



MURDER IN THE BATHS

**INFORMATION AND
SAMPLE GAME
MATERIALS**

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Thank you for downloading this information and sample file. The documents you need to run the game are contained in the main pdf file which is available to purchase.

THIS SAMPLE CONTAINS

- Instructions for running Murder in the Baths
- An invitation
- A sample from the player rounds section
- A sample from the player clues section

THE MAIN GAME CONTAINS

- Instructions
- Introduction
- Group clues
- Invitation
- Costume suggestions
- Player rounds
- Player clues
- Accusation list
- Solution
- Labels

HOW TO PLAY THE GAME

Murder in the Baths is for 8 players. There are four female characters and four male characters. The host is responsible for printing out and organising the documents for the game (Full instructions are provided)

Games usually take two and a half to three hours and are designed to be played around a meal or a buffet

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How to run this downloadable Murder Mystery Game

Instructions for 'Murder in the Baths – 8 Players

The male roles are Maximus, Rightus, Lobba and Folio

1) Instructions For Printing After You Have Purchased And Downloaded

- You will need Paper (A4 or similar), scissors and 8 envelopes (minimum size 22cm by 13cm)
- You should have ready for printing:

- A/** These 'How To Run' instructions
Introduction
- B/** Player invitations
Ideas for costumes
- C/** Player slips
- D/** Player clues
- E/** Accusation list
Solution to the mystery
- F/** Labels

2) Printing

Print out the following:

- A/ One copy**
 - 'How to run' instructions
 - Introduction
- B/ Eight copies**
 - Invitations
 - Costume suggestions
- C/ One copy**
 - Player slips

Cut along the dotted lines and place each player's slips in an envelope on which you should write their name (do this task with the papers upside down and try not to read anything!)
- D/** Print out the player clues (one copy of each). Fold each clue up from the bottom leaving only the top two lines showing
- E/** Print out one copy of the accusation list and solution taking care to fold the solution without reading it
- F/** Print out one copy of the labels onto sticky labels if you have these. You can also print this out on to card if you require place settings for the table.

3) In advance of playing the game

- Allocate the characters to the players using the information on the invitation and ideas for costumes.
- Send an invitation and ideas for costumes sheet to each player at least one week before the Murder Mystery takes place (to give them chance to organise their costumes).
- You may wish to prepare labels or nametags for each character on the night (if you do, please be careful with delicate fabrics)
- Download the introduction MP3 file.

4) On The Night

- Welcome your guests with a nametag or label
- Hand out the player envelopes and clues. Remind the players that the murderer may lie but everybody else must tell the truth when challenged
- Play the MP3 introduction file or read out the introduction if you are not able to play the file.
- The host should read the police bulletin contained in the introduction part 2
- Each player reads their 'Do not reveal this information now' slip to themselves
- Commence the game with each player reading out his or her 'Round 1-Reveal this information now' slips (starting with the hosts)
 - Work through the remaining rounds ensuring that each player has read their slip (and clue if appropriate) before moving on to the next round
- This game has seven rounds. After the final round the players should make their accusations giving their reasons. Use the list to decide the order of the accusations
- When all accusations have been made the host reads out the solution to the mystery.

Important Notes

The story and characters in this Murder Mystery are fictitious. Any resemblance to any person living or dead is purely coincidental.

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The party will be held

ON:.....

AT:.....

YOUR ROLE WILL BE.....

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Your fellow guests will include:

Poll Taxus	The Senator's wife (Only the best is good enough)
Rightus Prattus	Vice Senator (He puts the vice into politics)
Joyus Ridus	Chariot Racer (She loves a good whip round)
Lobba Discus	Athlete (He'd never throw an event)
Luscious	Slave (She's full of Gallic charm)
Maximus Gore	Gladiator (Don't give him the thumbs down)
Cinna	Slave (Cinna by name but not by nature)
Folio Scandalus	Scribe (Has he got the scrolls or does he always walk like that)

Prelude The year is 50 AD and the place is ancient Rome. The last few days have seen the best Roman athletes, chariot racers and gladiators entertaining the vast crowds in the Colosseum and Circus Maximus. The Thermal Baths in Rome will be the venue for a lavish feast at which the cream of Rome's political and sporting societies will bathe and then feast.

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Luscious

ROUND 3 ASK JOYUS RIDUS

I ripped an article out of 'The Sol' about an accident between your chariot and a carriage driven by Devius Taxus. Did you kill him out of revenge for killing your best horse?

PRODUCE YOUR CLUE AND READ IT TO THE GROUP



Luscious

ROUND 4 TELL THE GROUP

As I am a very well educated slave I also have had the task of tutoring Devius' two sons with their Latin and numbers.

ASK JOYUS RIDUS

Will you still be able to race in the four-horse chariots now that your best horse is dead?



Luscious

ROUND 5 ASK FOLIO SCANDALUS

Didn't you try to close this place down with one of your lurid exposés in 'The Sol'?

ASK LOBBA DISCUS

If you ever need a good slave girl to rub down your muscles after a tournament then you might like to make an offer to buy me.

CLUE TO BE READ BY LOBBA ROUND 6



TEDIUS
FINDUM
INVESTIGATIO



Dear Senator

I have now followed your wife on several occasions and I have found out that she is having an affair with a gladiator called Maximus Gore.

My fee for any further work is fifty sestertii per day plus expenses.

Your Servant

Tedius