

DEATH OF A BLUESMAN

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 Death of a Bluesman
- 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
- MP3 introduction

HOW TO PLAY THE GAME

Death of a Bluesman is for 8,9 or 10 players. The actual game is sold in different versions for each number of characters. There can four or five female characters and four or five 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 'Death of a Bluesman' – 10 Players

The male roles are Mojo, Elmo, Howlin' Willie, Reverend and Flat Foot Sam.

1) Instructions For Printing After You Have Purchased And Downloaded

- You will need Paper (A4 or similar), scissors and 10 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
 - Introduction
- B/ Ten 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 the labels on to sticky labels if possible. The labels can also be printed out onto card to make place settings.

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). Send each person their pass with the invitation so that they can add their own photograph.
- You may wish to prepare labels or name tags for each character on the night (if you do, please be careful with delicate fabrics).
- Save the MP3 file containing the introduction on to an MP3 player or computer where it can be played at the start of the party.

4) On The Night

- Welcome your guests with a name tag or label
- Hand out the player envelopes and clues
- Play the MP3 introduction. If this is not possible the host should read the introduction
- Each player reads their 'Secret information' 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 all of the clues on 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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Your role is:

Date: Time:

Address:

The guests and band members joining Big Bill will be:

Mojo Blues	Singer
Etta Pie	Café owner
Elmo Blues	Singer
Dee Dee King	Drummer
Howlin' Willie	Sax player
Bertha D. Blues	Bill's wife
Reverend Counter	Local Minister
Sister Acked	Nun & Concert organiser
Flat Foot Sam	Guitarist
Bonnie Lass	Mojo's Girlfriend

**ALL SAINTS' CONVENT AND ORPHANAGE
CONCERT FEATURING
BIG BILL BLUES
AND HIS BLUES BAND**

\$5

SATURDAY 7.30PM

ROUND 3

MOJO BLUES

ANSWER WHEN ASKED BY BERTHA D BLUES

The old skinflint had sent me the letter and I wasn't very happy. All I had asked for was \$40,000. Dad was always going on about how much he saved while I had nothing. I was really gutted when he wouldn't pay for college for me. After all I was a straight A student. I'm not a killer though.

ANSWER WHEN ASKED BY SISTER ACKED

My real name is Maurice Joseph Blues but I've always been called Mojo.

ANSWER WHEN ASKED BY FLAT FOOT SAM

I think it's gonna be a long time before I get married 'cause I'm always skint.



ROUND 4

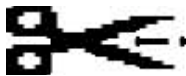
MOJO BLUES

ANSWER WHEN ASKED BY SISTER ACKED

Back in the early days of the band we had no money so Pa had this idea to rob a gas station. As we were coming out my mask fell off and I was recognised. I got six months in jail but I've done my time.

ANSWER WHEN ASKED BY ELMO BLUES

I can't ever remember him saying that. You must have imagined it.



ROUND 5

MOJO BLUES

ASK REVEREND COUNTER

Hey Rev, Pa was a bit worried that you were going to blow your top when you read about the trick he played on you. You didn't kill him to get even did you? I brought along a copy of Pop's book.

(READ YOUR CLUE OUT NOW)

ANSWER WHEN ASKED BY ELMO BLUES

No, I don't agree, we'd sound like a bunch of muppets.

ASK BONNIE LASS

Bonnie, why didn't you tell me that Pa had hit on you? I'd have sorted him out.

CLUE TO BE READ BY SISTER ACKED
ROUND 6

Trewly Screwed
Lawyers

Dear Mrs Blues,

I have examined the pre-nuptial agreement and I am afraid that it would mean that you would receive a very small settlement if you divorced Mr Blues.

It makes no difference if he had been involved in 'extensive womani sing' as you describe it.

I am sorry I can be of no further help and I enclose herewith my bill for \$300.

Yours sincerely,

U. R. Screwed.