

Supper Sleuths presents

Crime Scene Christmas:

A Merry Mystery Party Game



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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 are the fourth to speak. You go right after Jacques Frostier.

Speak in your sweetest most innocent schoolgirl voice. Also, note that your lines rhyme!

Hello, dear friends! My name is Mindy Sue Lewis! Merry Christmas to you! I am ever so very happy to meet you! You might know me from Christmas movies I starred in as a girl. Well, now it's my mission to bring Christmas joy to the world!
Aren't you all just absolutely thrilled to be here?
It fills me from head to toe with Christmas cheer!
And yet it does make my little heart feel three times too small to hear about Santa Claus dropping the ball. (Make a pouty face.)
I was really looking forward to becoming his next apprentice.
Soooo...speaking of sew, (He! He! He!) What's Christmas really about? Sweaters!
I create custom Christmas cardi's and sweaters in red and green,
for sale or donation if you know what I mean?
Put a little jingle in the old stocking? (He! He! He!)
I've got samples to try on right here,
or you can take a looksie at my Etsy, my dear! Also, there's NO such thing as an ugly Christmas sweater. Just ugly people who wear them when goodness knows they should know better!

Appetizers

Hidden Information:

(Do not share!)

You are leaving out the fact that you're a Christmas *extremist* and you actually think it should be celebrated every day of the year, not just in our hearts. Tonight, say "Merry Christmas," the way other people say "please" and "thank you." Model this at the party if someone sneezes, burp, bumps into you or when food is passed to you. Try to look adorable and sound super-sweet as you say it. If people don't say it back, repeat it again but with force, "*I said, Merry Christmas!*"

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Soup/Salad

You are the 5th to speak. You share this right after Devon Mack Alister speaks:

(In a very frustrated tone, barely holding back your anger...) DEVOOON! Look what you did you little jerk! You bamboozling baby brother, when are you going to grow up? When is this childish mischief *ever* going to stop?

You can't be left alone for one single day,
without racking up debt someone else has to pay.
You better have a way to reimburse what's requested,
or it won't be just your development that's arrested!

(Now in your sweetest calmest voice...) Oh, my, um, sorry everyone! On the other hand, no one should be alone on Christmas.

No matter how *repulsive* a man-child might appear,
we should always welcome him with Christmas cheer.
Merry Christmas, Devon! Merry Christmas, friends!

Soup/Salad

Hidden Information:

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

You have a hot temper that likes to come out at inopportune times. Heads up, when your Christmas fantasy starts to unravel, let's just say you emotionally come apart at the seams!

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Main Course

Share this with the group right after Evan Scrunge speaks:

(Stand up, smack the table, and speak in an angry tone.) No, no, no, Scrunge is *nothing* like Santa, not one single bit! And I'm starting to get fed up and sick of this...tomfoolery!

(Sit and force yourself to calm down and speak sweetly.) I'm sorry. What I'm trying to say is you can't hurt Christmas, Martha and Scrunge, because it isn't about the money, or the contests, or bottom line.

It's about celebrating a story, the greatest Story of all time!

Other things are...superfluous and don't really matter. (Pause for a few seconds.)

Well, everything, of course, but cute Christmas cardi's and sweaters!

Anyone still looking for a last minute gift idea? Yes? No?

Right. That's fine. Well, I'll be here all night.

Main Course

Hidden Information:

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While Martha presents her clue, try to look like it's making you upset. If you brought a candy cane, take it out, growl, and angrily break it in half, or aggressively eat the head off a gingerbread cookie. Adorable or not, you mean to be taken seriously!

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Dessert

You should speak 3rd, right after Robert Ratchet.

DEVOOON! You're such a disease! You little trout sniffer!
And you know I was TRYING TO SAVE CHRISTMAS too!
Whose side are you on anyway? Who?
You're no ally! And neither are any of you!
Everybody's kerbabbled and missing the main objective.
How in the world else can we change the whole world's perspective?

(Stand and speak loudly.)

Don't you see? We have to fight for Christmas! Fight! Fight! Fight!
Will you join me, brothers and sisters, will you DEFEND CHRISTMAS TONIGHT!
No? Okay well at least consider supporting the cause with the purchase of a sweater?

Fine, but there's one more person we haven't ruled out,
a woman who's guilty beyond the shadow of doubt,
as evidenced here in this journal account.
Misty Pinch, your prim and proper posture is all a distraction.
What you suffer from is a fatal attraction!

(Show the group your clue. It should be the last page in your player booklet.)

Dessert

Hidden Information:

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If you heard Jolly singing in the bathroom between rounds, bring it to everyone's attention.

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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, Mindy Sue Lewis, believe

committed Santa sabotage!

Secret Clue for Mindy Sue Lewis

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"But if the courses be departed from, the ends will change.

Say it is thus with what you show me!"

Ebenezer Scrooge, 'A Christmas Carol'

Dearest Diary,

Oh how I have ardently desired to express my love for Nicholas to you today!! Just as it does every year, my love only grows more insatiable as Christmas approaches.

However diary, this year has taken a decidedly positive turn! Yes, for soon I shall see him face to face!

Under my pen name Misty Pinch (affectionately taken from a Dickens' character, Ruth Pinch) I have been admitted to the Santa's Apprentice program!

Yes, soon I will meet with my love! Will he remember running from me those twenty years past? Is he even real or just a ghostly apparition who leaves me the perfect gift every Christmas Eve?

Will I still be on your "nice" list as you find out it's me? Will you come running into my arms, jostling that "bawful" of "jelly" or will you once again turn away for her?

She who cannot, will not be part of our destiny. I must see you alone and it will see to it as I make our dreams a reality.

Whatever it takes my love, even a turn on the "naughty" list. You're worth that!

Yours, Belle
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