

Michaela Gelato 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 right away unless you are directly questioned about it. 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. If someone asks you a question you do not know the answer to, say, "I am not aware of that information at this time".

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 booklet tells you to take it and pass it around to the group.

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, if you find out that you are the murderer, DON'T TELL! You should 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. Again, DO NOT tell anyone if the booklet says you are the killer! Now, relax, get into character, and have fun!

^{*}All characters appearing in this game are fictitious. Any resemblance to real persons, living or dead, is purely coincidental.

The Main Characters (all are suspects)

Mark Chase - Raphaela's boyfriend and an up-and-coming in the world of architecture, Mark is a sophisticated and worldly man. However, when he's under the pressure of a deadline, he may not always play fair.

Ramie Palleta – Sister to Raphaela, Ramie is a martial artist who looks for very creative ways to release anger. An art show might be the perfect place.

Eddie Grayson – A student at the university where Raphaela teaches, Eddie is a talented young man who has been her protégée. Her work seems to tirelessly consume Eddie's vivid personality, but what are the limits to this obsession?

Jim Hall -Head security guard at the Rall Museum, Jim both haunts the corridors and taunts the patrons of the museum constantly. He is talkative tonight, but knowing the museum so well gives him lots of room for secrets.

Michaela Gelato – As Raphaela's biggest competitor in the art world, Michaela is a dazzling and rare woman of talent and class. She's suspicious of anyone whose art is exceptional but could she also be desperate enough to sabotage?

Jasmine Lipton – Ms. Lipton is a well-known benefactress, art collector, and cat lover. She has put forth thousands in support of Raphaela's work and tonight's unveiling may mean more to her than meets the eye.

Tip Wright – A sportswriter for the city's biggest newspaper, everyone is stunned that Tip ended up at the Rall for an art show. How Tip reads into tonight's show is critical, considering his words are going to be splashed over the city tomorrow.

Emma Dominick – Emma is the beautiful and stylish art director at the museum, and is emceeing the art show. Friends with Raphaela since college, Emma's judgment has always meant the world to her. How that judgment will fall tonight remains to be seen.

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Appetizers

Share this information with the group after Jasmine Lipton:

(Ahem!) My name is Michaela Gelato. I was obviously named after the artist, Michelangelo. I am an impressionistic artist and professional instructor. Unfortunately, from the looks of it, most of you know appallingly little about art. It's utterly tragic that my fellow colleague, Raphaela, was killed tonight, an absolute tragedy! Raphaela was privy to what makes an artist truly elite, as am I. Her work was just exquisite. Troubled and ugly, but exquisite. You may hear rumors tonight about a rivalry between us, but it was only on the surface, merely a matter of opposing theories. Please understand that it was never personal. I wonder if someone just got sick of her dark and hopeless themes and couldn't take any more. I mean, we can't sit here on our tooshies and pretend she hadn't been forewarned. I read an article recently on threats she'd received for her controversial perspectives. Anyway, I must add since this is a business dinner, I have a much cleaner, more humane and sanitary piece going up in the city next weekend. You know, just in case anyone's interested?

Appetizers

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

You recently asked Jasmine Lipton to support your artwork, in place of Raphaela. You told her your art had a cleaner, purer, and more sanitary message. You hope she won't mention it tonight, especially since she did not give you a commitment either way. You have a bit of an obsession with cleanliness in all things. Make a production of polishing your silverware and examining plates and glasses for cleanliness. (If you brought your own silverware, make a show of getting it out).

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Soup/Salad

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

Well, even though I'm no Sherlock Holmes, I believe we have an unmistakable clue on our hands. Our little security guard looks like he's positively sweating bullets over there. I smelled his foul scent from the minute I got here, literally! Any ideas why? Well, I have one little piece of evidence that might interest you. This is something a police officer showed me over the break. It seems that our proud on-duty officer happened to shut off the Ralls' security camera for a two-hour span just before Raphaela's death. Pretty convenient, don't you think? Here is the report on it. Show the group your clue.

Soup/Salad

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 or focus on the food!

Michaela Gelato



Main Course

Share this info with the group after Mark Chase accuses you:

(Draw a quick sketch of anything on a napkin or piece of paper with pen, crayons or markers.) Say something to the effect of, "I want to share the way I am feeling with all of you. Mr. Chase has brought up some rather dated and stale news, in hopes to divert our attention from his antics. Anyway, though I am obviously good with words, I am leagues better with my drawings, as you can see. I am doing a sketch to express my pain and grief over losing a dear colleague, which is immediate and heartfelt though my candor and lively coloring betray it.

Main Course

Hidden Information:
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You are very worried about your financial situation. You are making minimum wage teaching art to preschoolers in a nearby suburb right now, and moonlighting as a coffee shop barista just trying to make ends meet. Because you are full of pride, you've told no one about this embarrassing career move. If you don't get an art sponsor soon, you'll need to leave the city altogether and move back in with your parents!

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Dessert

Share this information with the group after Jim Hall.

I am just glad to be leaving this tasteless group tonight. I was invited under the impression that it would be a night of fine art expression. As usual, Raphaela couldn't keep her own personal drama out of her profession. I certainly hope you all see the crystal clarity of my innocence. Simply because I asked Jasmine to be my sponsor does not in any art form, mean that I have killed off my opponent. Yes, as Mark says, Raphie and I do have some rather unpleasant and immature personal history, which I was reluctant to admit earlier. But I had no idea the vengeful drama queen would have invited me to this freak show. I'm only glad I brought my sanitizer (show it if you happen to have it) to avoid spreading this madness any further than the Rall's rubbish cans!

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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 believe

committed the murder of R. I. P.

Secret Clue: I Michaela Gelato

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