

# **Rudy Buck** Player Booklet

#### 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 the criminal 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 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 criminal 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 cardi's 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?

Notes

### Appetizers

#### You should speak last, after all others have shared.

Howdy, gang! Rudy Buck here, come all da way from da cold Manitoba, Canada, where I got a reindeer ranch in da bush about 100 clicks outside o' da Peg. This is quite da weather too, eh boy? Even for a Canuck! Glad I wore my trusty "tewk!" But a boy sure could go for a hot double-double with a jam buster from Timmies, am I right? Anyway, this whole situation about Santa really takes the biscuit, eh? Real bad news, ya? And now I gotta be stuck in here when I could be out on da search party. I could do that route in my sleep! Well, for now "takitish" everybody, that's Canadian for take it easy! I'm sure Santa will be A-OK, eh? After all, he's got the best reindeer in the world leading the way!

### Appetizers

#### Hidden Information:

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

Act like you want to sneeze but don't actually sneeze. Just rub your nose with your sleeve few times here and there and tell the gang your nose stays red due to bad allergies.



# Soup/Salad

#### You should speak last, after all others have shared.

Shhhhhhh!!!! I thought I heard something. (Put a finger to your lips and look up.) OK, never mind now. I thought for a minute der dat I heard Santa's reindeer. I guess not. They make dis sound like "RRRRaaaah! RRReeeeaaaaah!" There is also a very specific bell tinkle noise. Oh boy, let me tell ya, it would have been my wildest dream come true to be Santa's apprentice and work with the most famous reindeer of all! Ya know, Santa's been my inspiration for doin what I do my whole life! Think a-boat it, what would he be without those nine reindeer? Just a big fat guy walking from hoase to hoase!

### Soup/Salad

#### Hidden Information:

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You don't want to admit it because of how embarrassing it is, but you know all about Santa's reindeer and lifestyle because you used to work for him yourself. In fact, you quit when the elves started making fun of you for being so clumsy. You would give anything to turn back time.



### Main Course

#### You should speak last, after all others have shared.

Oh, beauty, thanks for the delicious dainties, eh? This is quite da social for sure now, but hey I'm kinda used to eating like my reindeer back home, ya know? Anyone have any reindeer food? Think a-boat it, there's a reason those reindeer are ALL muscle, am I right? And I gotta take care of these babies! (Show off your biceps!)

## Main Course

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When anyone offers you food, ask them if it passed the Santa's reindeer test because "if it's good enough for the reindeer, then it's good enough for me." If they laugh, then ask in all seriousness, "No, but seriously, did it pass their test?"



### Dessert

#### You should speak last, after all others have shared.

Oh, I tell ya what, it's really comin down out there tonight, eh? Need a good one in da lead who can see you through da storm, make sure you don't hang a Larry when you really ought to hang a Roger, know whatta mean? I betcha dose reindeer are really fighting a good fight! I can just see it now! (Stand up, look out to the horizon with your hand outstretched as you continue...) Dashing through the snow! Over the fields we go! Leaping and lunging forward, legs feeling like jello, lungs burning like FIRE, biting cold wind in your face, and icicles forming on the end of your bright red nose. Onward! Upward! Don't let him down, boys! Don't give up! This is it! This is your moment! THIS IS WHERE YOU GO DOWN IN HISTORY!!! (Stop and stare wide-eyed at everybody while you catch your breath.)

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#### Hidden Information:

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If there is a character no one has accused much tonight, try to get a little bit more information out of them. You scivey sasquatch, you! You think you hosed all of us, don't ya now? What are you nipping Mickey? Eh, old boy? I'm onto ya! I'm onto ya!



### 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, Rudy Buck, believe

committed Santa sabotage!