

Supper Sleuths presents

Crime Scene Christmas:

A Merry Mystery Party Game



Jolly Gimbals

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Player Booklet and Secret Clue

How to Play the Game

This room is full of crime suspects – and you are one of them! You must try to figure out who committed the crime 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 criminal, **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 responsible for the abduction! Have fun!

The Characters

Mindy Sue Lewis - This former child actress holiday movie star is now on a mission to bring Christmas joy to the world. She knits non-ugly sweaters and custom Christmas cards for a little jingle in her stocking. However, when her Christmas fantasy starts to unravel, let's just say she emotionally comes apart at the seams!

Jolly Gimballs - This emo elf pronounces her name "Jolie," as jolly she is anything but! She *loves* wearing black and grey as it matches her outlook on life. Jolie couldn't care less about Christmas spirit. In fact, she's been begging Mr. and Mrs. Claus to cut out commercialized Christmas for years. But has she gone so far as to cut out Santa?

Martha Mayfield - This gaudy gal believes she is the single greatest example of Christmas spirit the world has ever seen, and she loves nothing more than boasting about what wonderful things she's doing in the name of Christmas. But pride comes before the fall, and this time she's done something she's not proud of!

Misty Pinch - This judgmental, cranky librarian is utterly indignant that no one can seem to remember the true meaning of Christmas these days! She believes a little Dickens would do us all some good, and wags her finger at anything that doesn't meet her high and lofty standards. But is the prim and proper Pinch only *playing* innocent?

Devon Mack Alister - This has-been Christmas hero with Peter Pan syndrome doesn't have many friends these days, as most people just can't handle his wisecracks and practical jokes (which have been known to go way too far!) But with so much riding on the line tonight, could he have another trick up his sleeve?

Jacque Frostier - This self-made billionaire tech mogul, made himself rich and famous by inventing the coolest high tech tools to predict the weather and harness the energy of the aurora borealis for intercontinental flight. But hold it right there, freeze, there's a chance of mystery in the forecast that will put Christmas on thin ice!

Robert Ratchet - This humble, kind-hearted man works long hours at the office to keep food on the table for his family of nine children, not to mention the many medical bills for his ailing son. He feels desperate to win this thing, and desperate times call for desperate measures. The question is, just what is he willing to do?

Evan Scrunge - This wealthy, shrewd businessman has pulled himself up by his own bootstraps to work his way up from rags to riches. But beware, he's burned a lot of bridges to get to where he is today, and there's a rumor spreading that Scrunge may try to surpass apprentice for the role of head honcho himself!

Rudy Buck - This real-life reindeer rancher from rural Manitoba is strong, skilled, but simple-minded, and a tad on the clumsy side. Though the odds might be slim that Santa would choose someone like him to guide anything, let alone his entire European Satellite Campus, he's dead-set on making sure he goes down in history!

Ginger Bredman - This sweetie is famous not only for her gorgeous looks, but also her beautiful baked goods and the biggest and best cookie exchange every year! No one ever gets a peek at her legendary recipes, but what else is she hiding? Could it be that her breadcrumbs have left a trail to a skeleton in her closet?

Appetizers

You should speak second, right after Misty Pinch.

(Look annoyed and rub your temples.) Okay, so yeah, my name is *not* Jolly. It's pronounced Joh-lee, if anyone actually cares. You'd think Mrs. Claus could finally get it right, I've told her and Santa this at least a *billion times*. You all need to slow your roll. I'm sure Santa's just trying to unplug for a minute and get far far away from all of your noisy noise. Oh, how I long for that. (Close your eyes and smile for a moment as you imagine yourself doing the same.) But then again, this is the real world. Can you even *have* Christmas without something stupid going wrong and some fool needing to step in and save the day? Sorry, I guess I'm supposed to be excited about the whole Santa's Apprentice thing. It's just that I *can't stand* cheesy reality TV shows, and I *hate* Christmas parties! Oops, did I say that out loud? Just kidding. (Roll your eyes.) Anyway, if you didn't already know, I work for them as like an office aide or whatever, and I can't *believe* I got stuck babysitting you little babies. For the record, I do NOT want to be here. And it looks like one of you should not be here either. Santa made a list, I checked it twice. Mr. Frostier, what are you doing here? And what kind of name is that anyway? Did you make that up? Check it out people. Not cool! (Show the group your clue.)

Appetizers

Hidden Information:

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

You actually work *really* hard for Christmas to be a success each year, but you don't want anyone to know because it isn't cool. You're kinda worried about Santa too.

Also, just for fun, make sure to correct anyone's pronunciation of your name if they get it wrong. Even if they get it right, try to make a comment like, "Ew, what are you doing talking to me. Pretend I'm not here." Cover your face with your hair or if you have an elf hat, pull it down over your eyes sometimes.

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Soup/Salad

You should speak 2nd, right after Misty Pinch accuses you:

No need to get your panties in a pinch, Misty. Ha! Although I'm loathing my existence on the outside, I'm totally ROFL on the inside because Mrs. Dickens over here thinks an elf would try to sabotage Santa! Ha. Ha. Ha. You know he sees you when you're sleeping, right? He knows when you're awake. By the way, that's super creepy. Doesn't it make you think of a scene from a horror movie? I love it! Anyway, he pays in toys. I hate toys! Unless it's a voodoo doll which I wish so bad I had right now in the shape of you with a little pinched nose. Those of you cotton-headed ninny muggins who think you're about to get rich from Santa, you're wrong, dead wrong! Ugh! I hate this job.

Soup/Salad

Hidden Information:

(Do not share.)

Although you were indeed making escape plans to leave the North Pole after the season was over, it was going to be a private thing, and you've already stocked toys up for the next three Christmases as you really do care underneath. In fact, you know yourself, and you'd be back long before then. Your feelings are just a little hurt that Santa never even *considered* you for the job of his apprentice.

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Main Course

Share this after Devon Mack Alister:

Kevin or Devon or whatever your name is, your pranks are so totally immature and completely inappropriate. I think I love you. Will you marry me? Nevermind, I'm an elf and pretty much doomed for life to be a slave to Santa. (Sigh.) Anyway, you have my vote, kid.

Main Course

Hidden Information:

During a lull in this round, go into the bathroom and loudly sing a traditional Christmas song like Silent Night the best you can with your whole heart, and then come out and pretend nothing happened. Someone will likely comment about that and you can just play it off as no biggie even though it's obvious you're really talented and actually have a heart for Christmas. You stay up late nights just to make sure every present is sent off perfectly while you're listening to your hard rock Christmas albums.

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Dessert

You should speak after Devon Mack Alister.

You know what? I think I just realized something. I can't stop thinking to myself as I look around the room and into the eyes of all of you here. How did ANY one of you even get through the Zoom interview? You people are a hot mess! And I hate you all. Just kidding. But maybe some of you. And Kevin, prank call me sometime? Well, I think my work is done here. No one died. Well, except Santa...Maybe? Not sure about that one yet. So, yeah, whatever, at least we got to eat dessert and watch people argue with each other. Now if you'll excuse me, I've got to go touch up my resume. I hear they may be hiring over at Nimbles. Maybe we can whip that display back into shape. Oh, and Merry Christmas everyone!

Dessert

Hidden Information:

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When the final verdict is read and you hear the news about becoming the next apprentice, make sure you smile, giggle a little, and tell the gang they can start calling you Jolly now!

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Solve the Mystery

Take a few moments to think through the following questions and decide for yourself who committed the crime. There are several crooked guests here, but only one is a criminal!

Motive:

Who would most want to get Santa out of the way? Why?

Weapon:

Who would have had the means to do so?

Overall Evidence:

Whom does the evidence point to most strongly?

I, Jolly Gimballs, believe

committed Santa sabotage!

Secret Clue for
Jolly Gimballs

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From: Gimballs, Jolly, House Elf <jgimballs@xmasinc.com>
To: Christmas, Inc Security and Staff
Subject: Guest List

Christmas, Inc. Security and Staff,

Please be closely monitoring all entries and exits to the competition tonight. Remember, 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 Scotland Yard.

Guest List :

Honored Hosts, Santa & Mrs. Claus
City Officials (See City Employee List attached)
London Satellite Campus Elf Staff (Security, Front Desk, and Kitchen)
Santa's Apprentice competition participants as follows:
Allister, Devon Mack
Bautista, Jorge
Belles, Jules
Bredman, Ginger
Buck, Rudy
Gimballs, Jolly
Kringle, Chrissy
Lewis, Mindy Sue
Matters, Marley
Mayfield, Martha
Pinch, Misty
Ratchet, Robert
Scrunge, Evan
Spruce, Holly
Sweater, Margo

Thank you and Merry Christmas!

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