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# The Duke of Hazzards is Dead!



Big Bertha Bogg  
Character Booklet

**Congratulations! You are taking part in a murder mystery by Red Herring Games.**

A few simple instructions to help you along:

Firstly: Don't Panic!

This booklet contains all the information you need as a guest to help you act your part throughout the murder mystery party.

The first page provides you with additional background information to help you get into character, however there are no special acting abilities required and you can make as much or as little of your character as you wish.

After that on each page you are given either something to read out, questions to ask, or answers to questions you may be asked. Although you are encouraged to ad lib, it is very important you do not lie, so provide the information contained within your booklet when it is asked of you.

Your host for the evening will direct you where necessary and tell you when to move on to the next round when the time is right.

If you are the murderer you will not be told. When you finally come to guess who did it – it could easily be you and feel free to point the finger at yourself if you feel you must!

And lastly: Have fun!

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**Big Bertha Bogg**

**Background Character Information:**

**Keep this information to yourself, and use it to help you to act in character throughout the mystery:**

You have a loud voice with a southern drawl and love to flaunt all the expensive clothing and jewellery that Bubba has given you over the years.

Together with Bubba, you own most of the town, including the bank, grocery, post office, rentals and land.

You love to shop and can sometimes stay up all night ordering yourself new things on the internet - a habit that has caused many arguments during your marriage.

You are the Treasurer of the Hazzards Cooking Club and enjoy your office very much.

**Big Bertha Bogg**

**Introductions:**

**Use the following dialogue to introduce yourself to the other guests, speaking when indicated below.**

**Bertha Bogg speaks first saying:**

My husband Bubba, the Duke, here in Hazzards, is DEAD?? You mean I'm a Widow now? How will I live?

You all know me, Bertha Bogg. I have been the best wife I could to the Duke, my dear Bubba. He was the best provider a woman could ever ask for. I love him for all he has given me over the years. I just wish we could live another day together and buy more baubles on the Internet.

Why I was the one that contacted the sheriff's office last night, when Bubba didn't come home for supper!

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**Scripted Dialogue Round 1**

**Bertha Bogg:** Woe is me, woe is me.... my poor Bubba found shot through the heart and at the bottom of the well on the back forty. This is not the news I wanted to hear. It seems just yesterday I saw him and talked to him...

**Bobbi Pynn:** I don't understand why anyone would want to kill poor old Bubba! This makes me edgy and to think it only happened last night.

**Cher Mee:** I suppose that the Sheriff wanted to break the news to all of us together, and to be of some support to Bertha. Are you holding up, Bertha?

**Bertha Bogg:** Yes, I have resolved myself to the fact, now, that Bubba is dead. I think I am still in shock and all I can think about is our cook off right now. Does this seem strange?

**Bella DeBall:** Well, maybe a bit, but shock is shock. Maybe later we can eat and that will help you get your senses.

**Daisy Mae:** Do you think maybe the Sheriff thinks we may know more than we think we know, you know?

**Cher Mee:** By the end of this gathering, that might very well be true!

**Cont.**

**Bella DeBall:** Well, I don't like this, either! I just folded the most beautiful napkins and was hoping I could win a prize for them. Now Bubba won't be here to judge them. It's as though (breaks into a sob)...

**Bobbi Pynn:** Does it really matter, we are all here and there is tons of good food. The smell is making me hungry. Can we get on with this?

**Daisy Mae:** Let's face it. Bubba is dead and gone. I personally would like to try out my new egg and milk soufflé that I made special for this event. We can discuss Bubba as we eat.

**Cher Mee:** That is all well and good, but I think I speak for many, if not all of us when I say this. If one of us were the murderer, wouldn't that person try to hide the facts from us?

**Barrie Foote:** Since we are all here, we might as well start trying to find out more about each other and our relationships with Bubba. We need to remember the guilty party might try and point the finger at someone else. Let's get started before we eat.

**Big Bertha Bogg**

**First Round**

**Questions you should ask:**

Daisy said she makes deliveries twice a day delivering her milk and eggs. Ask her if she has seen anything unusual going on in the past few days.

How did Barrie come to sell her jellies and jams at the Bogg's grocery store?

**Information you should reveal about yourself only when asked.**

Bubba has never really discussed business deals with you. He has always treated you more as his bit of "fluff" than a business partner, however you suspect that many of his business dealings are very shady, should you say "on the not so legal" side of things?

You have always enjoyed the wealth and money that husband, Bubba, the Duke, provided you. You are hoping that you will be able to continue your lifestyle with Bubba's investments and hopefully, his life insurance.

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## Scripted Dialogue Round 2

- Cher Mee:** I, for one, am getting tired of all of this drivell about Bubba. Maybe we should play some cards!
- Bertha Bogg:** Cards? Drivell? How can you say the word “drivell” when it comes to my Bubba? Why, he was the salt of the earth!
- Bobbi Pynn:** Salt of the earth? Maybe you meant to say “salt of the earth to you”! Speaking of salt, I am really getting hungry.... is anyone else?
- Bella DeBall:** That is not fair, Bobbi. After all, Bubba was her spouse.
- Barrie Foote:** Spouse or louse? That would seem to be a matter of opinion!
- Bobbi Pynn:** I agree, Barrie. From the facts we’ve learned so far, the Duke could be quite a louse.
- Bertha Bogg:** He did have a soft spot or two in his heart for a few people.
- Cher Mee:** It seems to be very few!
- Daisy Mae:** He showered Bertha with gifts.
- Bobbi Pynn:** I’m sorry to say this in front of Bertha, but he might have done that out of guilt.

**Cont.**

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- Cher Mee:** But...was it guilt because of his shady business dealings or his mental games with her?
- Daisy Mae:** There’s no use in arguing. We really should get all of our eggs in one basket and try to figure out the person responsible for Bubba’s death.

## Big Bertha Bogg

### Second Round

#### Questions you should ask:

Cher has been seen in the diner after hours, sometimes until the wee hours of morning. Has she seen anything unusual during those hours?

Who does Bella send letters to everyday? Now would be a good time to ask her.

#### Information you should reveal about yourself only when asked.

Bubba receives a lot of mail and usually goes through it at the office, but you have noticed that weekly he carries one home and it is postmarked from New Orleans. All of those have a cashier's cheque made out to Bubba for a substantial sum of money. He has also received packets from a CDM. You have no idea what CDM stands for, but the packet looked to have come from some kind of business institution in New York City.

You and Bubba had discussed the idea of him taking out more life insurance a few weeks ago. He told you it would take thirty days from the time he would purchase it for it to become effective.

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## Scripted Dialogue Round 3

- Bertha Bogg:** I am so confused. I thought I knew my Bubba, the Duke, but after so many things have come out about him today, it seems I hardly knew him at all!
- Daisy Mae:** I'll bet some of this was hard for you to hear, wasn't it Mrs. Bogg.
- Cher Mee:** Well, these things needed to get out about old Bubba Bogg. I hope we now can deduce who did him in.
- Bobbi Pynn:** From what I have learned, it seems we all could have a motive to do it.
- Barrie Foote:** Speak for yourself!
- Bertha Bogg:** Bobbi is right. I think everyone here had a motive to do my poor Bubba in.
- Daisy Mae:** Love, money and revenge seem to be the main three motives...
- Bella DeBall:** You are talking about motives?
- Cher Mee:** (sarcastically) Yes, Bella...that is what we are talking about...the three main motives seem to be love, money and revenge.

**Cont.**

**Bella DeBall:** Then it's just a matter of everyone putting two and two together?

**Barrie Foote:** Yes, once we put the right clues with the right motive, I think we will have this solved!

### **Big Bertha Bogg - Third Round**

#### **Questions you should ask:**

Cher Mee recently waited on Barrie Foote and Daisy Mae in the Diner. Maybe you should ask her if she heard what they were talking about.

Why was Bella seen almost skipping home from the post office yesterday morning? It looked quite ridiculous to those who saw her.

#### **Information you should reveal about yourself only when asked.**

Many times when you have stopped by Bubba's office, you have noticed unopened letters in the trash. Although there is never a return address, there is a rosebud in the corner and they have a "Hazzards" postmark.. You also remember a few years ago seeing a cheque Bubba had made out to buy the old Mae home place that is now the back forty acres of your estate. There were once some legal papers on his desk, which were for some other business dealings... He came in before you could read them.

You went to visit your brother the other day at work. Your brother is an attorney, yours, as it happens; you like to keep things in the family. You said "Hello" to some people coming out of the office as you were going in...but you had other things on your mind. Anyway, while you were there you asked about Bubba's recent purchase of a life insurance policy and found out that indeed, he purchased that insurance policy and had named you the beneficiary, just two days before.

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**Big Bertha Bogg**

**Concluding Statement**

Use the following dialogue to summarise your position, speaking when indicated below.

**Big Bertha speaks first, saying:**

I can't believe that my poor Bubba is dead! I never thought when I notified the police that he missed supper, it would be because of something like this. I thought maybe he had car trouble.

Not that there weren't reasons enough for people wanting to see him out of their lives, but to resort to murder? This is a horrible, horrible thing to happen.... (sobs)

**After you have heard from all the guests make a prediction as to who the murderer is and why.**

**Tell the others.**

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