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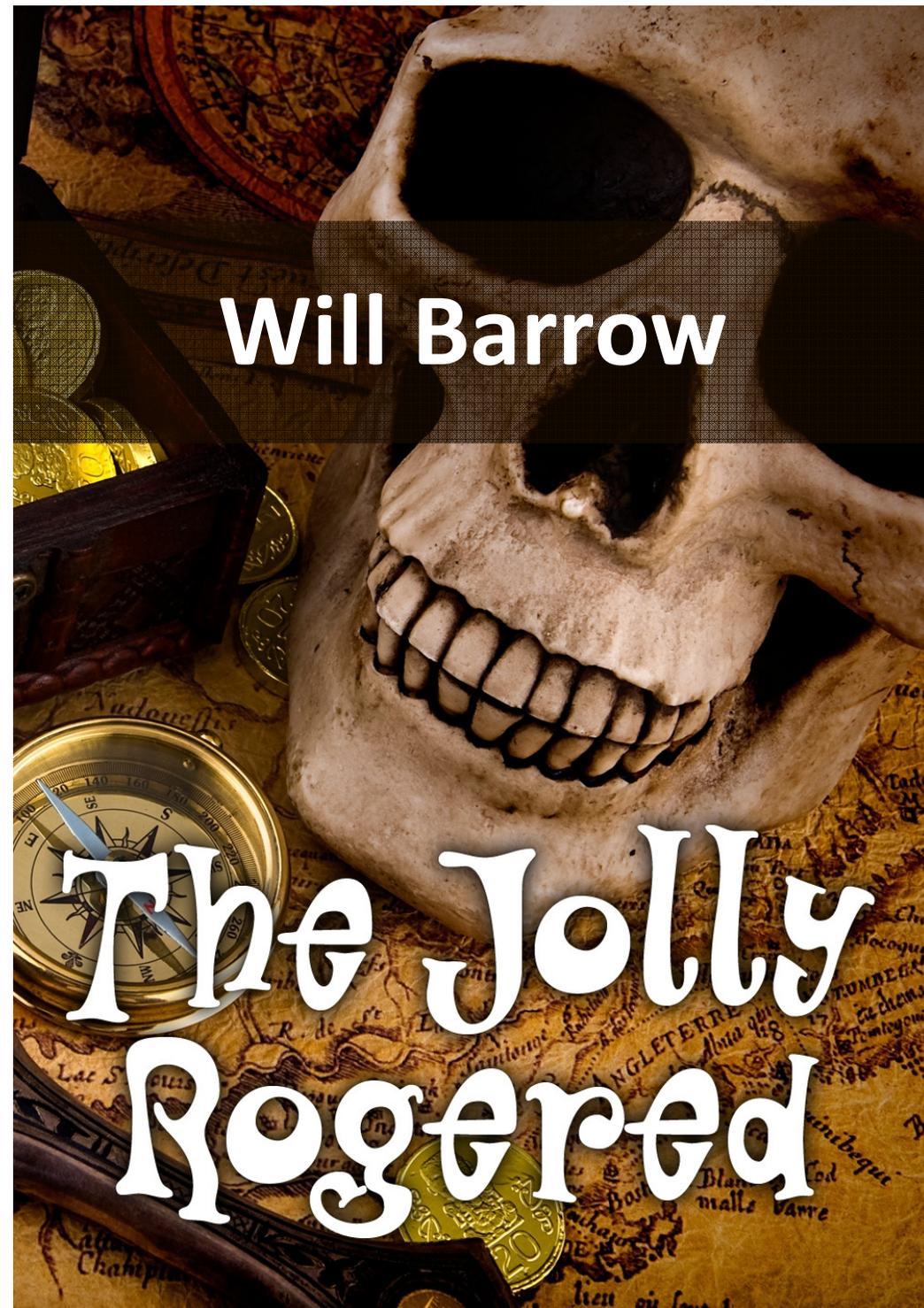
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Will Barrow

**The Jolly
Rogered**

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 (dialogue), questions to ask, or information to help you answer questions you will be asked. These questions and answers are not intended to be read out word for word. Instead read them, digest the information and then ask and answer any questions in your own words. You are encouraged to ad lib, but it is very important you do not lie, so please provide the information contained within your booklet when asked.

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!

Will Barrow

Background Character Information:

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

You represent the crew very fairly and have high morals which isn't easy when the boss is a crook as well as a Crooke.

You are as honest as your job will allow you to be (you've adopted the 'rob the rich to give to the poor' motto) and while you've mastered the art of swashbuckling, hurting a fellow pirate never sat well with you.

A single man, you are actually rather shy of the fairer sex. You are completely oblivious to your oozing sex-appeal, thus making you even more appealing!

Recent activities have meant that you are now financially secure. Time now, to overcome that shyness and bag yourself a wife. Why not try a bit of old fashioned flirting?!

Will Barrow

Introductions:

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

Will Barrow speaks first using the following dialogue:

My name's Will Barrow and I was Crooke's right 'and man. Sorry Crooke, no pun intended – 'e was a bit sensitive about 'is missin' 'and.

I can't believe 'e's gone! Old Crooke, 'e was a great Captain, in some ways. Ow's the crew gonna take it I wonder? That's gonna be no pleasant task tellin' them. P'raps now's a good time to swop me cutlass for a lass and settle down into a life of domestic bliss!

After you have heard from everyone, please continue reading and begin round 1.

Scripted Dialogue Round 1

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| Babs Windsor | You do realise Del, that after this nasty business it's gonna be hard if not impossible to let that room? |
| Del-boy Windsor | Yeah, that's very true honey. What d'ya fink we should do? |
| Beau Tox | Hey, guys! This could work a treat for you! Why not make it a feature – come and spend the night where the great Captain Crooke met his demise! |
| Scarlett O'Harem | What a great idea! You could go all out on the haunted angle! You know, tales of guests hearing heavy footsteps and piercing screams. |
| Beau Tox | Yes! And for the full effect you would have to include eerie scraping sounds down the walls. |
| Will Barrow | Oh for goodness sake! He 'asn't even left the room yet and you're already plannin' moneymakin' schemes from 'is death! What about his poor wife 'ere! |
| Kelly Crooke | Oh don't worry about me guys. I'd hate to think that Crooke is going to lose the Windsor's money. |

Cont.

Babs Windsor Maybe when the magistrate has finished with the hook it could be a feature in the room!

Will Barrow Honestly! You lot are well and truly twisted! What you gonna do? Get the guests to 'ang their coats on it?! That's sick!

Del-boy Windsor Well p'raps it is a little but hey, it's happened. Let's cash in on it!

Kelly Crooke Well, my husband was infamous in these parts. Maybe I could provide you with some belongings and you could have a memorial to him. That would be nice.

Will Barrow Hell, let's go all out an' change the damn name! 'Ow about Crooke's Hook Inn?

Beau Tox Yeah, I like it!

Scarlett O'Harem Boy, did you miss the sarcasm! Do you not think we should just get on with solving his murder instead of marketing it?

Will Barrow - First Round

Questions you should ask:

Word on the street says Del-boy is your man if you want some 'special snuff.' Ask him if he is dealing in nefarious substances?

A woman like Scarlett must know many secrets through pillow talk. Has she heard any whisperings of murderous intentions?

Information you should reveal about yourself only when asked.

You and Captain Crooke were often having heated discussions - arguments in anyone else's book, but the Captain never called them arguments. Every discussion was different but the same. It was all 'same crap, different day' really. They pretty much all involved trying to get him to share the loot fairly and that was harder than getting a full bottle of rum off a pirate!

Recently these discussions were getting more and more serious. Following your last voyage, Crooke had tried to keep a whole chest of doubloons to himself. When, once again, you tried fighting for fairness, Crooke drew his pistol and thrust it in your face. You backed off at that point (who wouldn't?) but felt you had let the lads down.

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Scripted Dialogue Round 2

Del-Boy Windsor Hey Will, how did your brother's trip up to London go? Did he get a chance to flog any of Crooke's diamonds?

Will Barrow Blimey, where have you been? Haven't you heard about that great fire? Apparently it raged for four days swallowin' over 13,000 'omes and 87 churches.

Kelly Crooke Didn't it start in some bakery?

Scarlett O'Harem Blimey, I bet that left the loaves a little more than crusty?

Del-boy Windsor Babs, I promise never to moan abaht my burnt toast again!

Babs Windsor That's putting clumsy at a new level, wouldn't you agree? I bet that poor bloke won't ever get another job in London – how's he gonna earn a crust?

Will Barrow Or make any dough, bread! Oh, I could go on risin' to the occasion!

Kelly Crooke Honestly, don't you have any compassion? He must be devastated, knowing that a fire from his shop left people dead and homeless?

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Beau Tox Aye, but there's nothing better than the smell of freshly baked bread!

Will Barrow Baked, not cremated!

Del-boy Windsor Crumbs! You lot are rotten!

Kelly Crooke Well I think you all have a sick sense of humour!

Will Barrow At least the poor felt as warm as toast for a few days eh!

Babs Windsor See, there's an upside to every disaster if you look for it!

Kelly Crooke Shall we raise a toast to the poor victims? Or perhaps we should get back to the matter in hand...or should I say hook?

Will Barrow - Second Round

Questions you should ask:

It seemed that Crooke had a real dislike for Beau. Why was that?

You've recently seen Babs in a bar known to be owned by Trigger-happy Harris. Ask her why she was there – it's certainly not a place for ladies.

Information you should reveal about yourself only when asked.

You know that technically you're next in line for taking charge of the ship, which means it doesn't look good that your relationship with Crooke was rockier than the Canadian Rockies, However, you're financially comfortable now and although 'he's guilty' arrows must be flashing around your head like a set of ship's flares, you know you're innocent and feel about ready to swap your pirate boots for slippers.

Despite rumours you have never messed with the boss's wife, Kelly. It isn't that you don't find her beautiful, but you would never entertain a married woman, let alone one married to the man you call boss! Kelly- Mrs. Crooke – and you were having a cosy little chat the other day about your love life or lack of it – you asked her for some advice on how to bag a woman. (Your little black book is emptier than a fat kid's tiffin box!)

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Scripted Dialogue Round 3

- Babs Windsor** So Kelly, how is the great world of the theatre these days? I heard that you're in a new play – how wicked!
- Kelly Crooke** I love working in the theatre – anything else is the pits!
- Del-boy Windsor** Are you still workin' for Andrew Floyd Weener? Let's 'ope 'e gets this play-right!
- Scarlett O'Harem** Isn't he the one with orphan Annie and all of her darn cats? If I had my way it'd be curtains for the lot of 'em!
- Beau Tox** Oh I get it, it's a play on words – in a broad way!
- Will Barrow** Oh no! Are you lot actin' up again?
- Beau Tox** Now we really must conduct ourselves better! After all, we are in the spotlight for murder!
- Del-boy Windsor** Oh, I'm not listenin' to any more o' this nonsense. I'm off to my understudy!
- Babs Windsor** Your understudy is so small it's more of a box office!

Cont.

Will Barrow Oh, 'ow funny we all are! With our combined talent we could be an all-singin' all-dancin' group!

Kelly Crooke Very good you lot, but I'd give it all up in a heartbeat for a baby.

Will Barrow Ah! So you'd rather have a standing ovulation then!

Beau Tox Ha! You gotta applaud that one!

Babs Windsor Come on you lot! Let's stop stalling the plot and get back to *les miserables* murder!

Will Barrow - Third Round

Questions you should ask:

Crooke didn't seem like a fair and reliable business partner. What were Babs' true feelings for Crooke and the fact that Del relied so heavily on his business?

Beau has few fans on board ship now. Amassing enough body parts to build his own Frankenstein, the crew are not too keen on his bedside manner. Is Beau aware of his growing reputation?

Information you should reveal about yourself only when asked.

Mrs. Crooke was in your bedroom at 7am this morning. You really don't feel that it's right to publically discuss your conversation, but you swear on the pirate code that you have never laid so much as a finger on her!

Aside from Kelly's brief visit just after 7am, you remained in your room asleep until her screams awoke you when she discovered the body at 9 o'clock. Unfortunately there is no one that can vouch for you.

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Will Barrow

Concluding Statement

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

Will Barrow speaks first using the following dialogue:

Well all right, you know that the dear Captain an' I didn't always see eye to eye (sorry Beau) on financial matters. But that was only because I was tryin' to represent the crew's interests fairly. Whilst I despised 'is low morals, my own 'igh moral code stops me from 'avin' illicit love affairs and committin' murder!

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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