

# A Steam Punk Murder

Avery Biggun



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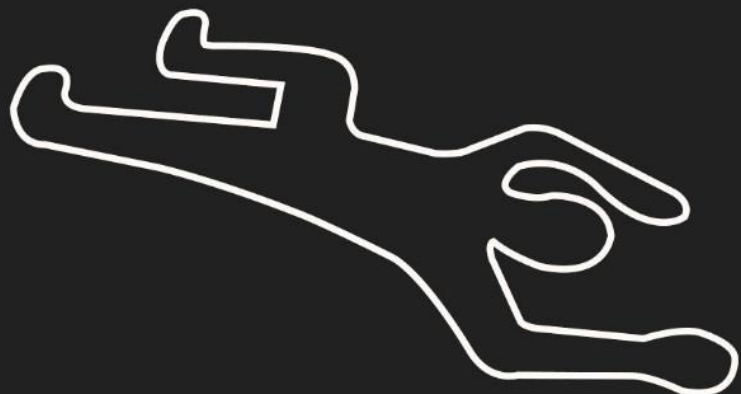
This booklet contains all the information you need to help you act your part throughout the murder mystery; background history, scripted dialogues, questions you should ask and scripted answers to questions you will be asked by the other guests.

You are encouraged to make the most of your part. Feel free to make up new lines and add to your back story or statements if you wish. However, make sure you always provide the information you need to within your answers. We have pre-scripted your statements to make things as simple for you as possible.

Make sure you listen to everyone else's questions and answers.

You won't be told if you're the killer – so feel free to guess yourself at the end – but don't tell anyone else you are! You must protest your innocence until the end!

Lastly: *Have fun!*



# Avery Biggun

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## Background Character Information

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

You are gung-ho and very daring.

You love telling tall tales of the things you've hunted and have visited all sorts of weird and wonderful places. The animals you have tracked vary from prehistoric to futuristic!

You love weapons of any kind and are often polishing a gun or a knife when not in conversation.

You have named all your weapons. Refer to them by name, e.g. "My trusty knife, Polly."

Feel free to ramble on and on and on and...

# Avery Biggun - Introductions

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

**Avery Biggun speaks first using the following dialogue:**

Dead, you say? Dead?! My goodness! I've never heard of the like! Not even in Africa, where let me tell you, all sorts of things would be considered normal behaviour. I once visited a tribe led by a man who'd been dead for 15 years. He'd been killed by a snake and they simply preserved his body. They said it was easier than electing someone new. I have to say I agree. There's a lot of money wasted on politics. I'm Avery Biggun. Why waste time talking when you can shoot things?

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

# Scripted Dialogue - Round 1

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- Nik Tezler:** Well, I don't know about the rest of you, but I think this is quite outrageous! I've never been accused of murder before!
- Avery Biggun:** I have, but that was by those lily-livered animal lovers. For them, everything is murder, although I don't see them complaining about swatting a few tse-tse flies. Now, when I was in Namibia -
- Alexis Hurricane:** - Yes, yes, I'm sure it was all very interesting, but no one wants to hear about that right now.
- Finn E. S. Figg:** Did anyone ever want to hear about it?
- Morgan Spiced:** Not me. You aren't the only adventurer, Avery. When it comes to swashbuckling, I'd say I had the edge on any of your tall tales.
- Andy Chronometer:** Really? Then perhaps you haven't heard about my near brush with a prehistoric terrible lizard?
- Alexis Hurricane:** Fascinating thought it may be, Andy, we have a murder to solve.
- Avery Biggun:** I wonder which doctor the police are using.
- Morgan Spiced:** Does it matter which one they are using? Surely they will identify the same things.
- Andy Chronometer:** I'd have thought, once someone is dead, there would be no real need for a doctor. What you need is someone who's made a study of anatomy.

- Alexis Hurricane:** Or just someone with a very strong stomach. I suppose it depends on how he died. We don't know that yet, do we?
- Morgan Spiced:** No. Very little blood was all the inspector said. Do you think it could have been an accident?
- Nik Tezler:** I don't think the police would keep us all here for a simple accident. They must have seen something at the crime scene that made them believe it was foul play.
- Avery Biggun:** But is that not just a case of seeing what you expect?
- Morgan Spiced:** You mean to say that if you're a police officer, then you're predisposed to see everything as murder.
- Alexis Hurricane:** Oh, I hope not. That would be a very bad way to live. Why don't we get back to chatting about the case and how we knew Tobias?

# Avery Biggun - First Round

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## Questions you should ask:

Andy Chronometer, is it true that you've invented a time machine?

Morgan Spiced, did you bribe the butler to obtain any information?

## Answers you should give when asked the right questions.

**When asked:** Avery, have you visited Jugg Manor before?

**Say:** Oh yes, but it was many years ago now. At one time, Tobias was courting my sister, Greta. I acted as chaperone for her. Father would never agree to let Tobias see her alone. It would be socially inappropriate. I know this place like the back of my hand. There's a priest hole in the study that comes out in the garden. I remember Tobias showing it to Greta. He was quite proud of the history of the manor.

**When asked:** Avery, when did you return from Africa?

**Say:** Oh, just a few months ago. The hunting was good out there, but I've spent so long in the bush that I'm really struggling to acclimatize back into society. Out there, it's kill or be killed. Here, it's much more sedate. You don't need to kill your own supper for a start!

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## Scripted Dialogue - Round 2

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- Avery Biggun:** Have I ever experienced a murder and a burglarised wall safe while I've been staying under canvas in Africa?! Strangely, no. Though it does remind me a little of the time -
- Finn E.S. Figg:** - Yes, yes, I'm sure that was all very interesting, but now is not the time for comparisons between buffalo and burglars.
- Alexis Hurricane:** Speaking of which, what did Tobias keep in his safe? Government papers?
- Nik Tezler:** Surely he kept those in a dispatch box.
- Finn E. S. Figg:** What does anyone keep in a safe? Private correspondence? Valuables?
- Avery Biggun:** Money? Legal papers?
- Morgan Spiced:** Maps? Treasure? Or better yet, treasure maps!
- Nik Tezler:** Blueprints. Plans.
- Andy Chronometer:** If only I could go back in time to find out.
- Avery Biggun:** Convenient that you can't, isn't it?
- Andy Chronometer:** I don't expect you to understand all the complexities of the spacio-temporal interconnectedness. It's all sort of timey-wimey, like a big ball of tangled string. If you pull on one bit too hard, the whole lot unravels.
- Nik Tezler:** I'd rather not think about it. It's bad enough there's a dead body in the other room.



**Avery Biggun:**

In that case, perhaps it's best we continue with the investigation. We want to capture the murderer before there are any more bodies to avoid!

# Avery Biggun - Second Round

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## Questions you should ask:

Finn, did Tobias pay his debt to you in full following the bet, or did he still owe you some money?

Nik, is it true you planned to take Tobias to court?

## Answers you should give when asked the right questions.

**When asked:** Avery, you said Tobias was courting your sister. What happened? Did they break it off?

**Say:** You could say that, but the only thing broken was my sister's heart. Tobias dumped her with no warning. One day they were exchanging love notes and wistful glances, the next he was chasing another skirt down the high street. She was utterly heartbroken.

**When asked:** Avery, are you from a wealthy family?

**Say:** No. It's probably one of the reasons I learned to hunt when I was so young. The garden could only supply so much food for the family. To get any meat, we had to learn to find it. I got quite adept at popping rabbits in the hills around about. The odd deer now and again, sold at market, meant we could pay for new clothes and the like.

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## Scripted Dialogue - Round 3

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- Morgan Spiced:** Well, thank goodness the inspector's ruled out anything glass and round! That means the alcohol in there is all fair game, and I could do with a tot of something right about now.
- Finn E. S. Figg:** I'm not sure Tobias drank rum. He struck me as more a beer man.
- Alexis Hurricane:** Oh, I don't know. There are a few decanters in the study.
- Nik Tezler:** Traditionally that means whisky, though I believe port and sherry are also top tipples for decanting.
- Avery Biggun:** Rum is very popular in the rest of the world. When I was in the jungle off -
- Andy Chronometer:** - Yes, yes, I'm sure that's all very interesting. Rum makes quite a resurgence in the 2000s.
- Alexis Hurricane:** You've visited that far into the future?
- Andy Chronometer:** Oh yes. They also have something called the In Ter Net. And a book with faces. I don't really understand it, but if you wanted to make any shrewd investments, gin is extremely popular.
- Finn E. S. Figg:** Gin? Well, I suppose that's understandable. They say the world is warming. With the spread of mosquitoes, they'll be needing all the extra quinine.
- Alexis Hurricane:** I wonder if they've broken the sound barrier yet?

- Avery Biggun:** With an aeroplane? Pah! That's highly unlikely!
- Nik Tezler:** I wonder if they ever develop fully automated computational devices? That would really be something. No more long division. No more complicated algebra.
- Finn E. S. Figg:** I'm sure they'd have stopped fighting by now. Probably come up with a much more civilised way of settling land disputes.
- Nik Tezler:** Sadly, I don't think war will ever go completely out of fashion, Finn. You can change the technology, but human nature remains intractable.
- Avery Biggun:** Well, I hope the future hasn't forgotten how to have fun. Let's hope they still know how to have a good time.
- Finn E S Figg:** I wonder if they've managed to build a bridge between France and England yet.
- Alexis Hurricane:** A bridge? A tunnel, surely.
- Avery Biggun:** Maybe once you've been cleared for travel, Andy, you can take us all there to see for ourselves.

# Avery Biggun - Third Round

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## Questions you should ask:

Alexis, is there a lot of competition in your field?

Nik Tezler, did you go into Tobias' study?

## Answers you should give when asked the right questions.

**When asked:** Avery Biggun, is your sister still living at home?

**Say:** Yes, she is. She's never got over Tobias abandoning her like that. She's become quite a recluse and now won't venture outside. I've been supporting her sending money home. Do I blame Tobias for her condition? Of course I do! But equally, I've always thought you make your own decisions in life. She could have put him behind her.

**When asked:** Avery, do you know why Tobias abandoned the pursuit or your sister?

**Say:** Isn't it obvious? Tobias was always a man of aspirations. He wanted money and status. Sadly, marrying my sister would have given him neither. Instead, he married the sole heir of a wealthy brewer and wormed his way into high society. Love and marriage don't necessarily go hand in hand. Money and marriage - well, that's a very different matter.

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# Avery Biggun - Concluding Statement

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

**Avery Biggun speaks after Alexis Hurricane using the following dialogue:**

Was he shot? No. Was he stabbed? No. Was he wrestled to the ground in mortal combat? No. Was he clubbed to death? Ok, maybe I might have some potential, but I prefer guns and knives unless there's no other choice and trust me, I had a choice this evening.

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

**Tell the others.**

## Notes

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