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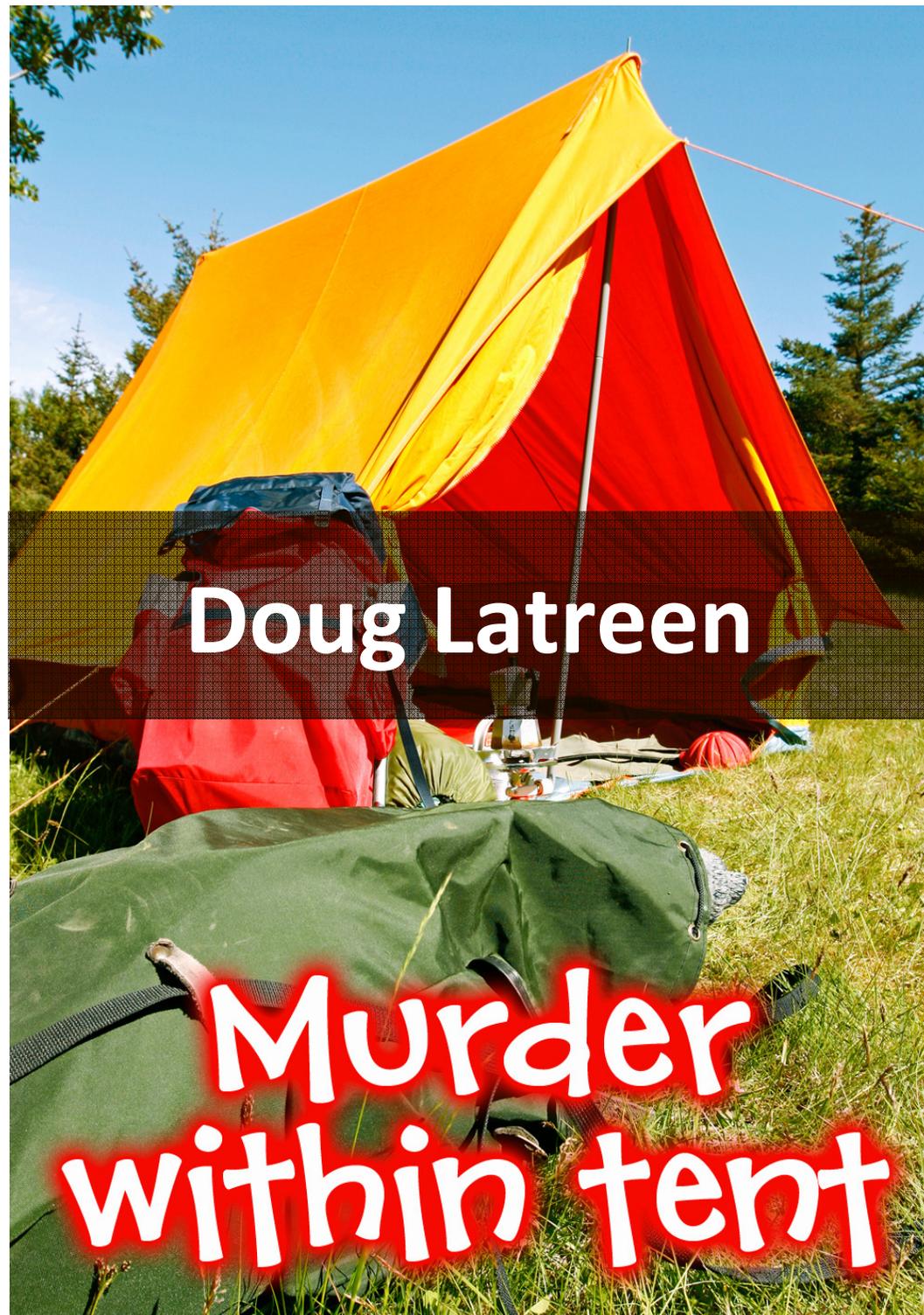
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Congratulations! You are taking part in a murder mystery by Red Herring Games.

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!

Doug Latreen

Background Character Information:

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

You are a very forthright character, obviously used to running things your own way, which of course, as the director of your own company, you do.

Your company is called Staysharp Ltd and you sharpen blades of all shapes and sizes, from kitchen knives and lawn mower blades to industrial food slicers. If anyone is struggling to cut anything up – make sure you offer your company's services.

You are very practically minded and always have the latest gear. Look down your nose at the other's equipment. They really should upgrade.

Doug Latreen

Introductions:

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

Doug Latreen speaks after Barbie Kew using the following dialogue:

Fresh air eh? Not much of that around here. The name's Doug Latreen. Managing Director of Staysharp Ltd. You have probably heard of the company, we sharpen blades of all shapes and sizes. You could say we specialise in cutting straight to the point. Which is why I'll tell you now that I too have heard of Iona Woggle. She was the wife of my old scouting leader, Ivor Woggle.

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

Scripted Dialogue Round 1

Barbie Kew: Well if you ask me it's all a little weird. To think, here we all are on this remote camp site and all of us knew either Iona Woggle or her husband.

Guy Ropes: I agree. Very weird.

Sally Forth: Well I got a special invitation. A free weekend away. I couldn't resist. I do love a bargain!

Walter Proof: I got one too.

Guy Ropes: And me.

Doug Latreen: Sounds to me like we all got a free ticket! I know I certainly did and if you ask me it's too much of a coincidence.

Walter Proof: Maybe they got our names from an old Guiding and Scouting register or something?

Guy Ropes: Or a camping shop, or perhaps we all forgot to tick one of those boxes, you know the ones that say "tick here if you do not wish to receive special offers or have your name passed on to third parties".

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Tara Pawlin: No. I always make a point of ticking those boxes so it won't have been from that. Has to be the Guiding register. Oh dear – I hope they didn't include our old photos too.

Barbie Kew: If they did, I'm sure you looked fine back then too.

Sally Forth: Better than she did anyway. Iona wasn't exactly the best looking Guide Leader I'd ever seen. I always wondered how she found Ivor.

Doug Latreen: Lonely hearts column? Vengeful outdoor person seeks similar to share a sleeping bag?

Barbie Kew: Hmm. I wonder what initials she would have used?

Tara Pawlin: I don't know about initials but I do know her maiden name. Badge. Anyway – shall we do what Andy said and get on with asking each other questions. It is something I'm good at. Tell you what, why don't I go first?

Doug Latreen - First Round

Questions you should ask:

Walter Proof was looking around the campsite for something he said he had lost earlier. What was it and did he find it?

Sally Forth said that she and Iona didn't see eye to eye. What did she mean?

Information you should reveal about yourself only when asked.

You were a boy Scout under the leadership of Ivor Woggle and you worshipped him. Ivor was a ruthless leader and you learned from him to be equally ruthless to achieve your aims. It's something that has followed you into business, and is probably why you are so rich. Needless to say you earned every badge there was, and Ivor encouraged you in this. He thought you were a model Scout and was always using you as an example for the other boys.

Ivor was a fantastic role model. He took no nonsense and was a strict disciplinarian. You know some boys thought him cruel, but Ivor didn't like namby-pambies and neither do you. You have to be cruel to be kind sometimes, but as to whether Ivor's ruthless streak ran as far as murdering his wife – you doubt that very much. Murder doesn't fit with the Scouting ethos.

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Scripted Dialogue Round 2

- Doug Latreen:** So – Ivor’s dead too is he? Well, that’s very odd.
- Tara Pawlin:** Isn’t it just. I’m so glad I brought my reporters gear with me. A double homicide will make an excellent front page leader.
- Walter Proof:** I thought your original article on Iona and Ivor did well too. Maybe this will be your second big break.
- Barbie Kew:** Well, right now I’d rather you used your reporter’s nose to find out who invited us all here. It’s like we’ve been set up. Framed.
- Doug Latreen:** I agree – it’s like something out of a murder mystery book.
- Sally Forth:** A book! I only wish it was – this sounds more like a nightmare. How come everyone seems so calm about it all?
- Walter Proof:** Well Sally dear, it could be something to do with the fact that no one here actually liked them.
- Guy Ropes:** Hear hear! What say we just light a big bonfire while we talk, toast some marshmallows and sing a few campfire songs, you know, think of the good times.

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- Barbie Kew:** There were some? Personally I hated every minute of it.
- Walter Proof:** Really – that’s a shame I always enjoyed camping next to the Guides. I don’t think they ever remembered that torch light could be seen outside the tents. Oh the shadows I saw!
- Tara Pawlin:** Now then Walter! That kind of reminiscing I think we can do without!
- Barbie Kew:** Yes – but thanks for reminding me. I’d totally forgotten about that! I’ll make sure I get undressed in the dark.
- Guy Ropes:** Well thanks a bunch Walter! Just go ahead and spoil all our fun!

Doug Latreen - Second Round

Questions you should ask:

You saw Guy Ropes helping Barbie Kew with her tent earlier. Guy seemed to know her. Ask him how they met.

Being excluded from Guides sounds a very severe punishment, what did Barbie Kew's parents make of that?

Information you should reveal about yourself only when asked.

You visited the toilet block when you arrived this afternoon. You'd had one too many coffees driving here and needed to relieve yourself. You didn't however see Ivor alive or dead in the vicinity, he must have been murdered after your visit.

After visiting the toilet you erected your tent. You were very disappointed to discover that one of the tent poles had snapped. It was a brand new tent and you were furious. You rang the supplier immediately and they refunded your purchase. Fortunately you always come prepared for breakages and had purchased a spare rod with the tent. You used that instead and threw the old one in the bin.

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Scripted Dialogue Round 3

- Barbie Kew:** I can't believe that Andy actually thought we enjoyed Guides! He must have checked Iona and Ivor in. Surely he saw what type of people they were.
- Doug Latreen:** Geriatrics. They're old now remember.
- Walter Proof:** Yeah. Probably looked like a really nice elderly couple. How deceived he was!
- Sally Forth:** Well, even so, they still didn't deserve to end up at the sharp end of some pointy thing.
- Barbie Kew:** Yes – what killed them anyway? Andy said something about kebabs.
- Doug Latreen:** Just being funny I suppose. The fact is, just about anything long and pointy can be sharpened enough to puncture the chest. Even a pen used with enough force can do it, and we all carry them.
- Tara Pawlin:** I hope you aren't suggesting I did it, just because I invited everyone here and happen to have a pen with me to write reporting notes?
- Doug Latreen:** I wouldn't dream of such a thing. Funny though, isn't it? You invite us all here and two people end up dead.

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Guy Ropes: Now, now Doug. There's no need to go flinging accusations around just yet. The weapon could be anything sharp enough. It doesn't have to be a pen or a skewer.

Sally Forth: But it has to be pointy and fairly thin doesn't it. Didn't Andy say a *small* puncture wound?

Barbie Kew: Something like a pair of scissors perhaps? Or a tent peg? Perhaps even a toothpick?

Doug Latreen: A toothpick? Who are you trying to kid? Who ever heard of somebody dying by toothpick?

Guy Ropes: I can't say I have, but then, it probably comes under one of my accidental injury policies. We have to be covered for any eventuality when we take people on adventure holidays. Spider bites, tropical diseases, sinking sand, huge rolling boulders...

Sally Forth: I don't suppose you encounter many of those!

Guy Ropes: No, you're right. But it'd be fun. Then again, this murder enquiry is too. Perhaps I should suggest we run a weekend mystery break one year. One of the campers could drop dead on the first night and... oh... it's been done before.

Tara Pawlin: Yes Guy, and in case you hadn't noticed we're still trying to find out who did it!

Doug Latreen - Third Round

Questions you should ask:

Does Barbie Kew hold Iona Woggle responsible for her mother's death?

Did Guy Ropes visit the men's toilet block this afternoon?

Information you should reveal about yourself only when asked.

Unfortunately, despite a huge advertising campaign Staysharp Ltd is not turning over as much as you need to maintain your lifestyle. However, you aren't a man to be beaten and so you decided to get money in other ways. You began a blackmailing racket. With the sharp knives to back up your demands people always pay up!

You recognised Ivor Woggle's car and tent as soon as you pulled up this afternoon. Having read Tara Pawlin's name and shame column in the local paper you decided to use what you knew of his bullying techniques to blackmail Ivor into giving you some additional money. You visited their tent to discuss terms. They were furious with you, but agreed to pay up. You haven't seen them since then.

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Doug Latreen

Concluding Statement

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

Doug Latreen speaks first using the following dialogue:

I always said campsite managers were never the handiest of people and Andy Field has just been a casing point to that argument. One of us is the killer eh? I thought he told us that right at the start! Still, I suppose I have one advantage over Andy, I know I'm not the killer so that gives me one less suspect to guess.

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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