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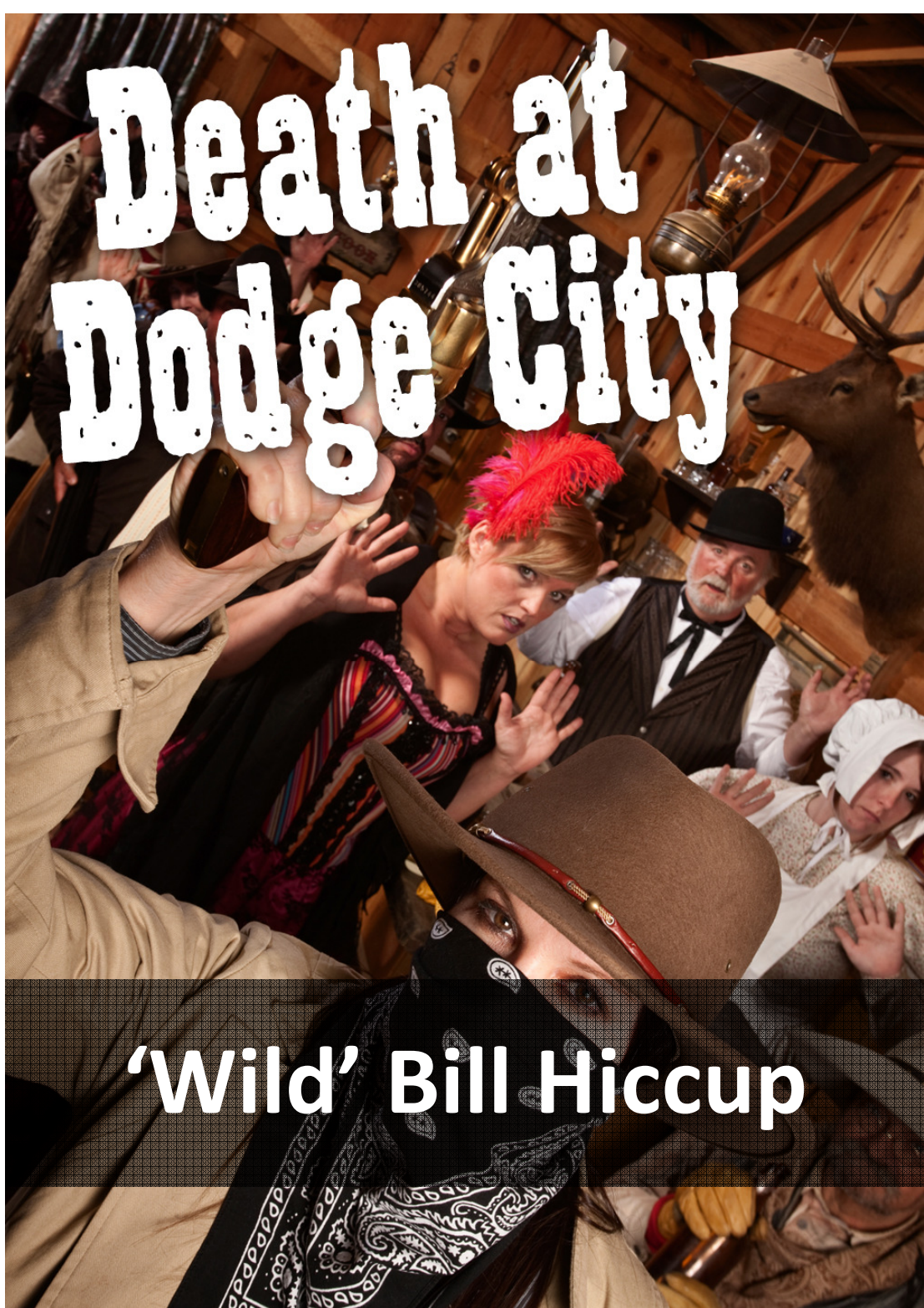
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Death at Dodge City

'Wild' Bill Hiccup



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!

'Wild' Bill Hiccup

Background Character Information:

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

You are a dangerous man whose gun is always cocked and ready for action. The problem is you are a bit trigger-happy and you usually end up on the wrong side of the law. You've never really trusted Wyatt Twerp so you're not sorry he's dead.

Keep your gun at the ready!

'Wild' Bill Hiccup

Introductions:

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

'Wild' Bill speaks first using the following dialogue:

"Anybody try to shoot me and they'll find themselves chewing dust! I'm 'Wild' Bill Hiccup, Prince of Pistoleer's. I came here tonight to meet Wyatt but I find he's already dead! That is damned inconvenient - I could've saved somebody the job!"

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

Scripted Dialogue Round 1

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| 'Prospector' Rush | So the ol' dog finally bit the dust! |
| 'Doc' Halliday | He was ace-high around here and don't you forget it! |
| 'Wild' Bill Hiccup | Oh come on, he was a deadbeat! Nobody cared two hoots about him! |
| Hattie Caplock | Well I did! I was proud to know him! |
| 'Wild' Bill Hiccup | Well I'm not sorry he's dead! |
| 'Doc' Halliday | Hush your lips! Unless you want me to take you out! (PULLS OUT GUN) |
| Hattie Caplock | There's no point blowing up about this! Put your guns down! |
| 'Doc' Halliday | Don't you be worrying, lady! I won't waste my bullets! |
| 'Calamity' Jane | You two need to pull in your horns if you want to stay alive. |
| 'Wild' Bill Hiccup | What I can't understand is how Twerp got caught without his boots on? |
| 'Big-Nose' Kate | I guess he was entertaining. |
| 'Prospector' Rush | But entertaining who? |

'Calamity' Jane My, you're as green as unripe corn, ain't ya? I don't need to spell it out, do I?

Hattie Caplock He was with a woman! But it weren't me! I didn't kill him!

'Big-Nose' Kate So who did? The Sheriff's gonna pin this on one of us.

'Prospector' Rush Yeah, the whole damn kit and caboodle if we're not careful!

'Calamity' Jane We should shin out before it gets too hot!

'Wild' Bill Hiccup It's already as hot as a whorehouse on nickel night!

'Big-Nose' Kate And whose fault is that?

Hattie Caplock Well don't go looking at me, I didn't tell the sheriff.

'Doc' Halliday Then who invited him here tonight?

'Wild' Bill Hiccup - First Round

Questions you should ask:

Ask 'Doc' Halliday whether he came to the bar with his wife this evening.

Ask 'Big-Nose' Kate why she has come to the saloon this evening? Was she looking for gossip?

Information you should reveal about yourself only when asked.

You are called 'Wild' Bill Hiccup because you have a reputation as a gunfighter. Some people say you've killed 100 men but you only recollect killing seven.

You didn't like Twerp. Although he was the Assistant Marshall he was not a man you could trust. He was a gambling, fighting, drinking man who maintained a veneer of honesty but he was more corrupt than the citizens he was protecting.

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Scripted Dialogue Round 2

- 'Calamity' Jane** I guess Twerp must have really riled somebody.
- 'Wild' Bill Hiccup** Anyone with a badge gets my blood up.
- Hattie Caplock** A man's gotta make a living, even a lawman.
- 'Prospector' Rush** Well the Sheriff 's honest, but there's the rub. Twerp was a varmint – a no good lowlife who hid behind his badge.
- 'Calamity' Jane** We all know what he was like but that's not helping us .
- 'Big-Nose' Kate** I think he was killed for his money.
- Prospector Rush** Well how do you figure that?
- 'Big-Nose' Kate** The card on the bed, the dollar bill in his hand! It was obviously a poker game too far!
- 'Doc' Halliday** But if it was over money, why was a dollar still in his hand?
- 'Wild' Bill Hiccup** True. If it were me, I'd have taken it!

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- 'Doc' Halliday** If it had been you, you'd have taken the shirt off his back!
- 'Wild' Bill Hiccup** Do you want to say that again outside?
- Hattie Caplock** You men are so predictable.
- 'Calamity' Jane** What I wanna know is why only one card – the Ace of Spades?
- 'Doc' Halliday** Well, ace is high. I guess he was on a roll.
- 'Big-Nose' Kate** But it's also the Death card. Was the killer trying to tell us something?
- 'Prospector' Rush** He's stiff and he's cold. That's telling me something! I don't need no card to spell it out!
- 'Big-Nose' Kate** Did anyone play cards with Twerp last night?
- "Doc' Halliday** Well I didn't. You all know I was in the bar.
- 'Prospector' Rush** Most of the evening but not all.
- 'Doc' Halliday** True. But I don't own a shovel!
- Hattie Caplock** Well who does?

'Wild' Bill Hiccup - Second Round

Questions you should ask:

Ask 'Prospector' Rush whether Wyatt recognised him when he turned up at the 'Variety'.

Ask 'Calamity' Jane whether she was invited here tonight by Wyatt.

Information you should reveal about yourself only when asked.

You didn't kill anyone tonight. Wyatt was already dead when you arrived and you don't think the rest of the guests are worth killing.

You came to meet Wyatt as he had a business proposition. Wyatt had heard that a gang of cowboys were planning to ambush the Union Pacific train tomorrow evening. It was carrying a large consignment of gold. He needed five good men to help him catch the villains and he'd asked you to join the posse.

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Scripted Dialogue Round 3

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| 'Calamity' Jane | So the Sheriff knew about the ambush! |
| 'Prospector' Rush | It seems the whole town knew about it! |
| 'Big-Nose' Kate | But who spilled the beans? |
| 'Doc' Halliday | Well don't look at me! |
| 'Wild' Bill Hiccup | Why? What have you got to hide? |
| 'Doc' Halliday | Do you wanna feel my fist? |
| 'Calamity' Jane | Settle down! |
| 'Prospector' Rush | If only we knew who told the sheriff? Then we might be able to figure out who killed Twerp? After all, why tonight? |
| Hattie Caplock | I don't agree. A man's blood can boil over at any time. |
| 'Doc' Halliday | You're right there. I bet it's got nothing to do with the hold-up. |
| 'Prospector' Rush | Well! Have you got any better ideas? |

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'Big-Nose' Kate I reckon he double-crossed someone.

'Calamity' Jane Just the one? I reckon he double-crossed everyone!

'Wild' Bill Hiccup But who felt aggrieved enough to kill him?

Hattie Caplock It don't take much around here.

'Prospector' Rush But there's more than one of us with a grudge.

'Wild' Bill Hiccup In my experience it'll be a woman.

Hattie Caplock What experience would that be? No woman ever looked at you!

'Calamity' Jane Except your ma!

'Big-Nose' Kate And even she gave you away!

'Doc' Halliday Plenty of women looked at Twerp though, and fell in and out of love with him.

'Wild' Bill Hiccup I'd bet my bottom dollar it's a woman! Only a woman hits a man over the head with a shovel! A man would have shot him!

'Wild' Bill Hiccup - Third Round

Questions you should ask:

Ask Hattie whether Doc had given her the laudanum.

Ask 'Prospector' Rush whether Twerp gave him his \$100 dollars.

Information you should reveal about yourself only when asked.

You were wary of helping Wyatt. He was one of the toughest and deadliest gunfighter's in the West and you suspected that he might stitch you up. It was common knowledge that he wanted to become Sheriff and if things turned hairy at the ambush and bullets were fired, he might put the blame on you. As a law enforcer he could bribe his way out of all kinds of trouble.

It was rumoured that Wyatt failed to turn in some licence fees he collected and was keeping them for himself. You also suspected that he was leader of the 'Hole in the Corner' Gang.

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