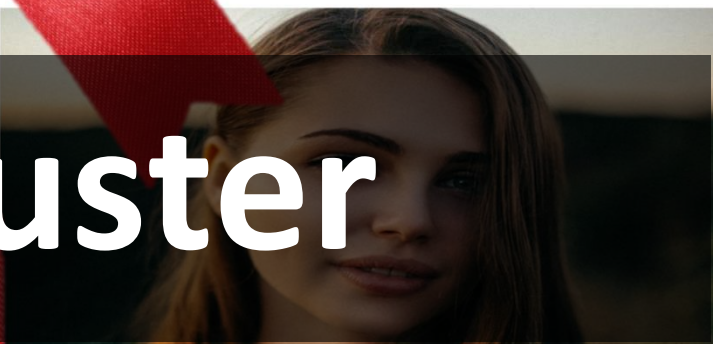




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Dilly Duster



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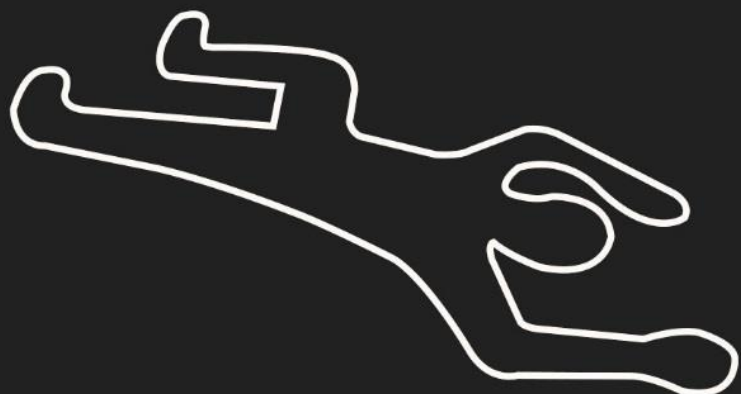
This booklet contains all the information you need to help you act your part throughout the murder mystery; background history, scripted dialogues, questions you should ask and scripted answers to questions you will be asked by the other guests.

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!*



Dilly Duster

Background Character Information

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

You have a strong London accent and are used to speaking profanities, something you are desperately embarrassed about when they slip out.

You are tremendously attracted to the new British Prime Minister, but you know he's in a position of power and you can't really start a relationship with him. At least, not unless he wants to. Mind you, it doesn't stop you flirting!

You are extremely polite and courteous - when you aren't accidentally swearing in front of people!

Feel free to dust or attend to more menial duties like helping to clear away the dinner plates. You know your place.

Dilly Duster - Introductions

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

Dilly Duster speaks after Ben Downingstreet using the following dialogue:

Yeah, well, don't worry Prime Minister - no one will think it's you. I'll do me best to keep you out of the papers. Dilly Duster, that's me. I work for Mr Downingstreet. Makes a nice change having a bachelor to look after. Them last lot with the kids was bleedin' ard work! Oops, sorry! Didn't mean to swear!

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

Scripted Dialogue - Round 1

Ben Downingstreet	Right! Of course! Well, erm, I'm really not sure how all this is going to play out on the breakfast news tomorrow.
Crystal Bahl	Yeah, well, murder is always pretty big news, isn't it? Might distract them a bit from one of your new policies.
Mia Culpa	Is it so very bad?
Parker Penn	Please. Forgive her English. She's only just arrived in the country.
Ben Downingstreet	It's not that bad, Parker. She probably speaks English better than I can Portuguese.
Dilly Duster	I didn't even know you spoke Portuguese.
Ben Downingstreet	I don't Dilly. That's what I meant.
Gray Shades	Well, at least the loud party music has been stopped by the police enquiry.
Crystal Bahl	I suppose we should be thankful for small mercies.
Dilly Duster	It's such a shame they've had to rope off the rest of the gallery. I was rather hoping to make use of some of the shadier corners.
Gray Shades	I'm sure the murderer did that too. It's very dark back there with just the disco lights on.
Parker Penn	Do you think whoever pushed the statue over is still here?

Crystal Bahl

Very likely I'd say. After all, the Prime Minister's security team are still guarding the doors and they're not likely to have let anyone out.

Mia Culpa

It's all very exciting and very British! A real murder enquiry! Who'd have thought I'd have got to see one?!

Gray Shades

I'm sure it's not exciting for whoever knows the corpse, Mia. As soon as it's been identified, someone is going to get a very difficult call.

Dilly Duster

How awful to find out your loved one is dead this close to Christmas.

Parker Penn

I think it's a crying shame. It's ruined what was turning out to be a very entertaining party, but I suppose it still could be entertaining! Shall I start the ball rolling asking questions?

Dilly Duster - First Round

Questions you should ask:

Parker Penn, when did you come back to the UK ?

Mia Culpa, when did you arrive in the UK?

Answers you should give when asked the right questions.

When asked: Dilly Duster, have you visited the exhibition before tonight?

Say: No, but I was really looking forward to comin' tonight! Not for the art as such - I don't give a toss for that sort of thing - but some time alone with Ben in a dark room with lots of intimate corners sounded lovely!

When asked: Dilly, what happened to that large brown envelope you had with you when you arrived this evening?

Say: You don't miss much, do ya? The envelope was addressed to the gallery's owner, so I posted it through the office door just after I got 'ere. Security insisted that they scan it to confirm the envelope contained only paper and then they watched me put it through the mail slot.

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Scripted Dialogue - Round 2

Crystal Bahl	Oh oh oh! I can't believe Dennis is dead!
Ben Downingstreet	If you ask me, it was a very poor way to deliver the news.
Gray Shades	I don't suppose he had much of an option given that we're all here together.
Parker Penn	Perhaps he wanted to break the news in front of us all just to see how we all reacted.
Dilly Duster	This ain't bleedin' Columbo you know!
Gray Shades	No, but she's right. There's bound to be a reaction in the room when you drop that sort of news on everyone. Maybe the murderer will give themselves away.
Ben Downingstreet	I hardly think that someone who has just murdered a man in cold blood at a party is going to give themselves away so publicly.
Mia Culpa	So what now?
Parker Penn	Back to more questions I suppose. Now that we know who's dead, we can ask things that are more relevant.
Crystal Bahl	Like who knew him? That sort of thing?
Ben Downingstreet	I guess we ought to rearrange another date, I mean, party to attend Dilly. This one isn't exactly what I had in mind at all.

Parker Penn

You really need to try and be a little more commanding, Ben! Girls like it when you show some authority! If it's a date, call it a date! If it isn't, find yourself another woman! There's plenty out there!

Gray Shades

If you ask me, it's romance that you're missing. You two need to go somewhere where there's a few less people.

Crystal Bahl

There *is* one less person, or had you forgotten? My Dennis is dead! (SOB QUIETLY)

Ben Downingstreet

I don't think any of us have forgotten that, Crystal. And I don't know about you, but it seems to me that we've been tasked with finding out who killed him! Perhaps we should move on to asking each other some more questions.

Dilly Duster - Second Round

Questions you should ask:

Gray Shades, where did Dennis get the money to buy the art gallery from?

Crystal, did you know about the wobbly statue?

Answers you should give when asked the right questions.

When asked: Dilly, did you know the statues were wobbly?

Say: Ben told me at least one of them was earlier this afternoon when he'd had the briefin' from his security detail. By the time I arrived, it was already lyin' on the floor. I assumed it was supposed to be like that for safety reasons. When I noticed a body stickin' out from underneath it, I just assumed it was one of those crappy modern art pieces. Oops, sorry ... my language. I really must wash my mouth out with soap when I get home.

When asked: Dilly, did you know the contents of the padded envelope?

Say: Yes - it had cash in it. I was being blackmailed by Dennis Bahl. He used to peddle cigarettes in the bike sheds back when we was at school together. We were friends back then. I knew he was into stronger stuff too, but I never bought anything stronger from him. He recognised me when he visited Number Ten and told me he had some compromisin' photos of me with people smokin' cannabis. I knew it would ruin me reputation, even though it weren't true, and agreed to pay the bastard off. 'Scuse me.

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Scripted Dialogue - Round 3

Dilly Duster	I have a funny feeling that the police think one of us did it!
Parker Penn	Yes, I rather got that impression too.
Crystal Bahl	Surely you don't think I did it?
Ben Downingstreet	No one could ever think that, my dear. Not with your sweet complexion. But someone here clearly has.
Crystal Bahl	Sorry. Is it just me or don't the police actually do what we pay them for anymore?
Ben Downingstreet	It'll be the restructuring I expect, Crystal.
Dilly Duster	I'm sure it's the last government that's responsible.
Gray Shades	Isn't it always?
Parker Penn	I don't care whose fault it is! It doesn't change anything. Seems the inspector wants us to have a hand in solving the case.
Ben Downingstreet	A new 'Community Involvement' policy perhaps? Could do with a little more positive marketing if you ask me. Make a note of it someone!
Dilly Duster	Well, I can say one thing for you, Ben. You certainly don't take a girl out for a boring evening!

Ben Downingstreet No. I mean, that's good, right? You mean that in a good way?

Dilly Duster I mean that in a *very* good way. And hopefully, once this enquiry is over, we can go find a quiet, dark corner for a serious slow dance.

Ben Downingstreet Really? Wow! Er, in that case, can I ask the first question this time?!

Dilly Duster - Third Round

Questions you should ask:

Gray Shades, where were you living when you lost your lottery ticket?

Crystal, did you and Dennis have any life insurance?

Answers you should give when asked the right questions.

When asked: Dilly Duster, when did you arrive this evening?

Say: I got here quite late. My Ben, of course, came in his usual fancy black car with all his security, but I come by bus and had to walk some of the way. We're tryin' to keep our relationship a secret and we didn't want to be seen together in public. There was a right scrum at the door to get in past the guards and the friskin' was takin' ages! I think Dennis must've been dead when I got here. First time I saw him tonight, he was a bleedin' corpse under the statue. Literally bleedin', and I ain't swearin' this time!

When asked: Dilly Duster, was the envelope you pushed through the office door really stuffed with cash or was it in fact stuffed with state secrets?

Say: Now listen, there were nothing in that envelope except cash! That's how I paid Dennis off. There were never any talk of me selling state secrets! Besides, what sort of state secrets could there be in Number Ten? The bloody tabloids get hold of most of the information before it even reaches Ben!

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Dilly Duster - Concluding Statement

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

Dilly Duster speaks after Ben Downingstreet using the following dialogue:

You'd do that for me? Oh, you are a gem, Mr Prime Minister, I mean Ben. I'll 'ave to start getting' used to calling you that, especially if we're gonna make a go of fings this year. I suppose we can now, what with Dennis out of the way.

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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