

SAMPLE GAME



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This file represents the format of the download version. The final page of this file breaks down how the party pack (boxed set) differs.

With the download version, you will receive 6 downloadable files upon purchase: a free invitation (optional; available on the game page under helpful links), host instructions, a printable file, a solution key, and an optional host character list that narrows this game to 6 or 7 players. Be sure to download the required files. Use Adobe Reader (free software from Adobe.com) to open, view, and print all PDF files, as PDF files are Adobe products.

The party pack does not include any downloads except the free invitation, which is available before purchase under 'helpful links' on the game page.

SYNOPSIS

Get ready for a night where the fits will sparkle, the cameras will flash, and nominees will all swear they will not be devastated if they lose their category.

The annual MegaStar Awards will be an ultra-glam, invite-only spectacle honoring legends, icons, rising stars... and a few desperately clinging to relevance. Influencers, TV personalities, actors, singer-songwriters, pop royalty, and industry elites will gather beneath the crystal chandeliers of the Grand Palazzo Theater for what promises to be an unforgettable evening.

But in a room curated for perfection, nothing will be as flawless as it seems.

Every compliment will feel calculated.

Every selfie will hide a secret.

Behind every sparkle will be envy.

Behind every smile lies an ulterior motive.

So take this advice: arrive polished, but stay guarded.

Trust no one. Question everything.

Because in a room full of stars, someone is very likely to fall.

This is where your story begins.

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CONTENT DISCLOSURES:



Rated for ages 13 and up, due to difficulty and relatability. This will be a **maximum** challenge for 13-year-olds. The rating is due to the relatability of character roles and the difficulty of a 5/10. Could a smart group of 12-year-olds who are developmentally advanced play the game and have fun? Sure, the minimum age is slightly subjective, but it has been tested, and this is what our beta testers (who are very experienced) believe.

If you are unsure whether this game will be too difficult after reviewing all the materials available in advance of the purchase (host character list, pre-game site, this file, the My Mystery Party website), move to a game rated 11 or 12 and up to be sure, such as Echo Academy (non-murder), Archibald Grim (starter-murder), etc.

DIFFICULTY RATING: 5/10 – meaning if the game was played 100% perfectly in a 100% perfect, ideal situation by adults, you could expect only 50% of your players to guess the correct solution to the game. However, most games won't be played perfectly. But if it were perfectly played, you'd expect that of the 9 players, 4-5 would guess correctly. With younger groups, the difficulty might be perceived as higher than a 5.

The clues all point to **one character**, and when you later review the solution file, it will seem like it should have been easy to see and figure out – but it's just not while actively playing the game. This is a perfect difficulty level for a first-time group eager to take on a more challenging game, or for a group that has played before and likes to take it easy, just having fun. **Most (~90%) adult groups (or older teens) should play at a difficulty level of 4-6.**

STORYLINE APPROPRIATENESS: There is no foul language, sexual content, or innuendos, active romance, drug use (illegal or prescription), or alcohol abuse in this game.

GAME SETTING: The game's setting is a celebrity award ceremony hosted by the fictional MegaStar Awards in an isolated (fictional) town called Velvet Cove, at the majestic, historic Grand Palazzo Theater.

It is considered a clean, age-appropriate experience, though it does involve a fictional murder as part of the mystery, and there are narcissistic personalities – they're all A-listers – who have various motives for murder, which aren't always considered nice or filled with integrity.

RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN CHARACTERS?

There are no romantic relationships – current or in the past - between suspect characters in the game.

PARANORMAL FACTOR?

There are no mentions of paranormal activity/supernatural in this game

Note: this game will never have as many reviews as the more popular games, because our site's review counts are cumulative, dating back to our platform/database update in 2016. This game was released on 4/3/2026.

We've been in business since 2006, but were a former Yahoo site – with a 5-star rating.

GAME DEVELOPER?

Dr. Bon Blossman is a seasoned murder mystery author, former college professor, and game developer who has published over 100 murder mystery games since 2006. My Mystery Party is not a pop-up company run by AI or a third-party platform sourcing content from unknown contributors. Every game is exclusively created by Dr. Bon and thoroughly beta-tested prior to release.

In addition to her game development work, Dr. Bon has published 14 novels, with her most recent eight receiving multiple literary awards. She is also a physiologist and biochemist who has collaborated with the FBI on story accuracy and previously taught forensic science, bringing an added level of realism and authenticity to each experience.

My Mystery Party has been featured on television, including reality and morning shows, and has been recognized by publications such as *Cosmopolitan* and *O, The Oprah Magazine*. The company proudly serves a wide range of clients, including celebrities, corporations, churches, and schools.

TIMELINE OF EVENTS

Put your time(s) in the blanks so you can use this during your party.

- ____ 0:00 hrs. **Guests arrive.** Take photos and serve refreshments. Have the guest list (suspect list) available for the players to view as they trickle into the party. Once everyone has arrived, take a group photo.
- ____ 0:10 hrs. Go over the **players' instructions** for the mystery game (or play the video: **link given with the purchased game**) It's **optional** for each character to introduce themselves to the group (it adds ~1 minute per player).
- ____ 0:20 hrs. Pass out the **round one clue cards**. The players mingle and discuss the clues to be revealed. They can withhold or share their concealable clues – it doesn't matter.
- ____ 0:50 hrs. An **optional bonus game** is played.
- ____ 1:05 hrs. An **optional dinner** is served. Snacks can be served throughout the party instead.
- ____ 1:35 hrs. **Round two cards** are presented, and the pre-murder section is discussed by circulating and speaking to every player.
- ____ 1:50 hrs. The victim player will sneak to the nearest restroom to become the victim (their card directs this for 15-20 minutes after the round begins, or once they've spoken to everyone).
- ____ 1:55 hrs. The victim will return to the party room, and the players read the victim's sign (the victim's post-murder clues).
- ____ 2:00 hrs. Back in the party room, **post-murder clues are discussed** by mingling in private chats, as they did before in round one. All round two clues must be shared and discussed, and players should speak to everyone at least once.
- ____ 2:25 hrs. An **optional bonus game** is played. You can choose to allow the players to win the bonus clues at this time or...
- ____ 2:40 hrs. **The bonus clues** are passed out, hunted for, or displayed on a table (depending upon what is chosen from the host Instructions). Then, players will mingle and share the clues.
- ____ 2:55 hrs. The **forensic report** is presented to the group. After five minutes, take up their whodunit guesses.
- ____ 3:05 hrs. **Optional:** after collecting the whodunit guesses, the **players may take turns accusing** whom they believe did it.
- ____ 03:15 hrs. Dessert and coffee are served (**optional**), and the **round three solution cards** are distributed. Each player presents their solution, and the murderer will confess.
- ____ 03:35 hrs. **Optional:** allow the players to mingle to discuss the mystery.
- ____ 03:45 hrs. Another **optional** bonus game may be played, and/or an **optional** awards ceremony may be hosted! (~ 15-20 minutes for each.)
- ____ 04:00 hrs. Party over! Players discuss who will host the next game as they head out!

To shorten the mystery party, omit all **optional** activities. You can also shorten the game further by having only the required players read their solutions (or even the murderer). Finally, if you wish to extend the party's length, add more bonus games, and do all the optional activities!

NAME TAGS Each player will have a name tag in the printable file. All expansion pack players (purchased separately from the main game) will also have a name tag.



PRE-GAME TASK CARDS Each player will have one in the printable file. Character names were removed to minimize spoilers. All expansion pack players (purchased separately from the main game) will also have a pre-game task card.

CHARACTER D PRE-GAME

GET THE PARTY STARTED WITH THE FOLLOWING TASKS:

Contact Character R and say: I'm glad a friendly face is hosting the MegaStar Awards this year. For a minute there, I heard a rumor on Yipper that Character J was hosting. Thankfully, fake news. I did hear Character J's performing, though – that's tragic. I think that is only because the original performer got injured or something.

CONTACT INFO:

Contact Character C and say: Wow, friend! You were nominated for FOUR CATEGORIES this year. You're killing it! Best of luck to you!

CONTACT INFO:

Contact Character K and say: I'm not trying to be snarky, but I genuinely don't get your music. I understand the 'I was a teen who could sing & accidentally became famous' era - it was charming. But now? What's happening?

CONTACT INFO:

Respond to Character Y (if contacted) and say: You're not my advisor, manager, accountant, or even my friend, so kindly zip your Frappuccino hole.

If anyone contacts you with a negative message, please reply with the following: I admire the confidence. Not the accuracy. Not the content. But the confidence

ROUND ONE CARDS: Each player will have one in the printable file. Character names were removed to minimize spoilers. You are cautioned to read this if you are trying to keep everything a surprise, but it will give you an idea of some storylines. All expansion pack players (purchased separately from the main game) will also have a round one card.

CHARACTER K ROUND ONE

CLUES TO REVEAL:

- **Tell everyone:** I'm staying at the Prism Royale. It's a boutique hotel. Where are you staying?
- **Say this to Character L:** Why did you spiral backstage at a charity concert over coconut water? When that video leaked, you handed your fans a pitchfork starter kit. They're loyal until they're not. If you're going to have a terrible personality, at least don't let people film it. Who leaked that video to the tabloids, anyway?
- **Tell everyone:** Everyone needs to chill out on Character W about getting film roles. I get that Character W's films are garnering a lot of attention, and many people want in – but Character W has rules and only wants serious film actors. So chill!
- **Tell everyone:** I passed on a lead in *The Gatekeepers*. A mid-tier actor, Character M, scooped up my garbage. Then she tried to flex on me when that movie was a hit. If I pass on a project of any kind, I've got better things to do. I wasn't nominated for FOUR Megastar awards for no reason. But make it make sense why I wasn't nominated for the MegaStar of the Year. That snub is crazy. Ugh!

CLUES YOU CAN CONCEAL:

- There will be concealable clues here.
- There might be only one or maybe up to 4 – depending on the character's storyline.
- Players can choose to spill their secrets or keep them under wraps.

ROUND TWO CARDS: Each player will have one in the printable file. Character names were removed to minimize spoilers.

You are cautioned to read this if you are trying to keep everything a surprise, but it will give you an idea of some storylines. All expansion pack players (purchased separately from the main game) will also have a round two card.

CHARACTER X ☠️ ROUND TWO

PRE-MURDER CLUES:

- **Tell everyone:** Look, there is some drama going on with who might be cast as the villain in the 16th movie of the *Legacy of Iron* franchise, but I am not worried about it. I don't want to talk about it or say anything else, as if you throw something out there, it always seems to be what happens. So, I'm thinking good, positive thoughts about who will be cast as the villain, and it's not Character B. Oops! I didn't mean to say that. Yeah, I do NOT want Character B getting the role. I hope it's Character T.
- **Tell Character T:** For the love of everything good in this world, tell your agent to contact Mike, the casting director of the *Legacy of Iron* series, and secure the role for Baroni Von Wi-Fi – it's a co-lead with me, as the villain of the installment. You'd be great for the part, and it undoubtedly pays more than you usually get for roles.
- **Say this to Character E:** I hope I win MegaStar of the Year this time! I voted for you to win Country Crown Conqueror.

POST-MURDER CLUES:

- There will be 2-6 items here that are post-murder clues.
- The players talk about these post-murder clues, which may be timeline clues, eyewitness accounts, alibis, or other facts in the case.
- The post-murder clues might also be general investigation clues.

ROUND THREE CARDS: Each player will have one in the printable file. The character names and solution for this character were removed to minimize spoilers.

CHARACTER A 🔍 **ROUND THREE**

READ AFTER CHARACTER M

Here, each player will have their character's version of the solution. It could be final thoughts, reasons they weren't guilty, or an interactive story-ender, but eventually, the murderer will present a confession to the group.

The confession is a fun way to cap off the night—or you can hold an awards ceremony after this!

The solution cards will direct the order in which they present their solutions/final thoughts to the group.

CHARACTER S IS NEXT

BOXED SETS (PARTY PACKS) THE BOXED VERSION HAS VARIOUS KIT SIZES

Kits A, B, C, D only have suspect players.

Kits E+ also contain expandable, non-suspect, duplicated team players, each of whom reports to a designated suspect player.



- The party pack version of this game will be prepared on double-sided parchment-style paper. All clue cards are foldable and will be slipped (in the party-ready/spoiler-free version) into graphically labeled envelopes.
- This cannot be accomplished at home with the DIY download version.
- The nametags will be on peelable adhesive-backed paper, and the victim and forensic reports will be placed in graphically labeled envelopes.
- The host instructions are within a professionally printed/bound booklet, and the investigation cards are double-sided and professionally printed on a 6" by 9" cardstock.
- The party pack has investigation cards (pictured above) instead of the sheets printed in the downloadable.
- There are two versions – standard and spoiler-free. With the spoiler-free upgrade, our staff will fold and slip your rounds 1, 2, and 3 cards into their respective envelopes for you, so you will not see any spoilers and can 100% play along (unless you go snooping inside the envelopes). Pre-game cards are not folded/inserted, since the host must write on them first.

Here is a video that shows you the party pack:


<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a7cXFxc18R8>


For all differences between the download and party pack versions, go here: [Chart that describes party pack vs download](#)


MORE INFORMATION:


Mystery Mission Briefing: Host Edition

Ready to throw a party they'll never forget? Follow these top-secret tips to ensure your mystery night is *killer* (in the best way possible):

 **RALLY THE DETECTIVES:** Send your players to the Your Mystery Party pre-game site — it's like giving them a sneak peek at the story! This builds excitement and reduces those dreaded no-shows.

 **DIY LIKE A PRO:** Check out our [Pinterest page](#) packed with theme-specific DIY food and décor ideas. It's your go-to guide for turning your space into a party masterpiece.

 **VIDEO INTEL (OPTIONAL BUT AWESOME!):** Watch this Player Instruction Video (link is in the purchased game) – it will help your guests avoid rookie mistakes.

 **SOCIAL MEDIA RULES (NO SPOILERS, PLEASE!)** When posting on social media, use #MyMysteryParty — but keep the big secrets hush-hush! No pics of the victim, the murderer, or sneaky name tags — let's keep the suspense alive. Read the terms of your game license – you agree not to post spoilers 😊

 **HYPE IT UP WITH THE TRAILER** The official game trailer is on the Your Mystery Party page. Show it off to get your guests pumped!


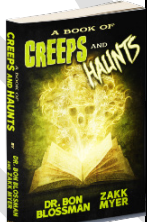

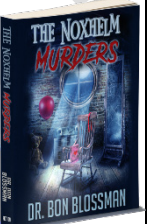

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Now go forth, mastermind! Set the stage, gather the clues, and let the mystery begin! 🔍



Created by [Dr. Bon Blossman](#), a top murder mystery game developer since 2006, and an award-winning YA mystery author.

Check out her novels!

	<p><u>ONCE UPON A SCARE – YA HORROR SHORT STORIES</u></p> <p>A chilling collection of holiday-themed horror tales where reality twists, monsters lurk, and survival is never guaranteed.</p> <p>AWARDS: Silver Medal - Juvenile/Young Adult Fiction, IPPY Awards, 2022 Distinguished Favorite for Short Stories, NYC Book Awards, 2022 Winner of Young Adult Fiction, New England Book Festival, 2022 Solo Finalist for Short Stories, Book Excellence Awards, 2023.</p>	 <p><u>BOOK OF CREEPS & HAUNTS – YA HORROR SHORTS</u></p> <p>A spine-chilling collection of 13 haunting tales that will leave you watching the shadows and questioning what lurks in the dark.</p> <p>AWARDS: Distinguished Favorite, NYC Book Awards, 2020. Indi B.R.A.G. Medallion Winner, 2020.</p>
	<p><u>DREGS ISLAND - YA THRILLER</u></p> <p>A gripping YA dystopian thriller where survival means outwitting a legendary serial killer on a brutal prison island.</p> <p>AWARDS: Silver Medal for YA Mystery from Reader's Favorite 2018. Won the Beverly Hills Book Awards for YA fiction, 2018, Solo Medalist for New Apple Book Awards, 2018. Honorable mention for Reader Views book awards in the YA Category, 2018.</p>	 <p><u>THE NOXHELM MURDERS - YA MYSTERY HORROR</u></p> <p>A mob daughter in witness protection moves into a haunted estate, only to become the prime suspect in a chilling murder.</p> <p>AWARDS: Indie Brag Medallion honoree. Gold: Young Adult Mystery, Literary Classics Book Awards, Gold :Young Adult Supernatural, Literary Classics Book Awards, Honorable Mention: YA Mystery, Reader's Favorite, Official Selection: Young Adult Fiction, New Apple Literary Book Awards.</p>
	<p><u>BEHIND THE MIRROR - YA DARK FANTASY</u></p> <p>A teenage girl discovers a dark, mirrored realm, unlocking hidden powers and a prophecy that binds her to four guardians in a race to stop a cataclysm threatening both worlds.</p> <p>AWARDS: Gold medal in Special Interest Thriller by Literary Classics, 2019. Silver medal in Young Adult Science Fiction by Literary Classics, 2019. Finalist in Young Adult Fiction - Manhattan Book Awards, June 2020.</p>	 <p><u>WORMHOLE – YA DARK FANTASY</u></p> <p>Ella's destiny takes a perilous turn in Wormhole, the gripping second installment of the Behind the Mirror Trilogy, where alliances blur, survival is uncertain, and the fate of existence hangs in the balance.</p> <p>AWARDS: Silver Medal for YA Fiction, Literary Classics, 2019. Gold Medal for Special Interest Thriller, Literary Classics, and a seal of approval, 2019.</p>

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