



# *Murder by Magic*

**INFORMATION AND  
SAMPLE GAME  
MATERIALS**

# MURDER BY MAGIC

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 by Magic
- An invitation
- A sample from the player rounds section
- A sample from the player clues section

## THE MAIN GAME CONTAINS

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

## HOW TO PLAY THE GAME

Murder by Magic 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

## MURDER BY MAGIC

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The grand culmination of the Convention will be an attempt by Lord David to perform one of his most dangerous stunts, an escape from a genuine medieval Iron Maiden torture instrument. Watch him if you dare!

# How to run this downloadable Murder Mystery Game

## Instructions for 'Murder by Magic – 8 Players

The male roles are Hugh, Luigi, Willie and Roland.

### 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
  - 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 with-  
out 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. (There are 8 players).
- 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 file containing the MP3 introduction which can be played on an MP3 player or computer

#### 4) On The Night

- Welcome your guests with a nametag or label
- Hand out the player envelopes and clues
- Play the MP3 file containing the introduction. If this is not possible then the host should read out 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 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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Joining Lord David will be:

Hugh D. Knee - World famous American escapologist

Kristal Bäll - Swedish fortune-teller

Willie Wakeup -German hypnotist

Clair Voyant - French Medium and Tarot card reader

Luigi Board - Italian Master of the occult

Sheezar Ventriloquist – Australian ventriloquist, with her ‘Little Dickie’

Roland Butter - Lord David's Waiter and Butler

Madj Īkal - Russian lady Magician

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## Background

The time is the present and the delegates, who are all star performers from the world of magic, have spent the day showing off their acts to each other and buying/selling tricks and ideas.

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ROUND 3

ASK SHEEZAR VENTRILOQUIST

I hear that your party piece is to sing 'Be Bop A Lula' whilst drinking a glass of water. Will you give us a demonstration?

TELL THE GROUP

I used to be David's assistant many years ago and he taught me a lot of his tricks



ROUND 4

ANSWER WHEN ASKED BY CLAIR VOYANT

My last name comes from my father Amerance. He is a Russian steel exporter. I took my first name as a stage name instead of my Russian name of Eth.



ROUND 5

ASK KRISTAL BALL

Was Lord David making your life so difficult that you had to kill him?

**PRODUCE YOUR CLUE AND READ IT TO THE GROUP**



**CLUELESS  
AND  
LAME  
SOLICITORS**



Dear Mr Wakeup,

Re: Claim for damages by Mr Ken Chick

We refer to the above claimant, formerly known as Ken Smith. Our advice is that you should settle at £3,000,000 .

We appreciate that you have no insurance cover for this but feel that to take this to court could lead to a larger payout and possibly a criminal prosecution as well.

The main problem is that Lord David Coppertone, who was in the theatre at the time has agreed to be the main prosecution witness. His expert opinion is that you forgot to bring Mr Chick round after you hypnotised him into believing he was a chicken (which unfortunately he still thinks he is some three months later).

Please let us know your decision.

*Miss Represented*