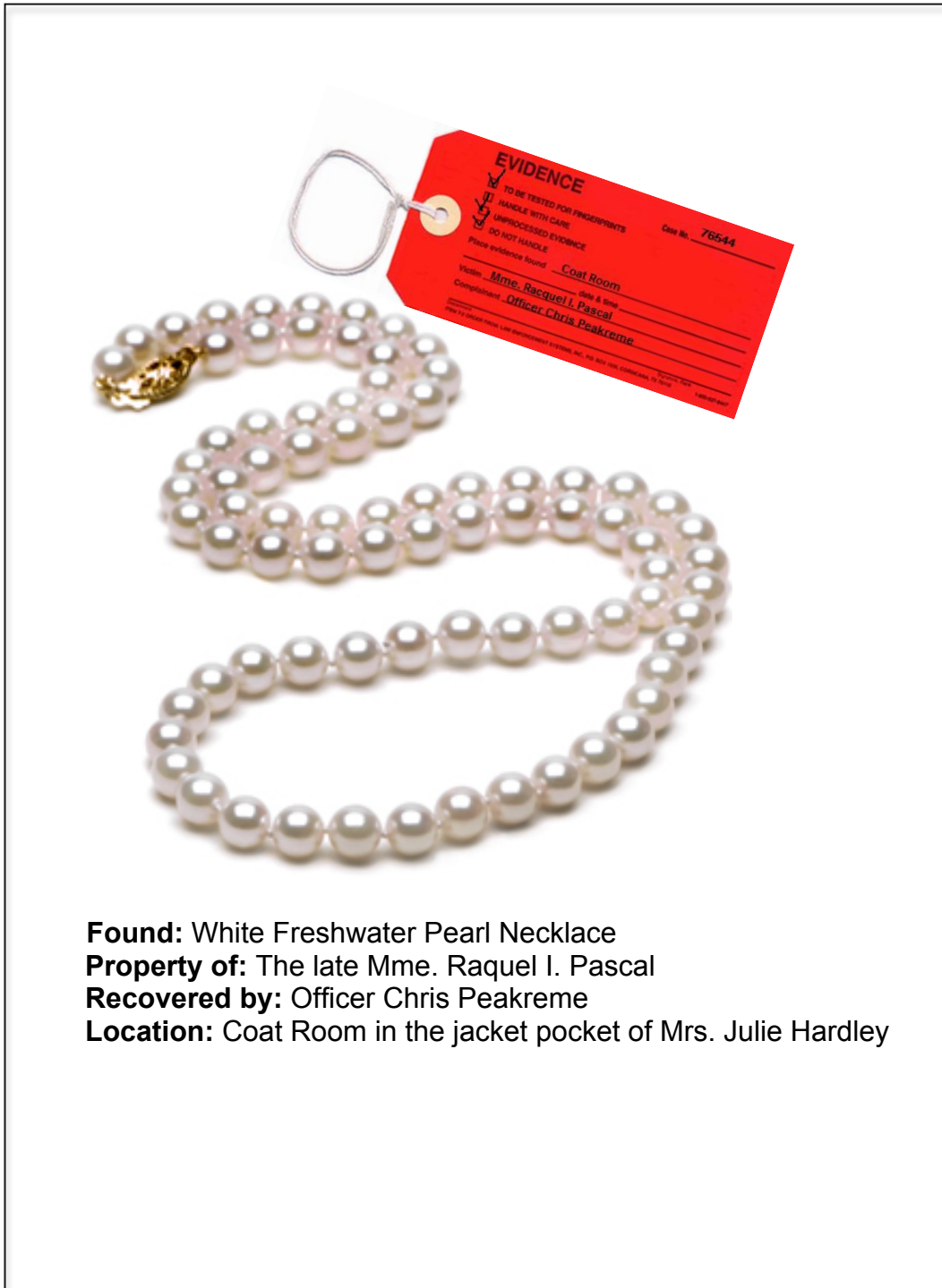
committed the murder of
R. I. P.

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Secret Clue for
Jacques Charles

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Found: White Freshwater Pearl Necklace
Property of: The late Mme. Raquel I. Pascal
Recovered by: Officer Chris Peakreme
Location: Coat Room in the jacket pocket of Mrs. Julie Hardley