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Murder in the Med



May West
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.

If you have been given an additional clue packet/envelope you will be directed as to when to open it within the booklet.

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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May West

Background Character Information:

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

You are the MV Tipanic's pool lifeguard and you were Stew Driver's girlfriend until he went and died – in your pool!

You are not as upset as you might have been as things with Stew weren't all that great. Still, you might want to spend a little time playing the grieving girlfriend as it will give you a bit of sympathy from Walter Ski who you think fancies you – and to be honest he has a better body than Stew ever had!

You knew Stew had been seeing someone else, and you also know who it was: none other than Wanda Lust. Needless to say you despise her intensely.

Still at least Stew's death has decided something for you, you were considering breaking up with him after you found out about Wanda but now that he's dead you don't have to make that decision.

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Sylvester S: I'm just surprised no-one saw anything around the pool. It must have happened very late at night.

Barry Glitter: Don't be ridiculous, it could have happened any time of the day. There's never *that* many people around the pool. Most are gawking over the side at our resident hunk.

Walter Ski And I suppose you have a problem with that do you Barry? Not attracting the hordes of swooning females you'd like?

Fifi Galores: Look can't we just stop bickering and get on with solving the murder. I'm getting a headache.

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First Round

Questions you should ask:

Fifi Galores has been spending a lot of time on deck watching the jet skiers. Does she have a thing for Walter?

When did Walter join up with the MV Tipanic, and did Stew ever ask him for lessons in water sports?

Information you should reveal about yourself only when asked.

You were Stew Driver's steady girl friend and have been since you came on board with him over two years ago. Although you stayed in separate cabins to keep up appearances you both had each other's keys and tended to take turn about as to whose bunk you slept in.

Stew Driver hasn't been himself since he left Cyprus, he has been jumpy, and depressed at the same time. He has barely been sleeping and you sent him to the doctors to get checked out. You also had a quiet word about him with his boss in case he could think of anything that might be affecting him. He couldn't think of anything at the time and just said life as an engineer was hard work.

Do not read further until instructed by your host.

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Second Round

Questions you should ask:

You've seen a lot of men coming and going out of Wanda Lust's cabin. Was it only Stew she was seeing for more than massage or was he just one of many?

Sylvester Stillstoned supplies something other than drink. You've seen him passing out little packets and exchanging a lot of money with certain people. What is he selling and does he take any himself?

Information you should reveal about yourself only when asked.

Stew hadn't been sleeping well recently and you had advised him to see the ship's doctor to see if he could prescribe anything to help him sleep better.

You knew about Wanda Lust, Stew wasn't very good at keeping secrets and you had smelt her massage oils on his clothing and seen her colour lipstick on his collar. Just a few days ago you gave him an ultimatum: you or Wanda. And if he picked Wanda you were going to demand all your money back.

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Scripted Dialogue Round 3

Sylvester S: So I suppose it'll be a burial at sea then.

May West: Yes Stew always wanted that. Wanted to make sure he was definitely dead, and thought the last stitch through the nose was a good fail safe.

Barry Glitter: I expect it'll be "Eternal Father strong to save" then?

Fifi Galores: Either that or "Will your anchor hold." Just to ring the changes.

Walter Ski: Personally I prefer, "We're riding along on the crest of a wave."

Wanda Lust: But that's a Boy Scout song not a hymn.

Fifi Galores : Was he a scout then?

Sylvester S: Not that I know and anyway it doesn't look like he was prepared if you ask me.

Walter Ski: Unless he was prepared to die.

Wanda Lust: But we've already discounted suicide you dope!

May West: Anyway Stew wouldn't have committed suicide he had too much to live for.

Cont.

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May West

Concluding Statement

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

May West speaks first using the following dialogue:

Quite frankly I find the whole insinuation that I might have killed off my own boyfriend for his money repugnant. Stew always was an innocent boy and very easy to lead astray. He probably didn't realise anything was wrong until he was choking on water. Anyway, if I was going to kill off anyone then it would have been that harlot from the massage parlour not my steady boyfriend.

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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