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May Donna

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!

May Donna

Background Character Information:

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

You are a star darling – probably the only real one here, so make the most of it. Offer to sign anything, napkins, booklets, arms...

You have a great body and are used to working intimately with male dancers so get up close and personal with as many men as you dare, drape your arms around them, hug their waist, stretch against them – anything goes – and of course no one should complain because you are a STAR!

You can be a little proud and arrogant and certainly a little condescending at times, some would say snooty. You don't have a lot to do with lesser pop artists, so treat them like lowlife, and if you hear anyone commenting on their performances or abilities, then make sure you get in that you did it first, or better, or that they were merely mimicking your style – providing of course, it was style.

May Donna

Introductions:

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

May Donna speaks after Mimi Mia using the following dialogue:

Sad? Borderline I would say. I have to say I'm not really bothered who gives out the disks –just so long as I get all that are coming to me. Doug meant nothing to me, but then some call me a material girl and quite frankly Doug had no materials I would have wanted. My name's May Donna by the way. But then I expect you all know that – does anyone want me to sign their booklet while I'm here?

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

Scripted Dialogue Round 1

Mimi Mia	So Doug is dead and the killer is one of us! Does that not scare anyone else?
May Donna	Perhaps – but at least we've all lived to die another day.
Kylie Invogue	How reassuring! (Not.) Can you honestly put your hand on your heart and say you aren't even a little bit scared?
May Donna	Well, perhaps I'm hovering a little on the borderline – but the inspector said he was working on the case, so the murderer won't be running loose for ever.
Tina Turnaround	Especially if we are all working together.
Cyndi Leaping	If you ask me it looks as though we'll be working all through the night to solve the case.
Katie Shrub	Don't be a pessimist Cyndi – I had hoped we'd still get to the awards ceremony – albeit a little late. So long as we don't give up – we'll get the case solved.

Cont.

Kylie Invogue

Well, I suppose I don't mind waiting a bit.

Mimi Mia

Yeah – this is just one moment in time – we'll get to the awards eventually.

May Donna

Well there's no need to waste our time. Stung asked us to do some of the interrogation work ourselves. The way I see it we've got tonight to catch this murderer, so I suggest we make the most of our time.

Cyndi Leaping

I agree. Shall we begin?

May Donna - First Round

Questions you should ask:

Tina Turnaround is very energetic on stage with all her dancing. Where did she learn her moves?

Katie Shrub said she was a good friend of Doug's. How long has she known him?

Information you should reveal about yourself only when asked.

You saw Doug Beldof just once before tonight. He walked ahead of you into the Awards hall last year to screaming crowds. It was all something to do with his organisational role in the Elastoplast concert – nothing to do with his talent as a singer – which quite frankly is poor. You were going to meet him properly tonight for the first time.

You on the other hand have steadily drawn in crowds through your sheer musical brilliance, and sex appeal – of course! At the moment you have just over 2 million fans worldwide. Obviously you can't communicate with all of them, but you have a very good team of people on the fan club side who reply to every letter for you.

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Scripted Dialogue Round 2

- Kylie Invogue** My goodness! I never expected this level of interrogation! I feel like it's not just my head – it's all of me that's spinning around!
- Cyndi Leaping** Well – one thing is certain – we're finally getting to see everyone's true colours. It seems all of us have some secrets. Some dirty, others not so.
- May Donna** Speak for yourself. I'm not a bad girl. In fact – you could say I was just like a virgin when it comes to misbehaviour.
- Mimi Mia** Rubbish May – I don't believe one word of it! Does your mother know you're such a blatant liar?
- May Donna** Go shine the spotlight on yourself Mimi! Don't tell me who or what you think I am!
- Katie Shrub** Girls! Girls! Please! Why can't you both just be glad the rest of us are still breathing and leave it at that? We have a murder to solve.
- Tina Turnaround** I agree. I don't wanna fight with any of you – but I will just say this - it wasn't me that killed Doug!

Cont.

Cyndi Leaping

- No one is saying you did Tina, at least, not yet. But pop artists are all the same, always using four letter words and yet wanting the world in perfect harmony!
- Mimi Mia** I've always thought that love will save the day eventually.
- Cyndi Leaping** Then you're just another dreamer looking for the brave new world!
- May Donna** Then again, I've always thought that heaven is a place on earth. You just need to know where to look and keep your heart open.
- Kylie Invogue** The lover in me says you must be right – but then we get a day like this – and I'm not sure anymore.
- Katie Shrub** Well, you can forget harmony for the foreseeable future! When tomorrow comes we'll all have to suffer the wrath of the press, regardless of who is responsible! So shall we just crack on?

May Donna - Second Round

Questions you should ask:

Did Cyndi Leaping have anything to do with the Elastoplast concert other than singing?

Doug Beldof was a judge at one of the music awards last year. Does Kylie Invogue recall which one? And what award was she up for?

Information you should reveal about yourself only when asked.

Although you have a lot of fans (2,323,728 to be precise, you know Doug Beldof was actually ahead of you in the fan stakes by 1,256. It may not seem like much, but given that he has such a poor singing voice it has you a little cross. After all, you could have organised Elastoplast, it was just that you didn't have time as you were fitting in all your concerts – can't go upsetting the fans now can you?

As it was you actually agreed to perform for the Elastoplast live concert, waived your usual fee, and gave up 2 minutes of your time for a quick sound bite on the single release. But the fans still flocked to Doug. Grrr. Still, now he's dead you ought to make a little headway!

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Scripted Dialogue Round 3

Mimi Mia	Well, the way I see it, it's either going to be about love or money, money, money.
May Donna	I agree. Money has always been a prime motivator for me – some call me a material girl – but I've always thought you have to cherish what you have, and as I have a lot – I have a lot to cherish!
Cyndi Leaping	Money changes everything, and every one. Not necessarily for the best, but I have to say, I am not convinced money was the prime motivator in this murder.
Tina Turnaround	Perhaps the killer was someone who just wants to break every rule, or who needs to be the best?
Katie Shrub	I suppose a deeper understanding of each other's motivations would certainly help us to solve the case.
Kylie Invogue	Well, it's no secret I want to be at the top of the charts, but then can any of you put your hand on your heart and say you don't care about that sort of thing?

Cont.

May Donna

Care about what? The constant harassment by journalists? The fame? The money? – Sometimes I just want to be free of it all! My greatest love of all would be to just kick off my shoes and wander along a beach, totally unrecognised.

Mimi Mia

Write a circle in the sand with your toes, or “May woz ‘ere B4U”, that kind of thing?

May Donna

Not exactly – I was thinking more of paddling in the surf.

Katie Shrub

Well – the summer’s over guys. Consider this the calm before the storm – the paparazzi are already crowding the doors outside I am sure, to get a picture of all us suspects.

Tina Turnaround

Yeah – we’ll never be able to go anonymously anywhere again! Still – sisters are doing it for themselves these days – perhaps we may yet manage to solve the case before Stung. Shall we get back to work?

May Donna - Third Round

Questions you should ask:

You saw Mimi Mia escort Doug out of the ladies toilets earlier this evening. He looked very red in the face, what had they been up to in there?

You saw Doug Beldof and Cyndi Leaping passing something small between them earlier – what was it?

Information you should reveal about yourself only when asked.

You have a bit of a sweet tooth and tend to go for sweet white wine rather than dry when given the choice. Tonight, the awards ceremony was only offering dry champagne for their nominees (they got a deal from a wine club you think) anyway, you came prepared and brought your little artificial sweeteners with you. When you got given your glass you dropped a few tablets inside, watched it fizz for a bit and then drank. Hmmm. Good stuff.

In fact – it was so much better than how it tasted originally you decided to go around the whole table and drop a tablet in each glass – that’s how magnanimous you are! Doug would probably have drunk from one of the glasses when he arrived – he would probably have enjoyed the flavour too.

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May Donna

Concluding Statement

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

May Donna speaks first using the following dialogue:

Okay – so I admit I was jealous of his success, but that doesn't make me a killer does it? And you can hardly say artificial sweeteners are poisonous – they've been around for ages with no noticeable side effects, except perhaps as a laxative, depending on the brand – but I can assure you these were top of the range! And certainly not poisonous!

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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