

Back to the Eighties

A Host-Party Murder Mystery Game



Game Materials



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ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

Murder Mystery Note Sheet
Totally Awesome Movie Quiz Sheet - Round 2
Totally Awesome Movie Quiz Answer Sheet - Round 2
Victim's Statement Sign
Allegra's Birthmark Design
Rev Flawless's Birthmark Design
Welcome Door Sign

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://www.host-party.com/murdermysterygame_faqs.asp.

Host Preparation

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

Read the Guide on How to Host a Host-Party 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 mingle around asking 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 the murderer is.

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 sit on the couch and let people come to you, approach each character off to the side or just listen in on other conversations 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!
3. Interrogate others.

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

Round 1 - Totally awesome cocktail party

Round Instructions

The Totally Awesome Cocktail Party begins as the guests arrive. Create a '80s ambiance with an '80s mix CD playing softly, '80s decor (i.e. '80s movie posters, etc.), and '80s movies without the audio (i.e. Back to the Future, The Karate Kid etc.) if there is a television in the party room.

Cocktails should be served and the Round 1 envelopes should be handed out to each guest. You can also creatively display the clue-containing envelopes on a table for the guests to locate their own character names.

Encourage your guests to take a few minutes to read their clues before the round officially begins. When you see that the guests have finished reading the clues, make an announcement to begin the round. This will make the mystery run more smoothly as opposed to them reading clues while they try to mingle.

The envelopes will include clues for Round 1 as well as a few '80s trivia questions for the guests to move around and quiz each other on for a fun way to get everyone comfortable with each other. This round can also be played as a group where the party guests sit in a circle and each guest takes a turn with a '80s trivia question asked to the group.

General Clue (Share with all Guests)

Let's step up to the bar and order a drink and mill around with all the guests...Omygod, fer sure we need to play some 80s trivia

Round Activity: Totally Rad Rubik's Cube

Objective: Try to find the solution in 5 minutes

Rules: Pair the guests into groups of 2, and make two or three groups from there. For example if you had 12 people, make pairs of 2 and two groups of 6 Give each person 5 minutes to take the Rubik's Cube and try to solve it within that time. After the first 5 minutes is completed, the person passes the cube to his or her partner. At the end of the ten minutes, the team changes the cube by rotating the dies to make the cube difficult for the next team, and then passes it to the next team in their group. This continues until all have completed the challenge. The winner is the pair that solves the cube or has the most matches on the cube when finished.

Equipment: Two to three Rubik's cubes (depending on the number of guests).

Playing Time: Approximately 35 minutes

Round 1 Clue for Melinda Vaness

Melinda Vaness Round 1 - Trivia & Clue

80's Trivia questions for you to ask:

Question: In what country was the Rubik's Cube invented and what was it originally called?

Answer: In Hungary, by Erno Rubik and he named it the "Magic Cube." J.R.'s company, Ideal Toys changed it to the Rubik's Cube when they brought it to the U.S. in 1980.

Question: Name the leading male actor, who played Billy Hicks, in Elmo's Fire.

Answer: Rob Lowe

Question: Who was the 4th child on "Growing Pains"?

Answer: Chrissy

During this round, mingle with all of the guests and carry on "frivolous" conversations mainly about popular celebrities.

Carry around a plastic Rubik's Cube and remind people that you have solved it many times as a result of your instructions from Ken Karate.

Let everyone know that someone had stolen your Rubik's Cube that has a solid gold insert. This was a special present from J.R.

Talk about the financial support that you have provided "Rev. Jerry" in the past. And let people know that he has been pressing you for more money from J.R.'s wealth. You are very uncomfortable about this pressure from him.

As a former Miss America, you are a beautiful woman desired by many men. So flirt a lot while socializing. You want people to think that you are playing around and J.R. is very jealous.

Note: If a character is not present, please disregard any clues regarding that character.

This clue should be revealed to others.

Round 1 Clue for J.R. Duwing

J.R. Duwing Round 1 - Trivia & Clue

80's Trivia questions for you to ask:

Question: Who was a spunky little 80s T.V. character played by Soleil Moon Fyre?

Answer: Punky Brester.

Question: What actress played Claire Standish in The Breakfast Club?

Answer: Molly Ringwald.

Question: Which Democrat ran as Michael Dukakis' running mate in the 1988 presidential election?

Answer: Lloyd Bentsen of Texas.

During this round mingle with other guests to discuss the following information:

Talk about your successful business ventures, such as taking an invention like the Rubik's Cube to an international phenomenon in popularity.

Tell Max that you know he still loves Melinda, but he should admit defeat and get on with his life, because Melinda loves me and keeps hounding me for an engagement ring.

Ask Allegra about the new software that she is building on her own (outside of Atari)...And what amount of capital is needed to move it forward?

Make a statement in conversation: "I have a number of reasons to dislike Rev. Flawless. We have never agreed on political and social issues and I have never had a reason to like him. His friendship with Melinda has caused much jealousy and hatred ever since she introduced us".

Continue expressing to people how you despise Rev. Flawless's attitude regarding the moral majority righteousness. "It's like his way is the only way to live. I am a Christian, but I do believe that we have the freedom to live our lives in any fashion we see fit...God will be the final judge".

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Round 1 Clue for Rev. Jerry Flawless

Rev. Jerry Flawless Round 1 - Trivia & Clue

80's Trivia questions for you to ask:

Question: What was Dustin Hoffman's character's name in the movie Rain Man?
Answer: Raymond Babbit, the 'Rain Man'.

Question: What was the name of the bartender in the T.V. sitcom, The Love Boat?
Answer: Isaac Washington.

Question: What was the name of Bo and Luke Duke's automobile?
Answer: General Lee.

During the cocktail party:

Mill around to different groups and give the impression you are a bit mischievous and demanding.

Tell Willy you can see that he is mellowing. It must be due to his relationship with the beautiful and intelligent woman he has brought with him tonight

Tell Melinda to watch out for Max...he seems a little evil tonight.

Ask Biff if he has gotten counsel from his spiritual advisor...it is very important and helpful in time of need.

Ask Vanity what she did with the pictures of you and Jane? (you are not aware that the photos are secretly floating around the room).

Act cool with Jane and tell her you got her message.

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Round 1 Clue for Allegra Summer

Allegra Summer Round 1 - Trivia & Clue

80's Trivia questions for you to ask:

Question: What was MTV's first game show in the 80s?

Answer: Remote Control.

Question: What was the name of Atari's game that helped define the computer entertainment industry in the 70s and 80s?

Answer: Pong.

Question: what are the three initial variations of the Rubik's Cube?

Answer: Rubik's Revenge, Professor's Cube & Pocket Cube (or Mini Cube).

During this round, you need to mill around with other guests to discuss the following:
Tell some guests that you have been seeking information about your father who left your mother stranded with a newborn baby (yourself) and never provided any support or recognition since.

Ask Rev. Flawless about his himself, his wife (who is traveling) and his children. Ask him about his younger days. Tell him about your mother, your childhood and your birthmark. Tell him you would probably forgive your father if you just had the opportunity to meet him.

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Let J.R. know how happy you are working at Atari and how successful you have been. Talk to him about the progress you are making on your own individual software development business that you are starting. He is seriously considering being your financial backer.

Jane will probably ask you about the star-shaped mark (on your chest above your heart). Tell her that it is a birthmark that your Pediatrician told your mother it was hereditary. However your mother doesn't have one and you have never met your Father to know if he has one.

Ask Vanity why she never published the photos that are floating around the party of Jane and her supposedly "secret" relationship.

Tell Vanity you notice Chris Karate starring at her all of the time and when anyone talks to her Chris sucks in breath with clenched fists...What's up with that?

This clue should be revealed to others.

Round 1 Clue for Biff Bushneil

Biff Bushneil Round 1 - Trivia & Clue

80's Trivia questions for you to ask:

Question: Which country did the U.S. invade in 1983?

Answer: Grenada

Question: In October of which year in the 80s did the U.S. stock market crash?

Answer: 1987

Question: What did Congress pass in the mid 80s that was the major cause of the S & L failure?

Answer: New tax law eliminating the depreciation of investment property. As a result, real estate lost a considerable amount of value causing the loans to be under collateralized.

Tell whoever will listen that what was done in the S & L industry was being done by everyone... "They are after me because my father is a friend of the President of the U.S." The Democrats are trying to embarrass us.

Tell Max if you lost Molly now you would be totally devastated and in that devastation you might kill her and/or yourself. And if she is won over by Max, he would see that Max is killed.

Make everyone aware when you yell at Rev. Flawless in telling him that the money he got from your Savings and Loan Bank was a loan not a donation and that it must be paid back.

Tell Rev. Flawless... Don't tell me I'm losing control – look in the mirror – your wife is out of town and you are sleeping with Jane – You're cheating on your wife like you cheated me... You're a fraud... You deserve the jail sentence, not me!

Use break dancing moves while moving around the cocktail party. (Remember, you are a closet break dancer).

To Ladonna say... LaDonna honey, I can see why you despise this man (Rev. Flawless).

To Rosanna say... Rosanna why don't you expose this man's real character, instead of trying to ruin me?

To Jane say... Jane, why are you so quiet? Sort of out of character for you!

Ask Melinda to tell Molly that Max is just a womanizer and a drunk.

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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.

J.R. Duwing (Texas Billionaire) played by Edward F Battreall

Description: As Texas rancher, oilman and investor, J.R. provided the financing for marketing the Rubik's Cube in America, resulting into a multi-million dollar venture. J.R is a bachelor and has taken Melinda Vaness under his wing and into his bed. He loves Melinda, but is more enamored with her beauty and social appearance. He is known to be a ruthless business giant and he will stomp on anyone that gets in his way of achieving his goal. He is highly respected for his money and what he has achieved. No one crosses him! Contrary to many of his Texas friends, he is a strong Democrat and gives large financial support to his beloved political party.

Motive: J.R has reasons and motives to murder Chris Karate, as he thinks he is having sex with Melinda during their karate lessons. He also intensely dislikes Rev. Flawless because of the influence he places on Melinda and their political differences.



J.R. Duwing (Texas Billionaire) played by Beth Perrin

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Suggested Recipes

Recipes are provided in the purchased game kit.

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 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 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.

A Medieval Murder

This is a simple to use, entertaining and innuendo packed murder mystery appropriate for both first timers and regular players. The scripted dialogue enhances the rounds, and the mystery combines the fun of a medieval night with a murder most horrid!

A Mediterranean Murder

A Mediterranean Murder is a simple to use, entertaining Murder Mystery appropriate for both first timers and regular players. Ideal for Murder Mystery fanatics who want just that little bit more complexity in their game.