

## A Night of Love, Marriage & Murder

Your presence is requested to celebrate the union of Becky Giovanni to Stanley Simpson with a wedding reception you won't forget.

As friends and family come together for a night of food and fun, it will quickly turn into a night of mystery and mayhem– leaving one of the guests murdered! And you are left to solve the crime...

> Will it be the jealous ex-boyfriend who is to blame? The father of the bride who opposed the marriage from the start? Could it be the bridesmaid who longs to be a bride? Or possibly the

> > estranged uncle that has drank away his family fortune?

As the night progresses, secrets will be revealed, motives exposed and your sleuthing skills will be put to the test. What will you say when it is your turn to finger the culprit?

> Speak now or forever a killer goes free.

Host's Guide

## Thank you for choosing Till Death Do Us Part

We are confident that you will find this comprehensive packet to provide everything that you will want and need to run your very own murder mystery party— one that will have your guests talking about it for weeks, if not longer.

This murder mystery experience is designed to be easy to run and fun to play for all the guests involved. The game is played with all of your guests having active roles in the game and each guest having objectives to complete. These objectives keep the party from being pre-scripted and allow your guests to draw their own con- clusions as to the motives and the identity of the murderer. This format also allows for great mingling amongst your guests and insures that all of your guests feel included. Before the night is through, each guest will have discovered that they have a motive for killing the victim and be inclined to protect their innocence as well as seek out the murderer. To add to the experience and suspense of the night, the murder happens during the party, not before, as in some other murder mystery games. The victim is also allowed to play along after they 'die', since they have no clue who murdered them. Till Death Do Us Part is certain to be a hit with all of your guests.

In the following pages is a simple list of things you need to do as host in order to have the party run smoothly. Once the party is going, it is up to the guests to make the most of it— something you will be surprised at how well they do.

Assigning the Characters

• The following is the number of male and female guests that you will need in order to run each of the versions of Till Death Do Us Part: With 20+ guests: At least 8 Male characters and at least 7 Female Characters.

With 15-20 guests: 8-9 Male characters, 7-9 Female Characters, 0-2 Gender neutral characters. With 10-15 guests: 5-7 Male characters, 5-7 Female Characters, 0-1 Gender neutral characters. With 8-11 guests: 4-5 Male characters, 4-5 Female Characters, 0-1 Gender neutral characters.

- You, as host, will need to decide upon a character for each of your guests. The easiest way to assign the characters is to read the character descriptions and match each character with the guest that you feel suits that particular character the best.
- If you choose NOT to know the murderer, you can simply choose NOT to read the character descriptions or examine the evidence before the party. While you will be able to play along with everyone else, you will not be able to read the descriptions when assigning the characters. (You will find a short list of the characters with descriptions on the next page.)
- Because this party is dependent on a minimum number of people showing up, you may want to determine ahead of time which guests are attending before assigning characters.

• It is recommended that you send out the general invite with an RSVP date of two weeks before the party. After your guests RSVP positive, you can send them their character sheet. You can find downloadable invites at: http://www.nightofmystery.com/invitations.php

- The killer will not know they are the murderer until they open their second envelope at the party.
- The victim will not know they are the victim until they get to the party. The victim will not have a list of objectives for after the murder. If the victim wishes to play along after the murder, they can do so without an identity. If you have an extra identity (that is, a role that is not being played), they can also assume that identity if they so choose.
- The game must be played with a minimum number of characters/guests. If you have less than the maximum number of guests, the game can be played without the following characters: (There will be characters to eliminate listed here in the REAL host's guide.)
- Some good suggestions for assigning couples include: This information will be included in your purchased party.
- Is this mystery suitable for youths and/or conservative groups? No. This mystery contains references to affairs and alcohol. Our site offers "clean" versions of this and a few other mysteries on our site: www.nightofmystery.com. Please refer to those when hosting a party for a more conservative crowd.
- Check out TillDeathDoUsPartMystery.com for more party planning ideas!

Making the Invitations

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Before the party, each guest must receive three things: (1) the invitation, (2) the wedding program and (3) their character description. You can download the email invitations from the site (which contain this information) and email them to your guests, or you can print and send them out, following the instructions below.

#### THE INVITATION

• To make the invitations, first input your party details into the invite page and print out the number of invites that you need onto 8.5" x 11" paper.

#### THE WEDDING PROGRAM

• This has information so your guests can familiarize themselves with who is coming to the party.

#### CHARACTER DESCRIPTION

• You need to assign each guest a character to be at the party. (See the previous sections)

Following your purchase of the party, you may also access and use the downloadable character descriptions from our website. Each description is a pdf file containing the above information for each character.

Preparing the Materials for the Party

- Cut out and make name tags for the guests. (You can print out the name tags onto on adhesive label paper or print out on regular paper and include a pin with the name tags so that the guests can secure them to their outfits.) Name tag template is compatible with most 4" x 2" labels.
- Photocopy the print out of the money onto green paper. You will need as many copies as there are guests attending. Trim out the money and bundle them in packages of \$500.
  - -To add authenticity, you can purchase fake/play money rather inexpensively at a novelty or party store.
- Cut the objective sheets in half on the dashed lines.
- Label two envelopes with each character's name. Label one envelope with an (A) and one with a (B) for each character. On the (B) envelope, also put "Do NOT open until AFTER the murder".
- In the (A) envelopes, place: a name tag, safety pin(s) to adhere the name tag, a bundle of coins, the left side of the character's objective sheet that has objectives for the beginning of the party.
- In the (B) envelopes, place: the right side of the objective sheet for each character which has objectives for after the murder happens.

Have the (A) & (B) envelopes on hand to give to the guests as they arrive.

- Place the remaining evidence in a separate envelope along with the Evidence Presentation. Label it as "Evidence".
- Place the solution in a sealed envelope and label it "Solution".
- Keep the "introduction", the "investigation instructions", the "evidence envelope" and the "solution envelope" in a safe and convenient location so you can hand them out throughout the night as guests need them.
- Make enough copies of the Who Dunnit voting sheets for the number of guests you have coming.
- Make copies of the smoking gun award, as there may be multiple people who guess the murderer.

More party planning ideas - check out these awesome resources. The "Party Tips" section at www.nightofmystery.com

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Character List

Becky Giovanni—Bride. The blushing bride has never been so happy. Becky is determined to make sure NO ONE ruins her wedding day! *Female. More details in purchased party.* 

Wade Wilmington—Best Man. Wade has been dating Trisha Trinket, the maid of honor. Their relationship started as an blind date but has it grown to true love? *Male. More details in purchased party.* 

Brutus Simpson—Groomsman and Brother of the Groom. Brutus is an over-protective brother and business partner to the groom. IS Brutus' control over his little brother dwindling now that Beck is in his life? *Male. More details in purchased party.* 

Ken Kruger—Groomsman. Ken is a friend of the groom, the ex-boyfriend of the bride and he was the reason the happy couple met. Will Ken's broken heart come in the way of the Stanley and Becky's happy union? *Male. More details in purchased party.* 

Trisha Trinket—Maid of Honor. As the best friend of the bride, Trisha will do anything to insure Becky's happiness on her wedding day. Conversely, Trisha believes Becky would do anything for her in return (and possibly already has). *Female. More details in purchased party.* 

Gina Giovanni— Bridesmaid and Sister to the Bride. Gina has always been the overlooked little sister—why should this day be any different? *Female. More details in purchased party.* 

Darlene Simpson—Bridesmaid and Sister of the Groom. Darlene always longed for a sister...but not this one. How far will Darlene go to keep Becky from becoming a member of the family? *Female. More details in purchased party.* 

Marianna Giovanni—Mother of the Bride. She married for money and will not be parted from her wealthy lifestyle. *Female. More details in purchased party.* 

Tony Giovanni—Father of the Bride. A man who has it all—wealth and power (including ties to the mob). It is no secret that he does not like his new son-in-law. Tony may be looking for someone else to pass along the family business to. *Male. More details in purchased party.* 

Brittany Simpson— Mother of the Groom. Brittany has never worked a day in her life and doesn't plan to start now. She is much happier relying on the men in her life to support her. *Female. More details in purchased party.* 

Hugh Simpson— Father of the Groom. Hugh has spent his life trying to get rich. Hugh's new job as an insurance salesman does not seem to be the answer to his money problems. *Male. More details in purchased party.* 

Stacey Sultry—Cousin to the bride. Still heart-broken over her ex-boyfriend, Wade Wilmington (and best man). Is Stacey attending the wedding purely as a family obligation...or does she have another agenda? *Female. More details in purchased party*.

George Giovanni—Uncle of the Bride. George wasted away his portion of the family fortune and has turned to "other means" in order to sustain his lifestyle. *Male. More details in purchased party*.

Grandma Selma—Grandmother of the Bride. As matriarch of the Giovanni family, there is nothing she doesn't know about her family and nothing she wouldn't do to protect it. *Female. More details in purchased party.* 

Harry Hitt—Wedding Guest. Harry is an innocent bystander looking for some fun... The question is, does he know the bride or the groom? *Male. More details in purchased party.* 

**Biff Buffolini**—Wedding Guest. Tony invited Biff to the wedding to start courting his daughter. Word is Tony is looking for a REAL man to take over the family business since he does not trust his new son-in-law. *Male. More details in purchased party.* 

Karen Cake—The Hotel Wedding Coordinator. She has done her best to please the bride and her family. But, is her best good enough? *Female. More details in purchased party*.

Chris Constable— Hotel Security. The hotel doesn't usually require security for most weddings. However, the rules are a little different when the bride is the daughter of a rumored mob boss. *Male or female. More details in purchased party.* 

**Ronnie Rhymer – Photographer.** As the photographer for the wedding, they witnesses everything through the lens of a camera. The evidence they capture may be more than incriminating. *Male or female. More details in purchased party.* 

• Most likely, the length of the party will take 2-4 hours. The party length will depend on a number of factors, including how well your guests know each other and how well they mingle.

Party Schedule

- The party may be longer if you choose to serve dinner, although much of the mingling done during Stage 2 may be done at the dinner table as well.
- Because the party is not pre-scripted, but set up in stages, as host it is important to observe the guests' behavior and move onto the next stage when you feel it is most appropriate. This will give everyone enough time to enjoy all aspects of the party and enable it to move along at an enjoyable pace.

## Stage One: The Guests Arrive

• You, as host, will need to give each guest the appropriate (A) envelope that includes their money, name tag, and their objectives for the beginning of the party.

## Stage Two: Introduction

- After all of the guests have arrived, have Tony Giovanni read the Introduction aaloud to everyone.
- · Have time for guests to mingle and complete their objectives
  - This may require 30-60 minutes depending on how well your guests know each other.
  - If serving dinner, this may be a good time for dinner to be served.

## Stage Three: Murder & Investigation

- When guests start to settle down and you are sure the victim has completed all of their objectives, arrange for the lights to go off and a bang! (such as a cap gun) to sound.
- When the lights come back on, the victim will be dead.
- Give Chris Conway (hotel security) tape, so that they can outline the position of the body on the floor.
- Have Chris Conway read the sheet explaining the Investigation.
- As host, you will hand everyone their second (B) envelope that you have prepared. This envelope will have new information and objectives for the guests to complete now that the murder has occurred.

## Stage Four: Evidence Presentation

- When guests have settled down again, and you feel as though most people have completed their objectives, hand Chris Conway the evidence packet that you prepared so that he can present the findings of the evidence at the crime scene to the guests.
- It is best if the evidence is then laid on a table so that everyone may see it.
- Give your guests additional time to review the evidence.
- Hand out the 'Who Dunnit' answer sheets and ask everyone to complete them and hand them back to you during this time.

Stage Five: The Solution

- When all the 'Who Dunnit' sheets are handed in, ask Chris Conway to read the solution aloud to the guests.
- Calculate who the winners are and award the certificates.

End of Host Guide

The Marriage of

Becky Giovanni & Stanley Simpson

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Please Join Us For A Reception at the Grande Hotel to Celebrate the Union



## Sample Character Sheet **Taken From Another Mystery** Banker Bob

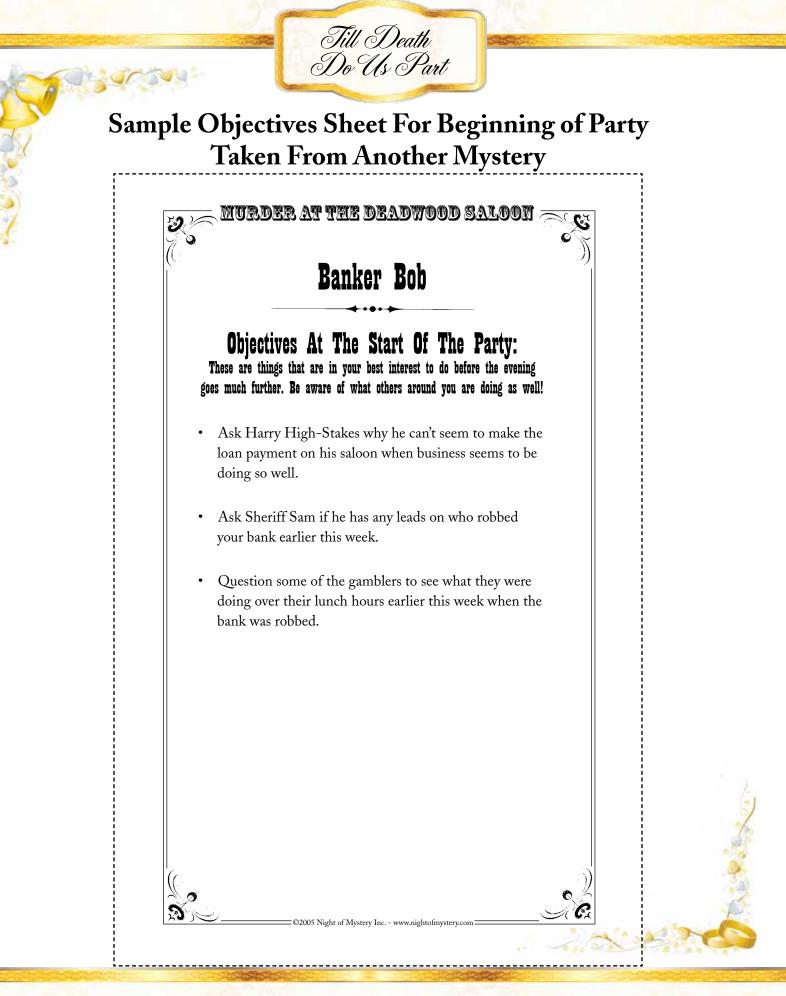
As the banker in the town of Deadwood, you do business with many of the people in the town and also some of the participants of the Deadwood Poker Tournament. One of your foremost clients is Harry High-Stakes, the owner of The Deadwood Saloon. In order to get the saloon established and operating in it's first year, you have loaned Harry a substantial amount of money. Although the saloon appears to be doing very well, you are uncertain why Harry is continually deliquent and sometimes misses his payments on his loan. Just last month, Harry was late again on his payment and you warned him that you will have to put his saloon into foreclosure if he cannot repay the money he owes on the loan by next month. You suspect that Harry is throwing the Deadwood Poker Tournament in order to get enough money so that his saloon will not go into foreclosure. This will be an important week to see if you will gain your money back from Harry's loan or if you will gain control over the saloon.

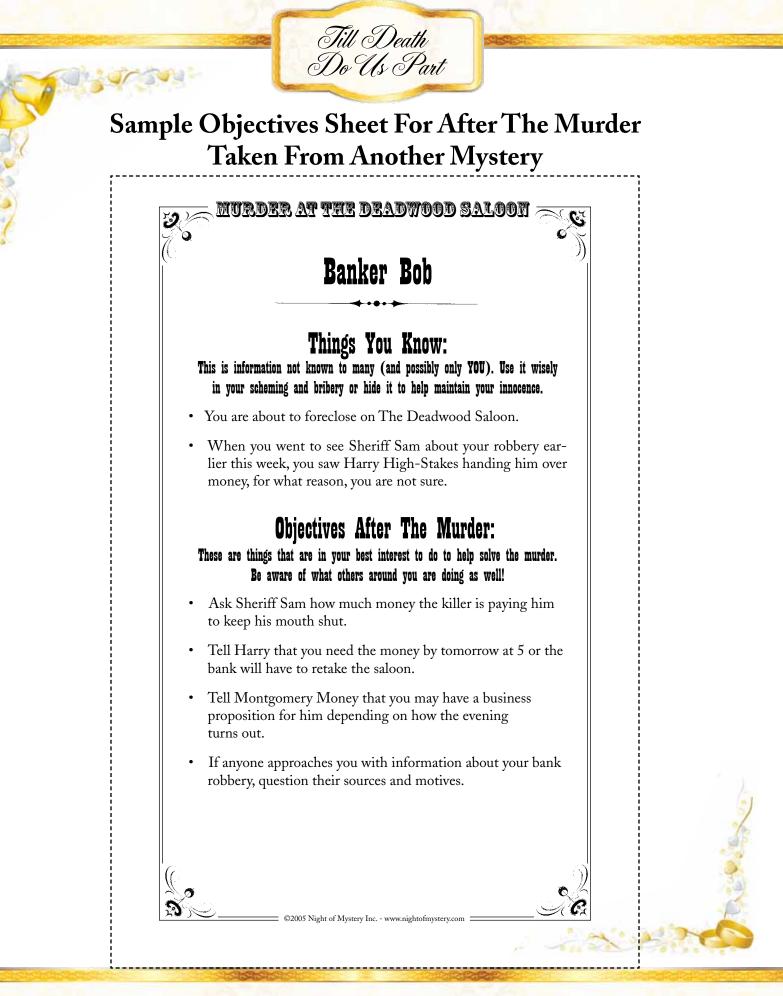
Because Harry is such a difficult and delinquent client, you hope that you will gain control over the saloon. If the saloon becomes the bank's property, you speculate that you may have a very wealthy buyer in Montgomery Money, an investor from the East. Because of Montgomery's wealth, you are certain that you will make a healthy profit off selling the saloon to Montgomery. In addition, Montgomery will be consistent and reliable when making his loan payments.

Along with all the excitement of the tournament this week there has also been excitement in your bank. Earlier in the week, your bank was held up at gun point while your wife was watching the bank over the noon hour. Ordinarily, Bonnie does not watch the bank, but you were meeting with Harry about his payments. Because of the high ante for the poker tournament, you are convinced that the robber must have been a gambler who was trying to accumulate enough money to enter to the poker tournament. Since you view Sheriff Sam, the sheriff of Deadwood, as a very lazy individual, you plan on taking matters into your own hands when it comes to finding the culprit of the bank robbery and bringing them to justice!

As the Deadwood Poker Tournament Party quickly approaches, you are looking forward to attending for a few reasons. The party will be a perfect place for you to talk business with Montgomery Money about his intentions on investing in the saloon if your bank gains control of it. In addition to your dealings with Montgomery, you plan to figure out which one of the poker players may have robbed your bank and you plan to bring them to justice!

Acting and Dressing Your Part: As the banker of Deadwood, you are a businessman first. Your bank and your money come before everything, including your wife, Bonnie. Since you will be using the party to for business matters, you will want to dress dignified for the night. For more ideas on how to dress and a glossary of wild western words and phrases to use at the party, please see www.nightofmystery.com





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## Sample Evidence Taken From Another Mystery

# EXHIBIT A

Description: The murder weapon-- a dagger in the heart

Notes: Found to be the cause of death.

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# The Extras

Included in the mystery are ideas and designs to help you decorate with fun and authentic materials that are easy to make.











This has been just a sampling of what you will receive when you purchase Till Death Do Us Part.

Till Death Do Us Part

- *The complete game includes:* A Host Guide— A complete how-to of throwing your party which includes directions on preparing the invitations, assigning characters and preparing for the party.
- A Schedule of the Night- A step-by-step breakdown of how the night will go.
- An Introduction— to be read to the guests upon arrival.
- Designed Invitations— that you can customize with the details of your party. (Downloadable for emailing and printable for sending out in the post.)
- A Wedding Program— including background information on all the guests attending the reception.
- Character Sheets- full descriptions of the characters, including costuming and acting tips.
- Character Objective Sheets this includes objectives for each character to try to achieve at each stage of the game in order to uncover evidence and find the murderer.
- Name Tags
- Fake Money— to be distributed to guests and used in the party for scheming and bribery.
- Evidence more clues that will be presented towards the end of the night. This evidence will help your guests solve the mystery and find the murderer.
- "Who Dunnit" Cards- to allow your guests to guess the murderer, along with vote for the most animated character and best outfit.
- A Solution— a detailed description of who the murderer is, why the murder happened and the clues that led to the outcome.
- Award Certificates— to be awarded to the best costume, the most theatrical, the player with the most money at the end of the night and to each of the guests that solve the murder.
- Party Printables and Extras- directions, templates and designs to help you plan for your party. (Pictured on previous page.
- Party planning website— check out TillDeathDoUsPartMystery.com for all of your party planning needs specific to THIS party!

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