

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 first, before anyone else:

Hey everyone, I've got jet lag so you'll have to excuse me for being a bit scruffy (check lipstick in small mirror or fluff hair). Oh.... scruffy, that's an expression from the U. S. of A. That might be why everyone's looking at me so weird. Parlez-vous English? From America. Never mind. I am here (enunciate/speak clearly and loudly) to say that I am innocent. I didn't know the woman who was killed. Oh brother, it's too much trouble. Let me try again. I'm Julie Hardley, wife of the hunk Logan. I've known him all of two weeks and now we're like an old married couple. You see, we're on our honeymoon but I've been telling him we should just stay. So, if anyone has anything good to say about France, puh-leeasse tell him! Paris is sooooo romantic. But I have heard the women don't shave their pits here. That true? I hope not, I brought my Bic and I'm using it (laugh). But too bad Raquel was killed. That really is a downer for the New Year.

Appetizers

Hidden Information:

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

You stole a necklace from Raquel before she was killed. You are also wanted in the USA for fraudulent activity. You owe a lot of money and you'd like to stay put for a while so you don't have to face the music back home.

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Soup/Salad

Share this right after Jacques Charles accuses you:

I can't believe you all are listening to this garbage about me. Mr. Charles obviously does not understand the Americans at all. I was simply borrowing Raquel's necklace for the evening. Ladies share everything, even undergarments in the U.S of A. I asked for it in the ladies room and she gave it to me. Too bad if she thought I was keeping it. All she had to do was ask, instead of reporting it stolen. And as far as the talk about me owing money in the USA, I'll be fine, just fine. I can take care of myself, thank you. Logan sweetie, you'll help me out of debt, won't you? Besides, that chef is just talking like that because he is upset about me taking my steak back at lunch today. He called it Minnion or something and it was too red. Yuck! I told him I wanted a real sirloin. Something with a little more substance - this thing was only about (join pointer finger and thumb) yay big too. At least I got a free meal out of the deal.

Soup/Salad

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 to focus on the food!

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Main Course

Share this information with the group first, before anyone else:

I don't know why I bother talking at all tonight. I don't think I am being heard. Back home, men stand when a lady talks, don't they honey? Well, gang. This psychiatrist here should not be trusted. I have one of my own and he isn't worth his salt. Dr. Brugni is just a phony, from his toupee to his toes. He thinks he can tell us all about our deepest secrets when he's probably hiding all of his own. I've seen it on *Finders*. (Loudly) That is a very reliable show in the U.S. of A. Well, look what I found sticking out when I happened to be near his pocket. It is a copy of the guest list for tonight. (Show the group Clue #3). Why would anyone have this unless they needed to know details to commit a crime? I mean, his name isn't even on the list - plus he's sniffing and it isn't even cold here. We don't do that at home unless it's cold and as far as I can tell, this place is only just beginning to warm up!

Main Course

Hidden Information:

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Try to avoid the question of why you were going through the psychiatrist's pocket tonight. If questioned though, admit the truth, you were looking for something to steal or at least borrow.

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Dessert

Share this information with the group last, after all other suspects:

Well, I've been just *had* tonight. I thought so and so was innocent, turns out they were guilty; I thought you all were innocent over here (point to a new direction), and now turns out you all had your own issues. However, I've come out clean which is a miracle. Just ask my lawyer. I told y'all nobody's finding anything out about me that isn't written all over my face tonight. Maybe I came here with this man Logan tonight, but you sure can bet we won't be leaving together. I never knew he was broke. If I had known, I'd have checked to see if the diamond he gave me checked out. Probably a zirconia. Oh well, it's at the pawnshop anyway. So I know y'all know I wouldn't have killed Ms. Pascal. Jealousy was never my thing. She did have some pretty jewelry though. Pity she couldn't take it with her. I sure could have.

Dessert

Hidden Information:

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Leading Question to ask this round: "Listen up, Mr. Rockstar. I'm not sure I'm connecting your connection to Ms. Pascal. Are you saying she caused you to lose your voice? Speak English please. I don't understand British very well."

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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, Julie Hardley, believe

**committed the murder of
R. I. P.**

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Secret Clue for
Julie Hardley

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Memo:

To the Security and Staff of Le Prix,

Please be closely monitoring the entry of guests to the New Year's Celebration. There is to be **absolutely no admission without invitation**. Any uninvited guests must be escorted off the premises immediately. Any refusal to comply must be referred to the local law enforcement.

Guest List :

Le Prix Owners, M. and Mm. Gustav Masse
Honored Guest, Raquel I. Pascal
City Officials (see City Employee List attached.)
L'Eiffel Corporation Executives (See company roster)
All Le Prix Staff – security team, mgmt., front desk, kitchen staff
Musicians – Jake Spalding, band, & members of Parisian Philharmonic
Madeline LaBelle
Susan and Clarence Darbiere
Roderique and Shalone Seymoure
Vanessa Silva
Jean Luce Parisia
Prentisse Arbonne
Madame Godiva and friend
Kalare Harpelle
M. Excelsior and Mm. Bonvonne
Logan and Julie Hardley (Americans)