



Doug Latreen

**Murder
within tent**

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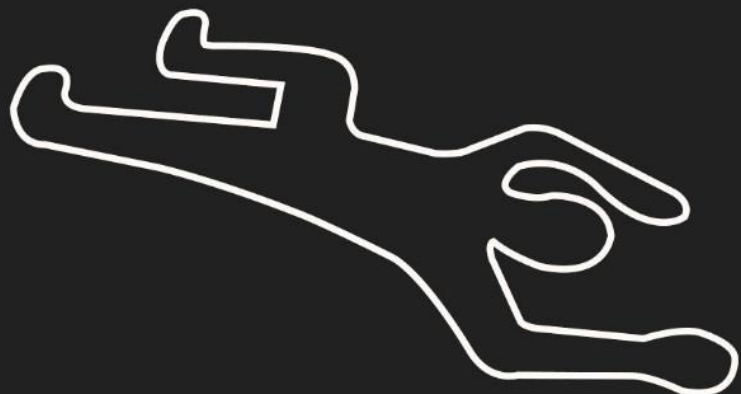
This booklet contains all the information you need to help you act your part throughout the murder mystery; background history, scripted dialogues, questions you should ask and scripted answers to questions you will be asked by the other guests.

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!*



Background Character Information

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

You are a very forthright character, obviously used to running things your own way which, as the director of your own company, you do.

Your company is called Staysharp Ltd and you sharpen blades of all shapes and sizes, from kitchen knives and lawn mower blades to industrial food slicers. If anyone is struggling to cut anything up, make sure you offer your company's services.

You are very practically minded and always have the latest gear. Look down your nose at the other's equipment. They really should upgrade.

Doug Latreen - Introductions

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

Doug Latreen speaks after Barbie Kew using the following dialogue:

Fresh air, eh? Not much of that around here. Those cows in the next field have a very strong aroma! My name's Doug Latreen. I'm the M.D. of Staysharp Ltd. You've probably heard of the company. We sharpen blades of all shapes and sizes. You could say we specialise in cutting straight to the point. Ha! I should use that in my advertising! Anyway, this is all rather odd. Ivor Woggle was my old Scout Leader.

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

Scripted Dialogue - Round 1

Barbie Kew: Well, if you ask me, it's all a little weird. To think, here we all are, on this remote campsite, and all of us knew either Iona Woggle or her husband.

Guy Ropes: I agree. Very weird.

Sally Forth: I got a special invitation. A free weekend away. I couldn't resist. I do love a bargain!

Guy Ropes: I got one too.

Lee Key: And me.

Doug Latreen: Sounds to me like we all got a free ticket! I know I certainly did.

Barbie Kew: If you ask me, it's too much of a coincidence.

Doug Latreen: Perhaps they got our names from an old Guiding and Scouting register or something.

Lee Key: Or a camping shop.

Sally Forth: Perhaps we all forgot to tick one of those boxes. You know, the ones that say, 'tick here if you do not wish to receive special offers or have your name passed on to third parties'.

Doug Latreen: No. I always make a point of ticking those boxes. It won't have been from that. Has to be the old registers.

Barbie Kew: Oh dear. I hope they didn't include our old photos too.

August Moon: If they did, I'm sure you looked fine back then. I doubt if anyone would recognise me!

Guy Ropes: Why not?

August Moon: I used to wear glasses and the hair's dyed now. Wouldn't have got away with that with Iona Woggle around. Even earrings were out of the question!

Barbie Kew: She didn't like anything like that, did she?

August Moon: No make-up either as I remember. Probably would have showed her up. Iona wasn't exactly the best-looking Guide Leader I'd ever seen.

Lee Key: If she was that bad, how on earth did she find Ivor?

Doug Latreen: Lonely hearts column?

Sally Forth: Really? Vengeful outdoor person seeks similar to share a sleeping bag?

Guy Ropes: Unhinged woman seeks similar male for fun and frolics?

Sally Forth: Fun and frolics? Iona? I don't think so!

Barbie Kew: Hmm. I wonder what initials she would have used?

August Moon: I don't know about initials, but I do know her maiden name. Badge. Anyway, shall we do what Andy said and get on with asking each other questions? It's something I'm pretty good at. Why don't I go first?

Doug Latreen - First Round

Questions you should ask:

Sally Forth, you said that you and Iona didn't get on. What did you mean?

Lee Key, you were looking around the campsite for something you'd lost earlier. What was it and did you find it?

Answers you should give when asked the right questions.

When asked: Doug Latreen, how much of your personality do you think is a direct result of your time in the scouts? Were you always a high achiever?

Say: Now you mention it, I suppose a great deal of my personality was born in the Scouts. I was under the leadership of Ivor Woggle and I worshipped him. He was a ruthless leader and I learned from him to be equally ruthless to achieve my aims. It's something that has followed me into business and is probably why I'm so rich. Needless to say, I earned every badge going. Ivor thought I was a model Scout and was always using me as an example to the other boys.

When asked: Doug Latreen, what did you think of Ivor Woggle? Did he look like he might be capable of murder?

Say: Ivor was a fantastic role model. He took no nonsense and was a strict disciplinarian. I know some of the boys thought him cruel, but Ivor didn't like namby-pambies and neither do I. Sometimes you have to be cruel to be kind. As to whether Ivor's ruthless streak ran as far as murdering his wife, I doubt that very much. Murder doesn't fit with the Scouting ethos.

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Scripted Dialogue - Round 2

Doug Latreen: So Ivor's dead too, is he? Well, that's very odd.

Lee Key: Very odd indeed.

August Moon: I'm so glad I brought my reporters gear with me. A double homicide will make an excellent front-page leader.

Guy Ropes: I thought your original article on Iona and Ivor did well too. Maybe this will be your second big break.

Sally Forth: Well, right now I'd rather you used your reporter's nose to find out who invited us all here. It's like we've been set up. Framed.

Doug Latreen: I agree. It's like something out of a murder mystery book.

Barbie Kew: I got a really good one out of the library for this trip. Don't think I'm going to be reading it now!

August Moon: I've got a couple of chick-lit ones with me. You can borrow one if you like.

Sally Forth: Books! Libraries! It sounds to me like you've all forgotten someone, no, some two are dead!

Lee Key: We haven't forgotten, Sally dear. It's just that... seems no one here actually liked them!

Guy Ropes: How about we just light a big bonfire while we talk, toast some marshmallows and sing a few campfire songs? You know, think of the good times.

Barbie Kew: There were some? Personally, I hated every minute of it.

Doug Latreen: I must admit, I always thought the only redeeming feature was the fact we camped next to the Guides. I don't think they ever remembered that torchlight could be seen outside the tents. Oh, the shadows I saw!

August Moon: Now then, Doug! That kind of reminiscing I think we can do without!

Sally Forth: And don't forget, it worked for us too. Not that anyone was looking at you!

August Moon: Mee-ow!

Barbie Kew: Thanks for reminding me though, Doug. I'd totally forgotten about that! I'll make sure I get undressed in the dark this time.

Guy Ropes: Well thanks a bunch, Doug! Just go ahead and spoil all our fun!

Doug Latreen - Second Round

Questions you should ask:

Barbie, being excluded from the Guides sounds a very severe punishment. What did your parents think?

Guy, I saw you helping Barbie Kew with her tent earlier and you seemed to know her. How did you meet?

Answers you should give when asked the right questions.

When asked: Doug Latreen, I saw you over by the men's toilets and washing block earlier this afternoon. What were you doing there and did you see anything unusual?

Say: I'd had one too many coffees on the drive here and needed to relieve myself. Can't say I saw anything odd and I definitely didn't see Ivor dead or alive in the vicinity. He must have been murdered after my visit.

When asked: Doug Latreen, you have an expensive car and an expensive tent. Does sharpening knives pay well or are you also getting money from elsewhere?

Say: Unfortunately, despite a huge advertising campaign, Staysharp Ltd is not turning over as much as I need to maintain my lifestyle, so I decided to get money in other ways and began a blackmailing racket. With all those sharp knives to back up my demands, people always pay up!

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Scripted Dialogue - Round 3

Barbie Kew: I can't believe that Andy actually thought we enjoyed Guides! He must have checked Iona and Ivor in. Surely he saw what type of people they were.

Doug Latreen: Geriatrics. They're old now, remember?

Lee Key: Probably looked like a really nice elderly couple. How deceived was he?!

Sally Forth: Even so, they still didn't deserve to end up on the end of something sharp and pointy.

Guy Ropes: Judging by what everyone here has said, it sounds exactly like what they deserved.

Barbie Kew: We still don't know what they were killed with, do we?

Lee Key: Andy said something about kebabs.

Doug Latreen: Just being funny I suppose. The fact is, just about anything long and pointy can be sharpened enough to puncture the chest. Even a pen used with enough force can do it, and we all carry them.

August Moon: I hope you aren't suggesting I did it, Doug. I may have a pen with me to write my reporting notes, but that doesn't mean I did it.

Doug Latreen: Wouldn't dream of doing such a thing, August. Funny though, isn't it?

Guy Ropes: There's no need to go flinging accusations around just yet, Doug. Like you said, the weapon could be anything sharp enough. It doesn't have to be a pen or a skewer.

August Moon: But it has to be pointy and fairly thin, doesn't it?

Sally Forth: Andy did mention small puncture wounds.

Barbie Kew: You mean like a pair of scissors? Or a tent peg?
Toothpick maybe?

Lee Key: A toothpick? Who are you trying to kid?! Who ever heard of somebody dying by toothpick?!

Guy Ropes: Probably comes under one of my accidental injury policies. We have to be covered for any eventuality when we take people on adventure holidays. Spider bites, tropical diseases, sinking sand, huge rolling boulders...

Barbie Kew: I don't suppose you encounter many of those!

Guy Ropes: No, you're right, but it would be fun, wouldn't it?! Then again, this murder enquiry is too. Perhaps I should suggest we run a weekend mystery break one year!

Sally Forth: I love them! One of the campers could drop dead on the first night and... Oh... I think I'm getting a touch of déjà vu.

August Moon: You're not wrong there! And in case you hadn't noticed, we're still trying to find out who did it!

Doug Latreen - Third Round

Questions you should ask:

Guy, did you know that Barbie Kew had been in the Guides?

Barbie, do you hold Iona Woggle responsible for your mother's death?

Answers you should give when asked the right questions.

When asked: Doug Latreen, I saw you throw something long, thin and pointy looking into the dustbin earlier. What was it and why were you throwing it away?

Say: One of my tent poles had snapped. It was a brand new tent too. I was furious! I rang the supplier immediately and they've offered me a full refund when I take it back. Fortunately, thanks to my scouting upbringing, I always come prepared! I'd bought a spare rod when I got the tent and used that instead. Chucked the knackered one in the bin.

When asked: Doug Latreen, I saw you leaving Iona Woggle's tent earlier this afternoon. Did you see Iona?

Say: I recognised Ivor Woggle's car and tent as soon as I pulled up this afternoon. Having read August Moon's name and shame column in the local paper, I decided to use what I knew of Ivor's bullying techniques to blackmail him into giving me some additional money. I visited their tent to discuss terms. They were furious, but agreed to pay up. I haven't seen them since then.

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Doug Latreen - Concluding Statement

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

Doug Latreen speaks first using the following dialogue:

I always said campsite managers were never the handiest of people and Andy Field has just been a case in point. One of us is the killer, eh? He told us that right at the start! Still, I suppose I have one advantage over Andy. I know I'm not the killer so that gives me one less suspect to guess.

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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