

MURDER of a Millionaire



INTRO FILE



Host Guide

Thank you for choosing Murder of a Millionaire

We are confident that you will find this comprehensive packet to provide everything that you 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 conclusions 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 will not know who murdered them. Murder of a Millionaire is certain to be a hit with all of your guests.

The following pages contain 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.

How To Host Without Knowing Who the Murderer Is

We realize that part of the fun of throwing the party is playing along. If you choose to host **WITHOUT** knowing who the murderer is, simply follow these directions so that you can avoid any spoilers.

First, you will want to read this host's guide in full. Nowhere in the Host Guide pdf will the murderer and/or victim's identity or gender be listed. Additionally, with these in-depth instructions, it will ensure you that you are setting up the party correctly while being able to fully participate!

Second, even if you avoid places where the murderer is identified, the mystery materials will give you clues, added information, etc. so we suggest you refrain from reading the mystery materials if desiring to play along.

There are only two places in the mystery materials that will tell you who the murderer is:

(1) In the solution. It will be separated into a different file AND flagged with a cover page to tell you not to read it. The name itself is not highlighted, rather usually listed within the text and amongst a lot of other text so there is little chance of "accidentally" seeing it when you are printing it off. If you still do not trust yourself, have someone else print it out and put it in the solution envelope.

(2) It is listed in that guest's secrets in their "B" materials. Since we cannot tell you which character to "not read," since that too would give it away, you will want to avoid reading the character's "B" information but your own. Again, it is not highlighted or bolded, but if you do not trust yourself, you may want to have someone else stuff the envelopes.

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Guest totals:

With 20-80 guests: at least 6 male characters, 8 female characters, 6 gender neutral.

With 15-20 guests: 6 male, 7-8 female, 2-6 gender-neutral.

With 10-15 guests: 4-5 male, 5-6 female, 1-4 gender-neutral.

With 8-12 guests: 3 male, 4-5 female, 1-4 gender-neutral.

With 6-8 guests: 3 male, 3 female, 0-2 gender-neutral.

*** Not all characters will be included with smaller versions of the party.

Jessica Rochester – Rick’s Ex-wife. A man-izing ex-wife and business partner of the late Rick Rochester. She has had her flings over the years, but can anyone ever really replace her first true love? *Female.*

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Hosting Tips

- Information included with purchase.

Making the Invitations

Before the party, each guest must receive three things: (1) the invitation, (2) the memoriam and (3) their character description.

The Print Option:

THE INVITATION

- To make the invitations, first input your party details into the invite page using Adobe Acrobat.
- Print out, double-sided the number of invites that you need. Fold each invite in half.
- Invite will fit nicely into an A9 invitation envelope (5 3/4" x 8 3/4").

THE MEMORIAM

- This will provide information on the other guests at the party.

CHARACTER DESCRIPTION

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

**** Print Invite, Memoriam, and Character Descriptions will be found in the Mystery Materials Document.**

The Download and Email Option:

- 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.
- This option allows you to email each of your guests their character description without having to print and mail the information.
- Please remember, the pdf file option does not include a place to enter the date, time or address of the party, so you will have to inform or remind your guests of the party location details in another fashion.
- For this, we do have downloadable, emailable invitations that can be found at: www.nightofmystery.com/invitations.php

**** Downloadable invites with Memoriam, and Character Descriptions will be available in your account after purchase.**

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Preparing the Materials for the Party

- It is best to view and print all of your materials from Adobe Reader, a free application. Be sure you do not use a Preview Application to print or view materials.
- For the name tag and label pages (optional), they are best printed on adhesive label paper. *Name tag and label pages are compatible with Avery labels 15163, 18163, 5163, 5263, 5523, 5663, 5963, 8163, 8253, 8463, 8663 and 8763.*
- Cut out and make name tags for the guests. You can print the name tags onto on adhesive label paper or print 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 Avery labels 15163, 18163, 5163, 5263, 5523, 5663, 5963, 8163, 8253, 8463, 8663 and 8763.*
- Photocopy the printout of the money onto green paper. You will need as many copies as there are guests attending. Trim the money and bundle them in packages of \$500.
—To skip this step, you can purchase fake/play money or coins rather inexpensively at a novelty or party store and use the fake/play money or coins instead of the paper money.
—It is helpful to bundle your money using a paperclip.
- Cut the “A Objectives” sheets in half on the dashed lines. **DO NOT cut the “B Objectives” sheets in half.**
- 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, you can also label for “AFTER the murder.”
OPTIONAL: We have formatted some labels that you can adhere to your envelopes, so that you will not need to label them yourself.

In the (A) envelopes place: a name tag, safety pin(s) to adhere the name tag, a bundle of money and the half- sheet of the character’s objective sheet that has objectives for the beginning of the party.

In the (B) envelopes place: the full-sheet objective sheet for each character which has objectives for after the murder happens. **In addition, place the following:**

- Information included with purchase.
- Place the solution in a sealed envelope and label it “Solution.”
- Keep printouts of the introduction, the will, the investigation instructions, the evidence presentation, and the “solution envelope” in a convenient location so you can hand them out throughout the night as guests need them.
- Make enough copies of the accusation sheets for the number of guests you have coming. Cut the pages along the dashed lines.
- Make additional copies of the Smoking Gun Award, as there may be multiple people who guess the murderer.

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- There is no direct time line for how long the party takes, it may depend on a number of factors, including how well your guests know each other and how well they mingle.
- 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 of the aspects of the party as well make it move along at an enjoyable pace.

Stage 1: The Guests Arrive

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

Stage 2: Introduction

- After all the guests have arrived, hand Reilly Ravish the introduction and have them read it to everyone.
- Have time for guests to mingle and complete their first round of objectives
 - This may be as little as a half hour to an hour depending on how well your guests one another.
 - If serving dinner, this may be a good time for dinner to be served.

Stage 3: Will Reading, Murder & Investigation

- When guests start to settle down and you are sure the victim has completed all of their objectives, gather everyone together for the reading of the will
- Hand Reilly Ravish the copy of the will and have them read it to the guests
- Just after Reilly finishes reading the will, arrange for the lights to go off and a cap gun to be shot off or a loud noise to sound.
- When the lights come back on, the victim will be dead and Officer Welsh will instruct everyone of the investigation that is about to take place.
- Give the officer tape, so that they can outline the body.
- You, as host, 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 4: Evidence Presentation

- When guests have settled down again, and you feel as though most people have completed their objectives, hand the officer the evidence packet you have prepared so that they 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 and have everyone fill out the 'Who Dunit' answer sheets during this time.

Stage 5: The Solution & Awards

- When all the 'Who Dunit' sheets are handed in, hand the officer the solution and have them read it aloud to the guests.
- Calculate who the winners are and award the certificates.

In Loving Memory

RICK A. ROCHESTER

Arrogant Millionaire • Questionable Father • (Un) Loving Husband • Mysterious Master

It is with longing and regret that we say goodbye to one of the most successful businessmen and prominent millionaires ever to grace Madison County, Rick Allen Rochester. The passing of Mr. Rochester is due to an unfortunate event, Mr. Rochester was slain at his own estate.

Rick Rochester was born here in Madison County, where he grew up at Mystery Manor. At the young age of twenty, Rick lost his uncle to an untimely death. It is with the passing of his uncle that Rick gained his millions, including Mystery Manor, an estate of insurmountable wealth. Along with his inheritance, Rick grew his money exponentially over the years by making a name for himself in the business world of art collecting and distributing. Over the years, his gallery has grown to house one of the finest art collections in the world.

As far as the case of his death, "The one solid fact to which a study of evidence inevitably leads us to is that the victim did not commit suicide, and that the death by misadventure is out of the question," says Officer Welsh, the crime scene investigator. The officer went on to say "Rick Rochester was willfully slain by someone he had no reason to fear and he had perfect confidence in." The evidence in this case is very inconclusive and suggests various motives for who the killer may be, but none with concrete certainty. Authorities say that this is a case in which the true evidence cannot possibly be deciphered and the killer revealed by any other than the victim's closest friends and relatives.

In respect for the timeless Mystery Manor, where Rick Rochester both resided and was murdered, and Mr. Rochester's memory, Mr. Rochester's lawyer, Reilly Ravish, has asked that the investigation be postponed until family and friends have had a chance to gather and to pay tribute to Mr. Rochester at Mystery Manor. This gathering will take place at the will reading of the late millionaire.

Among those who survived Mr. Rochester are:

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Sample Character Description (taken from another mystery)

Banker Bob

As the bank owner 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 Deadwood Saloon owner). 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 delinquent 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 he can repay his debt. 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 reputation, you are certain that you will make a healthy profit off of selling the saloon to Montgomery and he will be consistent and reliable when making his loan payments.

In addition to all the excitement of the tournament, your bank was held up at gun point. Banker Bonnie (your wife) was watching the bank over the noon hour while 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 pay for the entry fee. Since you view Sheriff Sam (the sheriff) 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! In addition, you do not believe that Sheriff Sam is a moral character as well. Just this past week, you saw Sheriff Sam taking money from Harry High-Stakes. While you do not know the details of the transaction, the secretive nature in which the money was exchanged suggests that it was not for an honest reason.

As the Deadwood Poker Tournament Party quickly approaches, you are looking forward to attending for a few reasons. First, 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. Second, you plan to figure out which one of the poker players may have robbed your bank and you plan to bring them to justice! And lastly, by the end of the night, you will know whether Harry will have enough money to pay off his debt to you or if the saloon will be yours!

Acting and Dressing Your Part: As the bank owner 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. Consistent with the times, you may consider a button down shirt, vest, ascot and hat (bowler, derby, slouch, gambler or other). Popular of the time period, you may also consider adding in facial hair. *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 and murderatthedeadwoodsaloon.com*

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Sample Objectives Sheet For Beginning of Party (taken from another mystery)

MURDER AT THE DEADWOOD SALOON

Banker Bob

Objectives At The Start Of The Party

These are things that are in your best interest to do before the evening goes much further. Be aware of what others around you are doing as well!

- Tell Harry High-Stakes (the saloon owner) that you need the money he owes to the bank by tomorrow or the bank will have to retake the saloon.
- If asked, insist that you may have to foreclose on the saloon if Harry High-Stakes doesn't make enough money by hosting the tournament.
- Tell XXXXXXXX that you may have a business proposition for him depending on how the evening turns out.
- Ask Sheriff Sam (the sheriff) if he has any leads on who robbed your bank earlier this week.
- Question some of the gamblers to see what they were doing during the noon hour earlier this week when the bank was robbed.
- Ask Jesse Wales and Black Barbara (two outlaws) why they are in town this week.
- When asked about your wife's actions, insist she can do as she pleases! (But be secretly concerned.)
- If Banker Bonnie questions your relationship, insist that you are only trying to provide a better life for her.
- If anyone approaches you with information about your bank robbery, question their sources and motives.

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Sample Objectives Sheet For After The Murder (taken from another mystery)

MURDER AT THE DEADWOOD SALOON

Banker Bob

Things You Know:

**This is information not known to many—and possibly only YOU.
Use it wisely in your scheming and bribery or hide it to help
maintain your innocence.**

- You are about to foreclose on the Deadwood Saloon if Harry High-Stakes (the saloon owner) cannot repay his debt to you.
- Earlier this week, you saw Harry High-Stakes (the saloon owner) handing XXXXXXXX money. For what reason, you are not sure.
- Earlier tonight, you witnessed Banker Bonnie (your wife), talking to XXXXXXXX.

Objectives After The Murder:

**These are things that are in your best interest to do to help solve the
murder. Be aware of what others around you are doing as well!**

- Find the murderer while maintaining your innocence.
- Ask Sheriff Sam how much money the killer is paying him to keep his mouth shut. (Sam is known to take bribes.)
- Accuse Harry High-Stakes of bribing XXXXXXXX so he will not be found guilty of murder. If Harry denies it, find out the real reason he is bribing XXXXXXXX.
- If asked, admit the saloon will go to XXXXXXXX if Harry is found guilty of murder and put in jail.
- If anyone has information on XXXXXXXX, find out what they know. You may have to pay them to get their information.
- Defend Banker Bonnie publicly, but question her privately on her ties to XXXX
- If Banker Bonnie threatens to leave you, question where she will get the funds to live.

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Sample Evidence (taken from another mystery)

EXHIBIT A

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

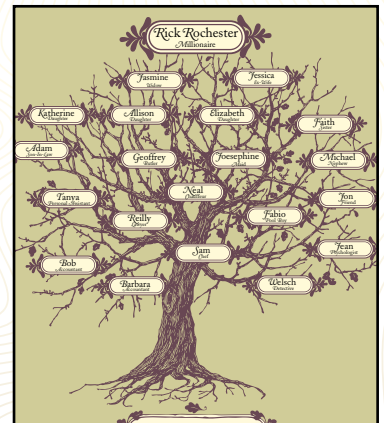
Notes: **Found to be the cause of death.**



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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.



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More Party Planning Resources

Night of Mystery does our best to provide you with everything you need to create a unique and creative mystery party - including giving you plenty of party planning resources and ideas for each mystery theme we offer! **Check out any/all of the resources below!!!**

Murderofamillionaire.com

Simply type in trailerparktragedy.com and it will take you to the “Party Tips” section of Night of Mystery dedicated to giving you the best ideas for decoration, costumes, hosting tips, etc. for THIS MYSTERY!!! Be sure to explore the “Hosting Tips” section of this as well!

“All The Extras” supplement

Check out the supplement that is filled with designs, posters, ideas, etc.

Our Pinterest page

Get ideas and how-tos on theme-centric decorations, food, etc. Be sure to “Follow Us” to get the latest and greatest pins that we add to the boards!

<http://www.pinterest.com/nightofmystery/murder-of-a-millionaire/>

Flickr Albums

Check out pictures from other host and hostesses from your mystery theme! See how much fun others had throwing this theme and get ideas for your own mystery party. Find the Trailer Park Tragedy gallery at: www.nightofmystery.com/photos-MOM/

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Once your party is thrown, please let us know how your party went by emailing the details and pictures to nompartyofthemonth@gmail.com! We will email you a \$5 coupon for submitting your comments and/or pictures about your party. In addition to the coupon, party pictures and comments may be highlighted on social media and/or the blog. Each month we will select one posting to be featured in our “Party of the Month” blog and that customer will receive a \$65 gift certificate towards the purchase of a future party!

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This has been just a sampling of what you will receive when you purchase Murder of a Millionaire.

The complete package 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.
- **Memoriam to Rick Rochester**— including background information on the deceased and the guest list.
- **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.
- **Solution**—A detailed description of who the murderer is, why the murder happened and the clues that led to the outcome.
- **“Who Dunit” Cards**— to allow your guests to guess the murderer and to vote for the most animated character and best outfit.
- **Award Certificates**— to be awarded to the best costume, the most theatrical guest, 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.)

All of our parties come in the form of a professionally designed 50-125 page pdf. Immediately after completing your order, you will be able to re-login to your account using the username and password you established in the purchasing process. Once in your account, you will have the ability to download your party (including optional emailable invitations for your guests). You can also access this information for 60 days after your purchase by logging into your account. By having our games online as instant downloads, we are able to satisfy even the most urgent need for a party.

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