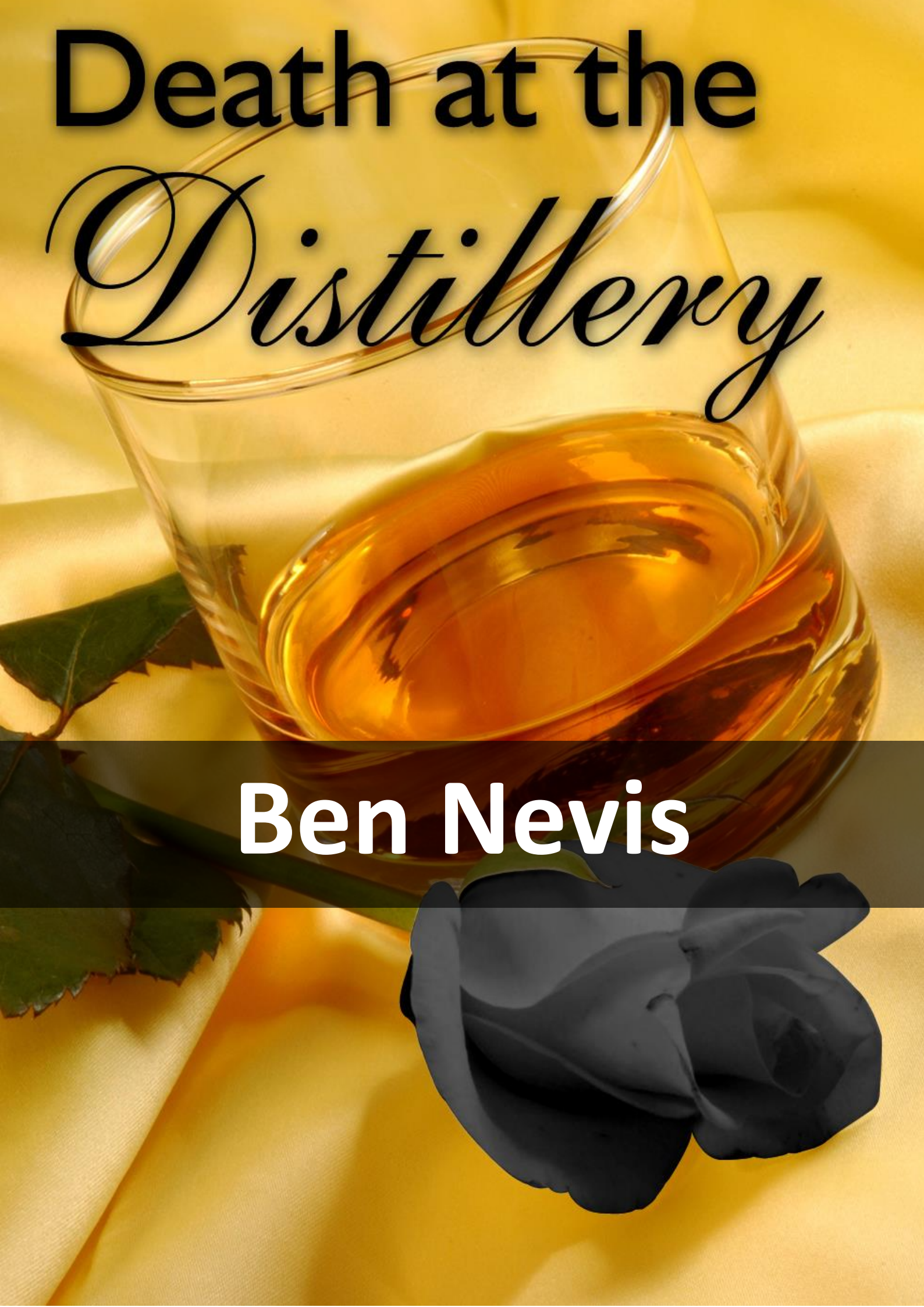


Death at the *Distillery*

A glass of whisky is the central focus, tilted slightly to the right. It sits on a bright yellow, textured cloth. To the left of the glass, a green rose stem with leaves extends towards the bottom left. In the bottom right corner, a dark, almost black rose is in full bloom. The lighting is warm, creating a golden glow around the glass and the cloth.

Ben Nevis

Congratulations!

You are taking part in a murder mystery by Red Herring Games.

Firstly: *Don't Panic!*

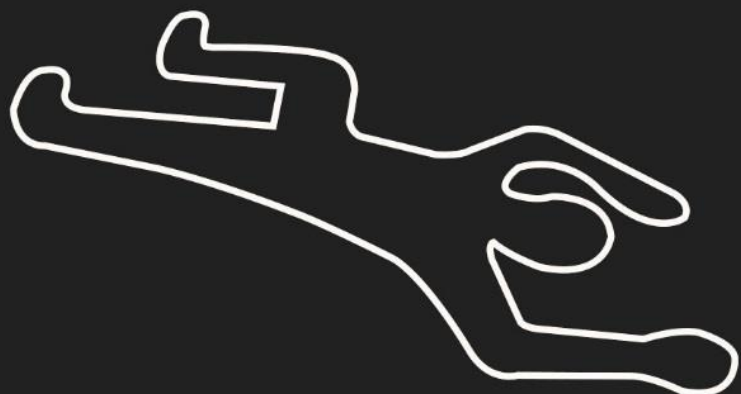
This booklet contains all the information you need to help you act your part throughout the murder mystery; background history, scripted dialogues, questions you should ask and scripted answers to questions you will be asked by the other guests.

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:

Rugged and athletic, you think nothing of running up a mountain before breakfast to rescue hapless climbers.

You are full of energy and like a challenge. Solving this mystery will be your latest conquest. You've already climbed all the Munros.

You are always prepared for any eventuality and your house is full of things that might come in handy one day. If anyone is short of something – anything - you might like to suggest you have something that could do the job back in your loft / garage. Of course, if it happens to be a woman asking, well, that's a different matter. They might like to come back to yours for a coffee while you look!

You know how much women like any emergency service personnel and, as a mountain rescuer, you more than fit the bill. In fact, that was one of the reasons you got into mountain rescue! You think Paula Nother has a thing for you at the moment, so make sure you spend some time with her during the investigation.

Ben Nevis - Introductions

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

Ben Nevis speaks after Sandy Beaches using the following dialogue:

“I don’t know. Tourists are a fickle lot. Chances are an unsolved murder will make the island all the more appealing. Some might even want to buy a souvenir bottle! Decomposition might just add that little something extra to the flavour! My name’s Ben Nevis by the way. I run the local mountain rescue team. I’m always pulling tourists down off the mountains. I think some of the women get stuck up there on purpose, but there you go. That’s my problem, not yours.”

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

Scripted Dialogue - Round 1

Blast McGrouse	Well, I suppose it falls to me to propose a toast to the deceased. I used to work for him, so I knew him the best. Let's see...
Kyle Lochalsh	How about, "he was a sleekit, cow'rin, tim'rous beastie, with much a panic in his breastie!"
Sandy Beaches	Not exactly what I would call original, Kyle.
Iona Fiddle	Though I suppose if he saw his murderer he might have panicked.
Ben Nevis	He wasn't exactly cowering and timorous though, was he?
Paula Nother	Perhaps not, but Kyle might have hit it on the head with beastly. Someone obviously felt he was beastly to have killed him off.
Iona Fiddle	Beastie, not beastly, Paula. Anyway, if you're trying to keep in the Burn's poetry line, why not go for, "Should auld acquaintance be forgot, and ne'er be brought to mind"?
Paula Nother	Someone would have to say yes to that, surely?
Ben Nevis	If only solving crimes was that simple! Criminals don't generally give themselves away so easily.
Paula Nother	So I can't just ask someone whether they killed Toby and expect an honest answer?
Blast McGrouse	No lass. You can't.
Ben Nevis	But you could ask someone if they needed a drink. I'm sure you'd get a lot of ayes to that!

Kyle Lochalsh	I would say one dram is in order for shock, wouldn't you?
Ben Nevis	Count me in. I could do with a whisky.
Sandy Beaches	Given that it's Toby that's dead, I think a 25-year old malt would be in order, wouldn't you?
Iona Fiddle	Why stop at 25? I'm sure I remember him talking about some stuff they laid down for the Queen's coronation.
Ben Nevis	A quick look in the bonded locker ought to come up trumps.
Kyle Lochalsh	What a good idea! If you're going to propose a toast, Blast, let's all get some of the good stuff and do it properly.
Paula Nother	In that case, all that remains is for us to come up with a fitting toast.
Blast McGrouse	How about just slaancha vaa?!

Ben Nevis - First Round

Questions you should ask:

Sandy Beaches, you've been lowering ferry prices recently. Why are you doing that when you have a monopoly?

Blast McGrouse, as you've worked for Toby Mory, could you please tell us what you think of him?

Answers you should give when asked the right questions.

When asked: Ben Nevis, what sort of dealings does a mountain rescuer like yourself have with a man like Toby Mory?

Say: To be honest, I didn't really know him. He wasn't an outdoor kind of a guy. I've never even seen him on a gentle slope, let alone rescued him off a mountain! The only reason I know him at all is that he's the manager of the Glen Frick distillery, which is where I purchase the whisky I use for recovering climbers. I always take a hip flask of the strong stuff with me on any rescue mission. It revives even the weariest of souls!

When asked: Ben, you appear to have had a string of girlfriends. Are they all mountain rescue cases that fall for your heroic rescues?

Say: Not always! Sometimes I take them on a little stroll up a mountain and sit with them a while admiring the view. To be fair, there usually isn't much of one as few can manage the climb in high heels, so we look at the ferns and the heather instead, rather than a panoramic view of the island. Still, there are always a couple of hills closer to home to admire when we share our intimate whisky!

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Scripted Dialogue - Round 2

Paula Nother	He was found in the vat with the lid down? Well I must say, that makes a nice change. Men are always leaving the lid up!
Ben Nevis	Not quite the same thing I think, Dee, though the colour could be deceiving I grant you.
Blast McGrouse	Well I can tell you all one thing. He's gone up in my estimation. I always imagined a pair of weedy boxer shorts under his kilt.
Iona Fiddle	Fortunately I don't have much of an imagination.
Sandy Beaches	Really? You <i>do</i> surprise me.
Kyle Lochalsh	I agree. I thought you had the best imagination of everyone here.
Blast McGrouse	Me too! Next thing you'll be telling us is that it was the monster that did him in!
Ben Nevis	You forget, Blast, the monster is male. He'd have left the lid up!
Paula Nother	So I suppose from that one simple clue you are all assuming the murderer is female.
Iona Fiddle	How do you know it's not just a man with manners?
Blast McGrouse	BURP!!
Paula Nother	You were saying?

Sandy Beaches

I think you're all getting too hooked on circumstantial evidence. Perhaps the lid was simply down to stop him escaping or being discovered before the murderer got away.

Iona Fiddle

And perhaps he was just diving for the tasting ladle and knocked the lid closed by accident. I take it we've ruled out suicide?

Ben Nevis

I've heard of one depressed whisky worker who took hours to drown in a vat. He kept getting out to use the toilet!

Sandy Beaches

Very funny. Perhaps we should just get back to solving the case.

Ben Nevis

I've always been very good at asking questions. Perhaps I should start first this time?

Kyle Lochalsh

Just so long as it isn't algebra. Maths was never my strong suit.

Ben Nevis - Second Round

Questions you should ask:

Paula, I'm confused. If Toby Mory never bought an alcoholic drink and only visited in the afternoon, why did he come to the pub?

Kyle Lochalsh, I saw you on the Glen Frick estate today. Did you have a meeting with Toby Mory and if so, what did the two of you discuss?

Answers you should give when asked the right questions.

When asked: Ben, if it's true that you didn't know Toby Mory personally, can you explain why I've seen you visiting the Glen Frick estate?

Say: I visit the Glen Frick estate as I'm a bit of a whisky connoisseur. I've tasted everything that is on offer, but I always return back to 100 -ear old malt Glen Frick. Unfortunately, the price is well out of my league, so I befriended one of the distillery workers - a woman as it happens – and she let me siphon a little off now and again as a special treat when I pop in to see her.

When asked: Ben, do you happen to know if there's any upcoming changes at the distillery? Any new products in the barrels, for instance?

Say: As it happens, I do know a few things. Apparently, Glen Frick was laying off staff and had plans to shut the distillery altogether!

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Scripted Dialogue - Round 3

Blast McGrouse	Well, as the closest thing to family that he has, I've been trying to come up with a suitable epitaph for his headstone.
Ben Nevis	What about, "beneath this sod lies another one?"
Iona Fiddle	That all assumes he isn't being cremated.
Kyle Lochalsh	He would burn very well. There's enough alcohol in his system!
Paula Nother	That would be quite pretty. A nice blue flame. It'll be just like Christmas pudding.
Iona Fiddle	Remind me not to come to you for Christmas dinner!
Blast McGrouse	If he's cremated, he'll only get a plaque, won't he? So perhaps, "Best Before"?
Sandy Beaches	Shouldn't we get his murder solved first? We can't do anything with his body until the police have exhausted their enquiries and from what I've been hearing they haven't quite finished with the evidence yet!
Ben Nevis	It's a pity we weren't allowed to help in that aspect of their enquiries. I wouldn't have minded a little hands-on detective work. It sounds like they've been enjoying themselves.
Kyle Lochalsh	Forget the investigation, it's the wake I'm interested in. Perhaps we could have it at the distillery with a free bar! I know what I'll be drinking in his memory.

- Iona Fiddle** Kyle, if you're drinking you won't be dancing as well, will you? You know what they say. Don't drink and jive.
- Kyle Lochalsh** Very funny, Iona, but in all seriousness, if any of you are on the road then you'll be meeting up with Toby a little sooner than you may otherwise have planned.
- Paula Nother** That would certainly solve this enquiry as you could ask him yourself who killed him! The only problem is you'll have to come back and tell us, otherwise we'll be stuck here all night!
- Iona Fiddle** Surely there's enough rooms at the estate that the housekeeper can put us up for the night.
- Ben Nevis** Failing that, I've brought my overnight camping gear with me. The heather is quite springy, it's almost like a mattress.
- Sandy Beaches** Thanks, but no thanks. I'm sure U.B. McNicked would arrange for some officers to run us home. They'll want to keep their eyes on us anyway.
- Ben Nevis** You're assuming they won't have this murder solved tonight, May. It sounds like they're well on the way to me.
- Kyle Lochalsh** Well, I'm adding two and two and getting five at the moment.
- Sandy Beaches** Yes, you were right, Kyle. Maths is definitely not your best subject. Shall we move on?

Ben Nevis - Third Round

Questions you should ask:

Kyle, I saw you leaving the Glen Frick estate very late this evening, probably about the time of the murder. Can you explain what you'd been doing on the estate since your meeting with Toby Mory?

Iona, I happen to know that you've met with Toby Mory on several occasions to discuss the planned dam. Isn't it true that you had another meeting with him scheduled for today? What conditions for stopping the project were discussed?

Answers you should give when asked the right questions.

When asked: Ben, did Toby Mory ever find out about you siphoning off his whisky?

Say: Toby caught me in the act yesterday and made me pay the full amount for it! I promised to come back today with a cheque, but now that he's dead, perhaps I won't bother!

When asked: Ben, what did you think of Toby Mory's management of the Glen Frick estate?

Say: I'll admit I never liked the man. He despoiled the landscape with his paintballing, go-karting and four-wheel drives. Toby was never what anyone would call an environmentally friendly landowner. I can't say I'm sorry to see him go.

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Ben Nevis - Concluding Statement

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

Ben Nevis speaks after Sandy Beaches using the following dialogue:

“And don’t look at me either. I have a few glasses of a most excellent 100-year vintage back at the house if anyone fancies toasting our good fortune. Not that it was me you understand, though the money I now don’t have to pay him will certainly come in handy!”

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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