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The background is a vibrant red, textured surface resembling a movie theater's interior. A black film strip with white sprocket holes is draped across the scene. In the foreground, a white and red striped popcorn bucket is overflowing with yellow popcorn. The text "MAYHEM AT THE MOVIES" is written in large, bold, white, sans-serif capital letters at the top.

MAYHEM AT THE MOVIES

Cameron Dietz

Congratulations! You are taking part in a murder-less 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 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 culprit 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!

Cameron Dietz

Background Character Information:

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

You are a real live-wire when it comes to talking to people. You bounce between being a total ogre, and a really friendly “Mrs Nice Girl”. Make the most of your split personality and surprise people by flying off the handle at one thing, and being all sweetness and light in the next moment. Your colleagues will cover for you.

You love eating, and enjoy food, so make sure you comment on the food to everyone you speak to in a positive or negative way.

You are a member of a girl gang called “The Atlantic Eleven”. Nicole Kidding is also in this group, she will get asked questions on this during the evening, just confirm whatever she says.

Cameron Dietz

Introductions:

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

Cameron Dietz speaks first using the following dialogue:

Thank you SO much for coming this evening. I am very flattered that you could attend my pre-release party, though now that my necklace has been stolen, it has to be said that I am a little less happy I invited at least one of you.

Of course – you know me don't you? Cameron Dietz, the star of "Birthday Girl!"

Well of course you do! Everyone knows who I am.

But ... well... I can't say I know who all of you are darlings. I know I invited you all – but it wasn't really me you understand – that's what I have a secretary for! Are you all famous?

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

Scripted Dialogue Round 1

Cameron Dietz	Oh! This is just dreadful. Whatever will my producer say?
Angelina Happy	Probably – "Thanks". I mean, what a publicity stunt!
Gwyneth Paletoe	Yes. Something like this is sure to increase media attention in view of the upcoming release of "Birthday Girl".
Meg Lyin	Do you think so?
Gwyneth Paletoe	For sure, Meg, you know how reporters love a scoop. A stolen necklace, especially one as expensive as this... well, it's almost as good as someone on the cast being killed.
Kate Wingsitt	Oh dear! Don't give anyone any ideas will you Gwyneth!
Jodie Loster	Don't worry Kate. With the police around, I'm sure everyone here is perfectly safe. No one would try anything now.
Angelina Happy	No – but the producers'll need to sort out something bigger for the next release.

Cont.

Meg Lyin Yes. Who knows what they might try next?

Cameron Dietz I hope you aren't all suggesting this is some kind of publicity stunt! I can assure you it isn't. This is perfectly serious!

Jodie Loster It is? Well, in that case I suppose we should stop chatting and get on with the case.

Meg Lyin You mean, he actually wants us to solve this crime? He wasn't joking?

Jodie Loster Since when have the police ever joked about anything Meg? This isn't some sort of Beverly Hills Cop production you know. This is the real deal.

Meg Lyin Oh. Well in that case I suppose we had better get started.

Cameron Dietz Preferably *before* the press arrive.

Cameron Dietz - First Round

Questions you should ask:

Ask Jodie Loster if she has seen the necklace before.

Angelina Happy lives a lavish lifestyle and doesn't spend a lot of time in films. Ask her where she gets her money.

Information you should reveal about yourself only when asked.

The necklace was bought at auction in Europe specifically for the film "Birthday Girl!". It was supposed to be a replica of an original worn on the Titanic the day she sank. The directors paid billions to secure the necklace for the film as you insisted that they made the props as realistic as possible.

The necklace arrived by special courier earlier this afternoon and you placed it in your safe, inside your bedroom, where you knew it would be safe and secure until you needed it for your grand entrance this evening to promote the film. The last time you saw the necklace was 2.30pm when you sealed the safe door and locked it inside.

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Scripted Dialogue Round 2

Cameron Dietz Well Gwyneth – I'd never have guessed your parents were thieves. You always seem so straight laced.

Kate Wingsitt I dare say we'll find out a lot about people we didn't know before tonight.

Gwyneth Paletoe Yes, I'm sure it won't just be me with secrets.

Meg Lyin Perhaps – but what you see is what you get with me. I'm just as simple as I look.

Jodie Loster Well, at least that's confirmed some of my own suspicions – thank you Meg for being so honest.

Meg Lyin I thought that was what we were all meant to be doing tonight – being honest with each other.

Angelina Happy Yes – well, there's being honest and being... well... *honest*. Some things are better not admitted so openly in public.

Cameron Dietz I agree. It's much better to give an air of having hidden depths, even if you don't have any.

Cont.

Gwyneth Paletoe

Oh – leave the poor girl alone. If she wants to admit she's simple, then let her admit it! There are worse things you could be.

Meg Lyin

Like a thief you mean?

Gwyneth Paletoe

Exactly.

Meg Lyin

Well, I don't think anyone is going to admit *that* are they?

Kate Wingsitt

Yes, the whole point of theft is to try and get away with it!

Meg Lyin

Then why are we even bothering with all these questions? If no one is going to admit it, then surely we are just wasting our time.

Jodie Loster

Not at all. It's all about means, motive and opportunity Meg. The thief will have all three. We just have to keep our ears open and work out who that is.

Kate Wingsitt

In that case shall we crack on? Some of us have other parties to go to!

Cameron Dietz - Second Round

Questions you should ask:

Ask Gwyneth Paletoe what ails her parents.

Ask Meg Lyin whether she took her own coat up to the bedroom when she arrived at the party.

Information you should reveal about yourself only when asked.

You went back to your bedroom to change ready for this evening's promotional party. You did not open the safe at that time, as you assumed the necklace would be inside it. You didn't notice anything suspicious in the room at the time.

You are running short of money, which is a little embarrassing. It stems from being such a flamboyant spender, and living beyond your means. You have been desperately trying to land new lead roles, but so far have only managed a couple of Shrek voiceovers.

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Scripted Dialogue Round 3

Angelina Happy	Well, what can I say? Things are looking bad for more than a few of us now aren't they?
Jodie Loster	Yes – but only one of us took the necklace.
Meg Lyin	Can I just say I didn't. So that makes one less.
Cameron Dietz	Gee thanks Meg, I'm sure that helps us all a lot. Does anyone else want to add to her plea of innocence?
Kate Wingsitt	The pointless plea of innocence you mean. I wouldn't stoop so low. My innocence will be clear enough for everyone to see soon enough.
Gwyneth Paletoe	Well, my parents always told me "self praise is no praise at all", and if you ask me that holds true for this investigation too. It's not enough for us all to state our innocence, we need someone else to prove it for us.
Angelina Happy	Yes, and if you ask me the thief would be the best person. After all – they could prove everyone's innocence in one go.

Cont.

Jodie Loster Perhaps, but I feel fairly certain that they aren't going to stand up right now and put us out of our misery.

Meg Lyin Misery? I'm quite enjoying myself.

Kate Wingsitt You would! Some of us on the other hand don't like being falsely accused.

Cameron Dietz Who said anything about false accusations? Someone here did it. The inspector said so himself.

Meg Lyin Yes – but it wasn't me.

Jodie Loster Here we go again!

Gwyneth Paletoe Can I suggest we get back to the questioning? All this chatter is just getting us nowhere.

Angelina Happy I agree. Let's move on.

Cameron Dietz - Third Round

Questions you should ask:

Ask Gwyneth Paletoe why her parents were attacked.

There were rumours that Meg Lyin and Cameron Dietz nearly came to blows at an Oscars night recently. Ask Meg Lyin what happened.

Information you should reveal about yourself only when asked.

You were very worried that a thief might try to steal the necklace while it was in your possession. Although your home is secure normally, with a promotional event like tonight on the go you knew there would be a lot of people visiting the house and you worried that any one of them could be a potential thief. As a result you took out extra home insurance just in case. But as the necklace is NOT yours, any insurance money would be paid to the producers who own the necklace.

You are not good with numbers and so you use your birthday as the code on the safe. You know it's an easy combination to break, as most people use a familiar date on a safe, but you really struggle to remember anything else. You remember discussing numbers with a few people on the set and you may have mentioned your technique for remembering your safe combination to them. Certainly all your assistants know the number (make sure you tell them!).

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Cameron Dietz

Concluding Statement

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

Cameron Dietz speaks first using the following dialogue:

Well! I must say this has been a most revealing night! Who would have guessed all of you were such devious people?

Of course – I am the victim in this whole affair, so it can't possibly have been me! Why would I take my own necklace?

After you have heard from all the guests make a prediction as to who the culprit is and why.

Tell the others.

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