Death by Chocolate
A Host-Party Office Murder Mystery Game

Game Materials
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These materials are available for download on our site.
Login at www.hostparty.com and go to Materials page.
Notes From Author

Thank you for downloading a sample of this game. This is an abbreviated sample of the full game kit available for purchase. This sample should give you a basic understanding of the game and how it is played. If you have any questions, check out our Frequently Asked Questions: http://office.host-party.com/murdermysterygame_faqs.asp.
Host Preparation

Here are a few tips to help you prepare yourself and your cast for the office murder mystery.

Read the Guide on How to Host a Host-Party Office Murder Mystery. This guide will give you all the specifics on preparing for and hosting your party. This guide should have been emailed to you upon purchase. It is also available from the Materials menu on the Host-Party website.
Guest Instructions

Playing one of our murder mysteries requires no special acting abilities, just a willingness to have fun. Our site gives you all the details you need to prepare for the party including character descriptions of all guests, internal information about your character (do not reveal this to others), and costume/prop recommendations.

During the party, each of you will be given clues. The clues provide all the information required to unlock the mystery. Each clue is designated as a clue to be concealed or a clue to be revealed. Conceal clues are generally information about your character that you try to hide (without lying) from the others. Reveal clues are ones that you should share with others in casual conversation.

During the party, guests will ask questions about each other's character and about clues you have received. As the game progresses, you will gather more and more information and at the end of the allotted time you will need to sift through fact and fiction to decide who is the murderer.

The characters can be played to suit the comfort zone of each player. If you like the spotlight or enjoy role playing, immerse yourself in your character’s persona and live the night as you think they would. You may even decide to exaggerate your character’s personality for even more effect. On the other hand, if you prefer to participate in a less theatrical capacity, you may want to just ask and answer questions until you get your feet wet and are feeling a bit more comfortable.

There are only a few simple rules to follow when playing our games.

1. Stay in Character. (Costumes are highly recommended)
2. Hide/Stretch the truth, but don't lie! (unless you are the murderer in which case you may lie)
3. Interrogate others.

Each game takes approximately 1-1/2 to 3 hrs, depending on the number of people playing.
**Round 1 - Bitter Shocks**

**Round Instructions**

To start the game one of the lady guests reads out the Introduction Part 1 (pretending to be Cocoa Channill) explaining what is happening.

The Introduction Part 2 should then be read out by Ray Synn-Channill

The host gives out the clues for each round. The guests follow the instructions on their clues, which contain information that they have to keep to themselves until challenged, or information which they must reveal during the round.

INTRODUCTION PART 1 (To be read out loud by one of the lady players who pretends to be Cocoa Channill. Please remember to pronounce Shopin as Show-pan)

Good evening everybody and welcome to Thornbury’s Chocolates. As you all know I am Cocoa Channill, the owner of Thornbury’s and you have all joined me on a very special night.

Tonight we are launching a brand new range of chocolates called Symphony. These are going to be our main flagship chocolate collection and will replace the Thornbury’s Traditional Range. The Traditional Range has been a top seller for over twenty years thanks to the efforts of our head chocolatier, Jock Latt, who is here with us tonight.

However as a company we want to look forward and feel that our new Symphony Range, with chocolates named after composers, will help us take on the world and the twenty first century.

Today is also the fortieth birthday of my daughter Shopin; don’t forget everybody that her name is pronounced Show-pan just like the famous composer. As soon as we have finished the formal launch of the Symphony Range we will be partying the night away to celebrate with Shopin.

Right, without any further ado, I will now ceremonially taste one of the first ever Thornbury’s Symphony Chocolates. I think that I will start with Strauss’ Strawberry Sonata.

Wow, that tastes gorgeous….although it has a strange flavour that doesn’t quite seem right……..Urrrrghhhhh,…….AAarrrrggghhhhhh. (Falls over with a thud)

INTRODUCTION PART 2 (To be read out loud by Ray Synn-Channill)

Hello everybody, I am Ray Synn-Channill, Cocoa’s husband. I am afraid that I have some terrible news. I have just come back from the company first aid room and the Company doctor has announced that my beloved wife, Cocoa, is dead. What’s worse is that the police have said that she was poisoned and have released the following statement:

POLICE FORENSIC REPORT

The initial scene of crime investigation has revealed that the chocolate that Cocoa ate had been tampered with. A cylindrical hole, nearly half an inch long, had been made in the chocolate with a needle of some sort. Then a quantity of cyanide had been injected into the chocolate.

Potassium Cyanide is a poison that, when consumed, releases a deadly gas which causes widespread damage and Cocoa quickly died.

For some reason the police suspect that the culprit could still be here in the building and insisted that nobody leaves until their enquiries are complete.
Round 1 Clue for Candy Kisses

clue

REVEAL THIS INFORMATION NOW
My name is Candy Kisses and I am the deputy taster here at Thornbury’s. I have a very important role because I am Cocoa’s deputy and she has often been away on business. That meant that I was often in charge of the tasting department.

This clue should be revealed to others.

Round 1 Clue for Eaton D. Lott

clue

REVEAL THIS INFORMATION NOW
Good evening y’all. My name is Eaton D Lott II and I own the largest confectionary company in the USA. I am looking to expand into Europe and I have recently purchased businesses in Belgium, France and Switzerland. Cocoa and I have known each other for a real long time and I was mighty pleased when she invited me over to this launch and party.

This clue should be revealed to others.
Round 1 Clue for Hazel Nutt-Whirl
clue
REVEAL THIS INFORMATION NOW
Good evening you weak minded chocolate lovers. My name is Hazel Nutt-Whirl and I am a leading anti-chocolate campaigner. I have campaigned tirelessly against chocolate, the devil’s creation, for many years. If any of you wish to repent and give up the evil chocolate come and see me tonight. Just think, if chocolate is so good, why do so many people give it up for Lent?

This clue should be revealed to others.

Round 1 Clue for Jock Latt
clue
REVEAL THIS INFORMATION NOW
My name is Jock Latt and I am the head chocolatier here at Thornbury’s. I have been in that position for twenty five years and I have worked here at Thornbury’s for forty five years. My job is my life and I am proud to have been the chocolatier that created many of the chocolates that Thornbury’s sell. I actually started working here when Cocoa’s father was in charge and I have watched her come up through the ranks and take over after her father died.

This clue should be revealed to others.
Round 1 Clue for Kit Catt

clue

REVEAL THIS INFORMATION NOW
My name is Kit Catt and I am a freelance fitness instructor and masseur.
I have had a contract with Cocoa to try and keep Shopin, Ray and her fit. Cocoa has always been very keen, Ray joined in after a little persuasion and is now a fan, but Shopin has always been a very unwilling participant in any form of physical activity.

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Character Information

The information below will provide you with the basic information for each character. If you have assigned guests to the characters, these pages will include the guest name and login information. THESE PAGES MAY INCLUDE DETAILS RELATED TO SOLVING THE MYSTERY! You may want to avoid these pages if you intend to try to solve the mystery. This sample kit will only show the first two characters.

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Suggestions from Other Hosts

Suggestions from other hosts are provided in the purchased game kit.
Suggested Recipes

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Other Games From Host-Party.com

Below is a list of other games available from Host-Party.com.

A Rockin' Hot Tub Murder
A classic style murder mystery game for 8 to 12 players set in the present. Ideal for playing around a hot tub or pool or for a summer barbecue. It's electrifyin'.

A Broken Heart Murder on Valentine's Day
"A Broken Heart Murder" is a simple to use murder mystery for 8-14 people. It's a great way to move a party, have lots of fun and entertain your guests. How exciting to celebrate with the trivia and dancing that is included, and of course a murder! Everyone is a suspect, so come join the fun!

A Cereal Killer?
This simple to use non-murder mystery for 6-12 people is a great way to entertain your family and friends. Ideal for young teen or pre-teen girls, this game would be great fun at a birthday party or sleep-over.

A Devilish Masquerade
A non-murder mystery game for at least 5 teens. A great choice as a Halloween party for teens, can be expanded to include an unlimited number of characters. A brief appearance by an adult hostess is built into the game to help set the scene.

A Fatal Fairy Tale
Goldilocks has been murdered and Mr. Holmes has a new mystery to unravel. Which famous literary character is responsible? This game is dedicated to everyone who played "Deadly Ever After" and asked me to write another.

A Holiday Murder
This holiday murder mystery game for 8-14 party guests is a great way to move a party, have lots of fun and entertain your guests! Set in the era of the 70s & 80s, it includes trivia, dancing and of course, a murder! Come join the fun!

A Knight's Quest
King Arthur is dying. The Knight's of the Round Table have been called together. They are to be sent on 4 quests with the final goal of finding the Holy Grail, a magic cup that will heal the King. However, Mordred and his band of evil knights will be doing everything they can to stop the Knights of the Round Table from helping the King.

A Lethal Luau
This simple to use adult murder mystery for 10-15+ people is a great way to have lots of fun with your guests! So don your colorful Island attire and prepare for an exciting evening that spikes up a murder!

A Licence To Murder
The party is being held at Funnymunny's Health Spa to celebrate the wedding of top secret agent James Bland, and you are invited to attend. A murder mystery game for 8 to 12 players set in the world of secret agents and mad megalomaniacs.

A License To Murder
A murder mystery game for 8 to 12 players set in the world of secret agents and mad megalomaniacs.