



## MURDER MYSTERY INFORMATION PACK

What is a murder mystery?

A murder mystery is a sequence of events acted out on a particular night, usually through dinner, in front of a group of guests ultimately leading to the untimely death of one of the characters.

This is done by the characters enacting scenes in front of the guests, usually in conversational style. These scenes give the guests valuable clues as to the relationships between different characters and the plot and possible sub-plots going on.

At the start of the night when the guests are shown to their tables they find Murder Mail. This mail lists the different characters in that night's plot with a brief description of each. The guests use this during the night as a reference to the different characters and often find it useful for jotting down valuable clues.

The characters all sit at the one table and act as if no one can hear their private conversations/arguments.

At various stages through dinner, the characters mingle with the guests to involve them in the murder mystery by various means such as confiding in them or flirting with them, whatever is suitable to the particular character.

During the various dinner courses the scenes are acted out, usually 12 to 15 depending on the intricacy of the plot.

As the last scene draws near, the relationships between all characters are well established and in most cases it will be obvious who the victim will be.

However, each of the characters will at this stage have established a valid reason for wanting the victim dead and it is then up to the guests to figure out who the murderer is.

After the murder has been committed, the body is removed from the room and the remaining characters distribute Murder Mystery Answer Sheets to each table/guest as decided by the organisers. The guests must say who the murderer is, how the murder was committed and what the motive was.



The characters, with the exception of the victim, are then available for questioning by the guests for a limited period. The answer sheets are then collected and the winner determined. In the case of a draw, the table/guest with the motive closest to the truth is the winner.

## TERROR IN TINSELTOWN

List of Characters:

1. Winona Wannabe  
Budding starlet. Not as dumb as she looks. Hasn't had a decent role to date but is still hoping for her big break.
2. Wiz Trailor  
Established star in the twilight of her career. Still hoping for that Oscar winning role and sure that this is it.
3. Martin Sosaysme  
Well known Director. Last few movies not so hot but knows this one is a career saver.
4. Donald Trumped  
Formidable Producer. A man in control with a blockbuster on his hands. Knows what he wants and will walk over anyone to get it.
5. Ken Rolling  
A truly magic script writer who never gets the recognition he deserves. But .... Under that nerdish exterior lurks a man of steamy passion.
6. Eileen Murphy  
PA to Mr. Trumped. A quiet, unassuming, gentle sort .... Not to be meddled with!



## MURDER MYSTERY MAIL

Tonight is a pre production dinner meeting of Unique Studios in advance of their new film "Raging Bullock".

All the characters are present at dinner.

Donald Trumped, the Producer is hosting the table. Donald is a man with a mission. His aim is to make this movie his biggest box office success yet and he will do anything to achieve this. Tension is high between the characters.

Wiz Trailor assumes she has the leading role until she discovers Winona Wannabe present and very cosy with Donald at dinner. Wiz has dark secrets in her past and that's where she wants them to remain. However, during the course of the night her secrets are unveiled much to her distress and that of others around her.

Martin Sosaysme, the Director is finding his authority undermined by Donald but is desperate to keep a level head tonight. However, no matter how hard he tries he cannot control events happening around him.

Eileen Murphy, the PA may appear meek and mild on the surface but is determined to be taken seriously in the boardroom and possibly in the bedroom? As the old saying goes, "the quiet ones are the ones to watch". She doesn't say much but knows plenty as will unfold tonight.

Ken Rolling, Script Writer is showing particular interest in the casting of this movie. Could he have an ulterior motive? His relationship with the Producer is fraught but he is determined to be taken seriously as he has written this script for one reason only.



Winona Wannabe is an aspiring starlet looking for her big break and is sure this is it. She will use any means to secure the leading role. Definitely not as dumb as she looks and can be as cold and calculating as the next person on the road to achieving her goal.

Who will make it to production or who will end up on the cutting room floor?

What dark secrets are the characters hiding?

As the night unfolds, we experience relationships breaking down, relationships reforming, dreams shattering, dreams coming true, lies and deception and ultimately ..... MURDER.

Who, why and how is up to you!!

ENJOY!