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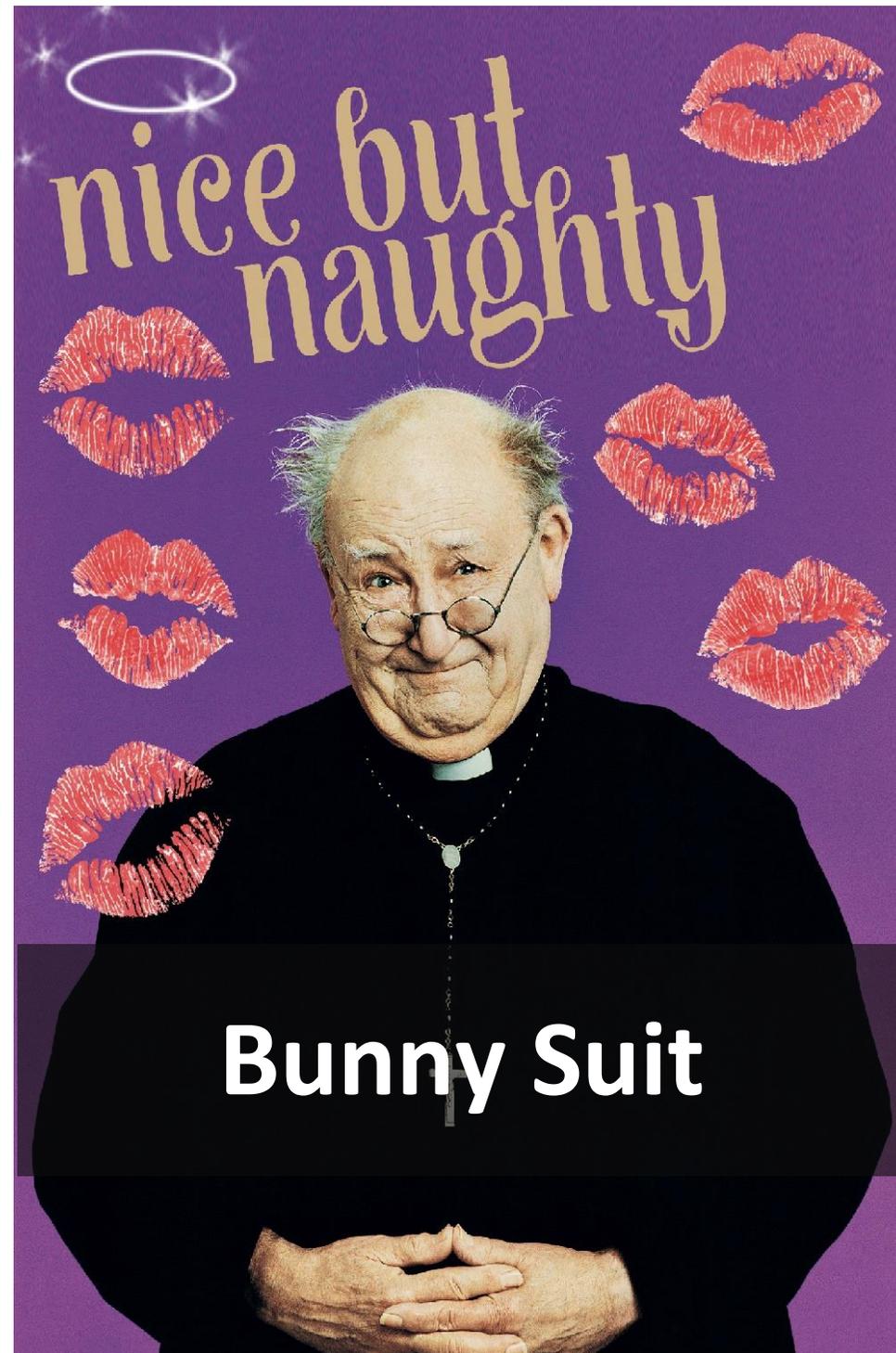
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## **Congratulations! You are taking part in a murder mystery by Red Herring Games.**

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!

## **Bunny Suit**

### **Background Character Information:**

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

You love animals. LOVE! Take great offence if anyone at the table is wearing leather, or indeed any animal-based product. In fact, get cross if you see ANYTHING animal-based ANYWHERE! Sheepskin rugs, leather wallets or purses are all targets for your wrath!

If you can, eat as if you're vegetarian. If you can't, explain your meat-eating is as a result of your grief over Payne's death. It's making you do things you'd never normally do. Bite your bottom lip from time to time and just nibble at your food.

You're an avid runner and often go running with Jock Strap.

You have trouble understanding anyone else's point of view if it differs from your own.

You tend to act first and think second - you think of it as being instinctive.

## **Bunny Suit**

### **Introductions:**

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

### **Bunny Suit speaks first using the following dialogue:**

Hello everyone! I'm Bunny Suit and I run the local chapter of All Creatures Great and Small - the Animal Protection Society here in Toodling-by-Gently. We believe that people who hunt are the worst sort of criminals. I am, of course, devastated to learn that Payne has been killed. Payne and I were about to be married (SOBS). I have no idea who could have done such a horrible thing but I do know it wasn't me!

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

## **Scripted Dialogue Round 1**

**Rev. Al Leyshon:** And so, brothers and sisters, our journey begins! I am confident that we will travel successfully to our destination. Do I hear a hallelujah, brothers and sisters? DO I?

**Bunny Suit:** Er, I don't want to appear rude, Reverend, but I'm afraid I'm not quite capable of a hallelujah at the moment. My fiancé has been murdered. (SOB)

**Lee Key-Roof:** You have all of our condolences, Bunny, but unfortunately, being Payne's fiancée does rather make you Suspect Number One...at least according to all the detective novels I've read.

**Jock Strap:** For youse to say something like that, vicar, you obviously don't know Bunny. I do and I can say that she's a fine woman. I'm sure she's nae done anything for which she doesn't have a solid gold reason.

**Bunny Suit:** You're always so supportive, Jock.

**Cont.**

**Pearl E. Gates:** Should we be booking you two a room down at The Slap and Tickle? I thought we were solving a crime, not auditioning for an episode of Take Me Out!

**Dee Cup:** I agree with the vicar. Let's get down to business. It's what Payne would have wanted. Payne always put business first, regardless of the consequences.

### **Bunny Suit - First Round**

#### **Questions you should ask:**

Did Dee Cup get a chance to talk to Payne Indy Yarse tonight? Ask her.

You noticed Lee Key-Roof was speaking to almost every guest at one time or another during the party. What was he saying? Ask him.

#### **Information you should reveal about yourself only when asked.**

The wedding was to be next week. You had the world's most beautiful dress designed and Payne was about to pay for it - he'd insisted on paying. Of course, now you won't be needing it (SOB)! All the papers and society magazines were coming to cover the wedding - it was to be the fanciest wedding since Will and Kate's! In fact, they'd even said they'd be coming! Now it's all got to be cancelled! You just don't know where to begin.

You certainly thought you knew your fiancé, but earlier today you received an email which proved Payne had deceived you!

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## Scripted Dialogue Round 2

- Pearl E. Gates:** That was some rather interesting information, don't you think, Bunny?
- Bunny Suit:** I don't wish to discuss it.
- Pearl E. Gates:** I don't think this is the time to be quiet. You'd better start hopping.
- Jock Strap:** Och, I cannae help thinking there's more going on here than that initial report indicates.
- Dee Cup:** In what way, Jock? Anything you'd feel comfortable in sharing?
- Lee Key-Roof:** Yes, anything, Jock? I'm always ready with a listening ear. Actually, if you care to make a small donation, one of the Cupids at the church can have a new ear as well. We've a few of them that are starting to look somewhat less than angelic.

Cont.

- Rev. Al Leyshon:** Vicar, do you really think this is the time for passing the plate? We've a murder to solve! Or perhaps this isn't a murder. Maybe this is God's vengeance and we are being tasked to understand His ways. He'll speak to me. He always does.

## Bunny Suit - Second Round

### Questions you should ask:

Pearl E. Gates was seen leaving the reception room soon after Payne Indy Yarse arrived. Why did she leave the room? Ask her.

Jock Strap has described himself as an entrepreneur with several irons in the fire. Can he elaborate? Ask him

### Information you should reveal about yourself only when asked.

Although you don't know the complete scope of Payne's business dealings, he did own most of Toodling-by-Gently, so he was the landlord for many of Toodling's shop owners. You think he also entered into a business partnership with Jock Strap, but you're unsure of what it was.

The email contained a picture dated just last week of Payne holding up a rabbit he had shot! When you two had gotten engaged, Payne had promised you that he would never hunt animals again. Now you know he was lying. You were devastated! After texting a few people, you stormed up here to Piles Hall to confront him. Unfortunately, the party had already begun and you didn't want to make a scene in public. You didn't recognise the email address of the sender but you remember what it was: newtilesnow@hotmail.com.

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## Scripted Dialogue Round 3

- Bunny Suit:** I don't want to be sitting on the naughty step! I haven't done anything wrong! I'm the victim here! Well, not the murder victim, but you know what I mean.
- Jock Strap:** Och, we ken what you mean, Bunny. Don't worry your pretty head about it.
- Pearl E. Gates:** Why are you always jumping to her defence? Bunny strikes me as a woman who is quite capable of taking care of herself. She certainly had Payne trained to jump at her command.
- Dee Cup:** Pearl is right. Just because you're a tart, it doesn't mean you're not smart. I think I'll start selling those in my coffee shop: Smart Tarts! This could be the beginning of something big!
- Jock Strap:** If you need a wee bit of financing, Dee, I'd be glad to help out. I'm always interested in new ventures.
- Cont.**

**Lee Key-Roof:** I'd rather concentrate on the business at hand if you don't mind, rather than some new tarty treat. May we do that please?

**Rev. Al Leyshon:** Have faith, my fellow travellers! Sin is always discovered... usually by me! I have a great nose for sin. And what in God's world is this naughty step? Is it a step towards SALVATION? If it is, brothers and sisters, then I am well and truly FOR IT!

## **Bunny Suit - Third Round**

### **Questions you should ask:**

When will the Rev. Al Leyshon be returning to America? What has he learned about the UK while he's been here? Ask him.

Is it true that Dee Cup has a black belt in karate? Ask her.

### **Information you should reveal about yourself only when asked.**

You did get a chance to confront your fiancé. You knew he'd have gone into the conservatory after his rather loud argument with Dee Cup. That was where he always went after any altercation to calm himself. When you went there, you caught him getting cosy with Pearl E. Gates! It was the final betrayal. You threw your ruby engagement ring at him - you don't know where it landed - gave him a piece of your mind and cancelled the wedding. What a cad! Kicking the bin over in the toilet relieved a bit of your anger, but not much! You noticed some tart had left her stockings in there. Someone was having a good time at the party! It certainly wasn't you.

You and Dee Cup were drinking far more than you were talking! You were able to agree - between drinks, that is - that Payne Indy Yarse had certainly lived up to his name!

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## **Bunny Suit**

### **Concluding Statement**

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

**Bunny Suit speaks after Rev. Al Leyshon using the following dialogue:**

Well I didn't do it! I may have killed our relationship but I didn't kill Payne. True, I didn't intend to see him again and to be perfectly honest, I didn't care if he lived or died, but I'd never have killed him. Killing is wrong! I mean, it's one of the ten commandments, isn't it?

**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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