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## Thank you for your interest in Night of Mystery

We are confident that you will find our comprehensive mystery packets 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.

Our murder mystery experiences are 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 murderer. This format also allows for great mingling among your guests and ensures 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. Also, to add to the experience and suspense of the night, the murder happens during the party, not before, as is the case in some other murder mystery games. Night of Mystery parties are guaranteed to be a hit with all of your guests.

This is a general, introduction file to introduce you to the way Night of Mystery parties are run. We highly encourage you to download the specific introduction file for the mystery that you would like to run to get more detailed information on that mystery.

## Frequently Asked Questions

- **Can the host play along?** YES! 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. This will allow you to play along with everyone else, but will not allow you to read the descriptions when assigning the characters. (You can find a short list of the characters with descriptions within the host guide of your mystery.) DO READ the host's guide in full. This will tell you everything you need to know to host your party without telling you who the murderer is.
- **How do I determine and order the right sized party?** 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.
  - We recommend 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 download invites at: <http://www.nightofmystery.com/invitations.php>
- **Will the killer know they are the culprit?** The killer will not know they are the murderer until they open their second envelope at the party.
- **How about the victim?** 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, they can also assume that identity if they so choose.
- **What does the victim do after "death"?** Once the victim is "dead", there are a few options you can assign the victim. Since the victim does not know who murdered them, they can still play along and try to guess the murderer using their previous background knowledge and their money in order to bribe and blackmail others and derive their secrets from one another. Also, if you have an extra role that is not already filled, the victim can become this person
- **Is the party downloadable?** All of our mysteries are provided as downloadable pdfs and available immediately after ordering.





# How To Play

## Our Mix-and-Mingle Format

**Step One** Guests arrive at party in character.

Each guest receives a detailed character description in their invitation along with some background information on the party.

**Step Two** Host reads an introduction to the party.

This explains how the night is to proceed.

**Step Three** Guests receive information with objectives.  
Guests start mingling and verbally sleuthing as they enjoy the party.

**Step Four** MURDER OCCURS!!!

**Step Five** Investigator reads a synopsis of how to proceed.  
Guests get more info and objectives and continue sleuthing as party continues.

**Step Six** Investigator presents evidence.  
Guests review evidence before making final accusations.

**Step Seven** Host hands out accusation sheets.  
Guests guess the murderer and vote for best dressed, best acting, etc.

**Step Eight** MURDERER IS REVEALED!  
Investigator reads explanation and host hands out awards.

**That's it! No pencils. No scripts. No complicated process.**  
And a "real live murder" at the party! The murder is solved by mingling and sleuthing, allowing everyone to participate fully to the extent that they feel comfortable doing so. This sets the stage for much spontaneity and ensures every party is kept lively!

For a more detailed description of how the night will go, please see one of our downloadable intro files for the *specific mystery* you plan to purchase.





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## Ordering the Right Party

### Different Versions, and what they mean.

**Adult Version:** These mysteries are intended for adult audiences. While none of the mysteries have lewd language and/or detailed references, there are mention of adult topics - think late night television drama scenarios. If you have further questions, please email us.

**Clean Versions:** Clean versions are void of references to extra-marital affairs, alcohol and/or illegal drugs. Teens and/or more conservative groups often use clean versions as their version of choice.

**Teen Versions:** These mysteries are formatted clean (sometimes even cleaner than the clean version) and are slightly simplified to cater to the age of the audience.

**Kid Versions:** These mysteries are more scripted and intended for ages 8-12. Please see an introduction file for a kid mystery to get a better idea of how the kid mysteries are run.

**LGBT-Male Versions:** These mysteries are formatted with a mostly-male cast and some characters may be cast in same-sex relationships.

**LGBT-Female Versions:** These mysteries are formatted with a mostly-female cast and some characters may be cast in same-sex relationships.

**New Years Eve Versions:** These mysteries follow the same storyline of the original mystery, but are set on New Years Eve!

### Get an accurate guest count before purchasing!

Since our games are custom written for the size of the party (ie, we don't just create a mystery with 8 characters and then keep adding more characters to it), each mystery size is unique unto itself. That being said, going from 10-15 version to 15-20 version, will not only add in more characters, but it will change the storylines of the existing characters, and vice-versa in going from a larger version to a smaller one. This is why we strongly suggest you get a guest count before formally ordering. You can do so by downloading an invitation, inviting your guests and then purchasing your mystery once you have a more accurate number of people attending. Unfortunately, if you find yourself purchasing the wrong sized party, you will have to purchase another version of the mystery for the size you want unless you are moving from the 15-20 version to the 20+ version.

### Sample Emailable Invites

Download before ordering at <http://www.nightofmystery.com/invitations.php>







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## More Party Planning Resources

### Utilize the "EXTRAS"

With each mystery, you will find a number of decoration ideas, design templates, etc. to help you enhance the theme for your party. These are created by Night of Mystery and targeted specifically to the party you are throwing! Read through all of this to see which ideas will be right for your party!



### Party Tips Pages on Night of Mystery

Within the nightofmystery.com website, you will find numerous resources, ideas, etc. to help plan and throw your party. From costume and costume ideas, to menu ideas and recipes to go with your party theme, you will find everything you need to know to throw your perfect Night of Mystery party - and more! **Simply look on the specific mystery page you plan to throw and scroll down to the "Party Tips" section!**

### Night of Mystery Pinterest Page

Find EVEN MORE inspiration for throwing your party at our Night of Mystery Pinterest page! With each mystery having its own dedicated Pinterest page, you won't be at a shortage of ideas! Be sure to "follow" the page to get the latest and greatest ideas on your party theme! Check out: <http://www.pinterest.com/nightofmystery/>



## Get a coupon and a chance to win a FREE Party!

We'd LOVE to hear how your party went! Once thrown, please email us all the details and pictures at [nompartyofthemoth@gmail.com](mailto:nompartyofthemoth@gmail.com). For your time, we will email you a \$5 coupon for your comments and/or pictures about your party. In addition to the coupon, each month we will select one posting to be featured in our "Party of the Month" section on the blog and that customer will receive a gift certificate towards the purchase of a future 15-20 guest party (or credit towards a larger party!). Check out some of the past Party of the Month winners on our blog!!!

## Easy Process

**Sound complicated? It is not.** See one of our detailed individual mystery introduction files for a more complete explanation of the process.

In the pages following, you will find some sample materials that will help you better understand the mysteries and how they are run.



# Gangster Gazette

## The Juice Joint is Jumping!

In honor of The Juice Joint's excellent business, Rosie Marie, the owner of The Juice Joint is throwing a party to commemorate its success and to remember the previous owner, her late husband, Louie Marie. Since its establishment in 1921, The Juice Joint has become and remained the hottest nightspot in town. In appreciation of its customers, Rosie has promised a night to remember! Among the town's elite, those in attendance are sure to be:

**Rosie Marie—Juice Joint Owner.** As the widow to Louie Marie, the original Juice Joint owner, Rosie not only inherited a gold mine but the power that comes with it. It is hard to say, is Rosie out to avenge her husband's death or capitalize on it?

**Notorious Nick Nemetz—North Side Mob Boss.** Since the rise of organized crime, Nick's operation has done nothing but prosper. With Nick having so much power, he seems to have a lot going for (and against) him.

**Natalie Nemetz—Notorious Nick's Sister.** Annoyed by her brother's over-protective nature, Natalie has kept more than secrets from Nick.

**Mugsy Malone—North Side Henchman.** As Nick's right-hand man, Mugsy has worked hard to gain his position in the operation and will stop at nothing to keep it.

**Cy Ramsey—Juice Joint Bouncer and North Side Gang Member.** Cy's success in Nick's operation could be considered a threat to those in the operation...and to those opposing it.

**Kitty Cocktail—Cocktail Waitress.** As Cy's main squeeze, Kitty will do anything to help advance her boyfriend in his chosen career.

**Southside Sal—South Side Mob Boss.** It is no secret that Sal has been making a push to expand his territory. The real secret may be who is working with him

**Flora Nemetz-Gadora—Notorious Nick's Ex-wife.** Caught cheating, Nick divorced Flora immediately a month ago. Left without anything, Flora's romantic interest has shifted from one mob boss to another.

**Hal Hollywood—Movie Director.** Hal is in town to cast for his next project—the first talking picture. Since this project will be one that makes history, Hal is taking his time in casting his lead lady, for he knows his decision will have a lasting impact.

**Molly Moll—Notorious Nick's Girlfriend.** One of the most popular women in town, Molly had no interest in Nick until she realized what he could do for her movie career.

**Dina Diva—Juice Joint Singer.** Dina's voice and stage presence seem to be exactly what Hal is looking for. Dina won't let anyone come between her and her dreams of starring on the big screen.

**Mayor Biggs—Mayor.** As the head of the city, the Mayor's power is what many seek. However, is it the Mayor who is really calling the shots or are the decisions coming from someone else?

**Mabel Biggs—Mayor's Wife.** Mabel considers herself the brains behind the Mayor and she will not let him do anything that could ruin his political career.

**Chief Cameron—Police Chief.** As the city's main law enforcement officer, Cameron enforces the Mayor's decisions...but whose side are they really on?

**Cindy Butt—Cigarette Girl.** Responsible for ruining many lives, Cindy doesn't stop at spreading rumors to get her way.

**Bernie Booze—Bootlegger.** Bernie had one of the most successful bootlegging businesses in town before Notorious Nick had them blacklisted. Will Bernie's business end up dying for their mistake or will someone else?

**Gino Gin—Bartender.** As the eyes & ears of The Juice Joint, Gino may know more than they let on.

**Flirty Flapper—Juice Joint Patron.** It is no secret that Flirty desires a man with power and she will stop at nothing to get it.

**Anna Marie—Rosie's daughter.** Still mourning the loss of her father, Louie Marie, Anna is ready to seek revenge at whatever cost.

**P.I. Pinkerton—Investigator.** As the private detective on the scene, P.I.'s job will be to take charge and decipher the clues and reveal the truth.

## Missing Person Found Dead

Three weeks after the disappearance of Louie Marie, Mr. Marie's body was found floating in the river. "Due to the bullets lodged in Mr. Marie's skull, foul play has been suspected," Chief Cameron stated. At this time no one has been apprehended for the murder of Louie Marie and according to the police, there is very little evidence to prove who committed the crime.

Louie was the original owner of The Juice Joint, a family-owned establishment. Louie leaves behind his wife, Rosie, daughter, Anna, and nephew, Cy Ramsey. The Juice Joint will remain open and the ownership has been transferred to his wife Rosie Marie. "It's what Louie would have wanted," said Rosie.

## New Governor Needed

With the statewide death toll the highest in recorded history and organized crime on the rise, the Governor has announced he will not be running for re-election. "It is difficult to speculate who will step up to take on the leadership of the state. What is for certain is that the next set of candidates will have to have a history of being tough on organized crime if they hope to win the election," stated political analyst, Bill Bosworth.

## Casting Call

Attention those who want to be a part of Hollywood history!

If you are a talented woman with a great voice, here is your chance at stardom, please see

**Hal Hollywood at:**  
The Grande Hotel  
Thursday 1-3 p.m.





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## Sample Character Description

### 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](http://www.nightofmystery.com) and*





## Sample Objectives Sheet For Beginning of Party

### 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 XXXXX 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

### 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 XXXX handing XXXXX money. For what reason, you are not sure.
- Earlier tonight, you witnessed XXXXX, talking to XXXXX.

### 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 XXXXX how much money the killer is paying him to keep his mouth shut. (XXXXX is known to take bribes.)
- Accuse XXXXX of bribing XXXXX so he will not be found guilty of murder. If XXXXX denies it, find out the real reason he is bribing XXXXX.
- If asked, admit the saloon will go to XXXXX if XXXXX is found guilty of murder and put in jail.
- If anyone has information on XXXXX, find out what they know. You may have to pay them to get their information.
- Defend XXXXX publicly, but question her privately on her ties to XXXXX.
- If XXXXX threatens to XXXXX, question where she will get the XXXXX.

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*Sample Evidence*

## EXHIBIT A

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

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



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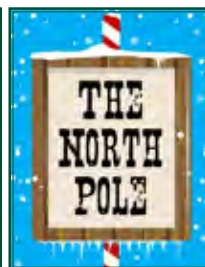




## Sample "Extras" Examples

# All the Extras

Included with your mystery are ideas and designs to help you decorate your North Pole with fun and authentic materials that are easy to make (pictured here).



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# Why Night of Mystery?



## 1.) A party that runs more like, well, a PARTY!

**With our mix and mingle format you will find:** No pencils. No scripts. No side games and/or complicated process. And a “real live murder” at the party! The murder is solved by mingling and sleuthing, allowing everyone to participate fully to the extent that they feel comfortable doing so. This sets the stage for much spontaneity and ensures every party is kept lively! **The host even gets to participate!**

## 2.) Easy-to-host materials.

Our materials are set-up simply and directly to set the host up for success without additional stress.

A few bonuses:

- Host gets to participate!
- Mingle format which makes party more inclusive.
- A murder happens AT the party!
- A plethora of party planning resources to help make your party unique and UNFORGETTABLE!

## 3.) More than a mystery - a party experience!

**We understand while you are planning a mystery, you want to give your guests the ultimate experience.**

Night of Mystery is filled with ideas on how to host, what to serve, how to make your party an over-the-top adventure with web resources, additional materials added in with your mystery. Not to mention the amount a website filled with customer reviews and pictures to get ideas from on what past hosts have done to enhance their Night of Mystery parties! **You are striving to throw a party to remember and we will give you all the tools you need to do that!**

## 4.) Original stories produced in-house.

**Each mystery is generated in-house to live up to the Night of Mystery brand standards of a high-quality, creative mystery.** We care about our product and it shows. We are not a murder mystery factory with multiple authors and questionable quality control.

## 5.) Fun and Original Themes

Step back to a ROARING 1920s speakeasy or celebrate the latest pillage of pirates at the Salty Sea Dog Inn. **There are no boring or obsolete scenarios (or characters) here.**

## 6.) Something for everyone!

**With a wide variety of versions, you can find something just right for your group of friends or colleagues.**

Conservative or naughty? Girls night out or include the men? Kid, Teen or Adult? 6 guests or 60? Work function or just for fun. We even have LGBT-friendly mysteries.

**These are just a few of the reasons to choose Night of Mystery,  
but we are certain you will find even more on your own**







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This has been just a sampling of what you will receive  
when you purchase a Night of Mystery Party

## 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.
- **A News Article**— to be sent with the invitations, it includes background information on the guests that will be at the party and events surrounding the party.
- **Character Sheets**— full descriptions of the characters, including costuming and acting tips.
- **Character Objective Sheets**—this includes objectives for each character 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, along with 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 Extras**— included with your mystery, you will receive a number of designs, templates and directions on how to make unique and original party decorations (excluding Bachelorettes and Bullets).

All of our parties come as a 50-125 page professionally designed pdf. Immediately after completing your order, you will be able to access your materials (including optional emailable invitations for your guests). You can also access this information for 60 days after your purchase by logging into your account. If you forget your password, you can request a new password be sent to your email. 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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