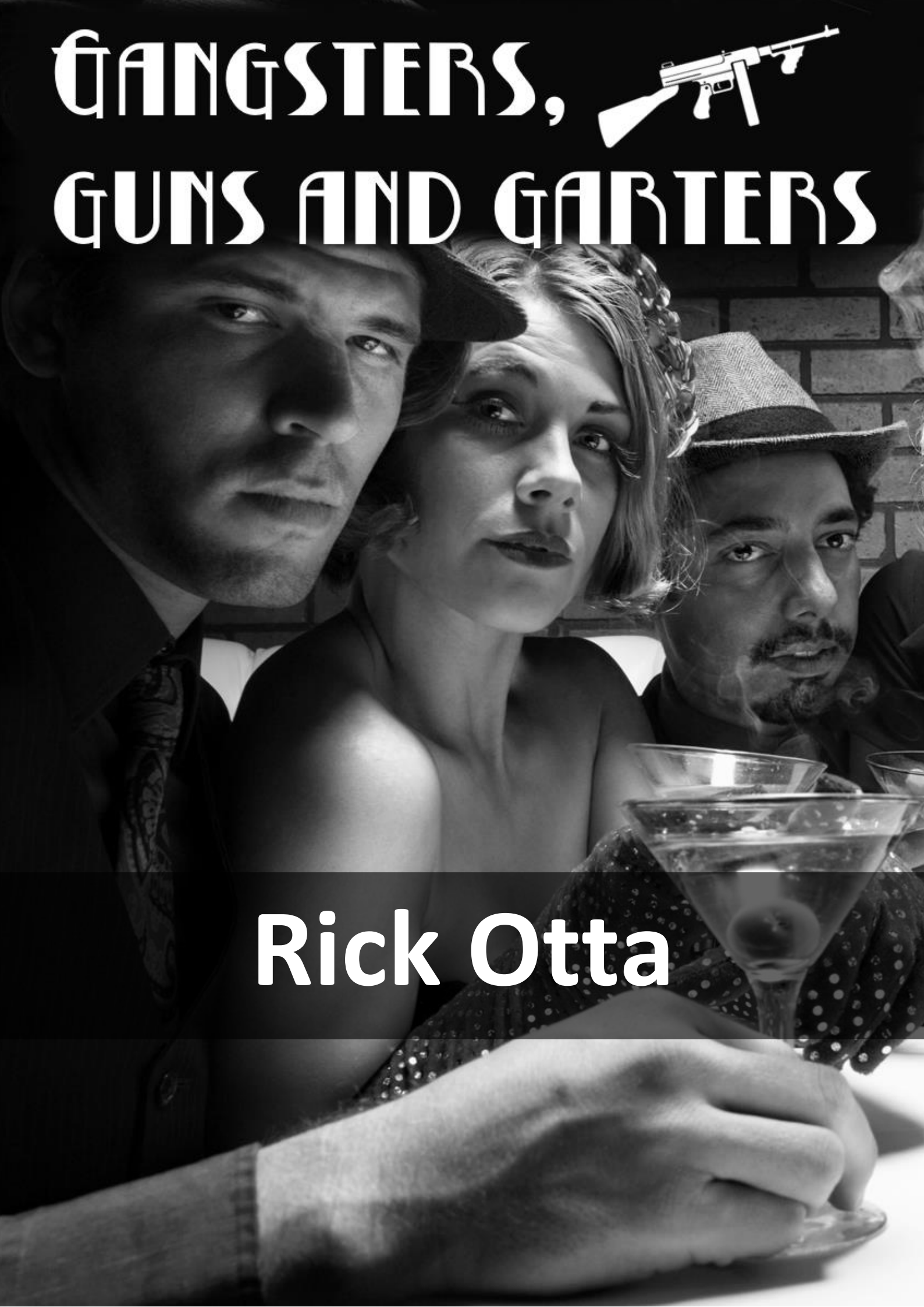


GANGSTERS, GUNS AND GARTERS



Rick Otta

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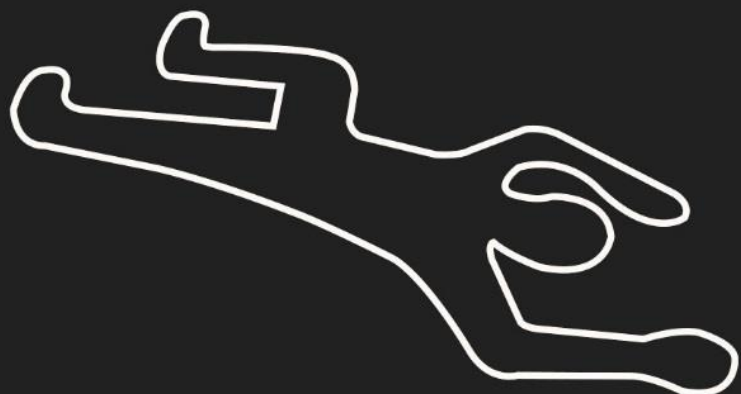
This booklet contains all the information you need to help you act your part throughout the murder mystery; background history, scripted dialogues, questions you should ask and scripted answers to questions you will be asked by the other guests.

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 slightly on edge all the time as you are used to playing both bodyguard and lookout for Scapone during his schemes. Watch everyone closely and occasionally, if caught off guard, be prepared to draw a weapon or two just to cover yourself.

Keep a good eye on Roberto at all times. You don't trust him and he is almost as well armed as you are!

You have a bit of a thing for Francesca, but having had to deal with many of her 'unsuitable' suitors yourself, you were a little wary of pursuing anything while Scapone was alive. Now he's dead, you can start making your moves. Try and impress her by any and every means possible!

Rick Otta - Introductions

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

Rick Otta speaks after Sly Shyster using the following dialogue:

Sure thing, Sly. If Al was the big cheese around here, then think of me as the soft cheese maturing behind him ready to take his place. My name's Rick Otta. I was Al's right-hand man and I tell you, I can't believe he's dead. He taught me everything I know. I hardly ever left his side, you know? I can't believe someone got to him, but then he always did like his privacy, see? And you can't take your bodyguards everywhere.

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

Scripted Dialogue - Round 1

Sly Shyster	I just can't believe it! Al dead! Murdered in his own club! Surrounded by his own people!
Margarita Pizza	Could none of you have protected him? I thought that's what you guys were all here for!
Rick Otta	Al knew the risks, Margarita, but he still liked his privacy. His office was the only place in the club he left his bodyguards behind.
No Brakes McGraw	It just goes to show that it was an inside job. Someone <i>knew</i> where he was most vulnerable.
Robin Folks	Well that's just horrific! Even I would never stoop so low as to shoot a man in the, er...
Francesca Pancetta	McGraw meant Al was shot in his office, Robin. Not in a 'vulnerable' area!
Robin Folks	Well that's all right then. For a minute I thought he was shot in the... well, in the...
Margarita Pizza	It's all right, Robin. I think we all get the picture.
Rick Otta	Not that gunshots need to be in vulnerable places.
No Brakes McGraw	You're right, Rick. I've had fairly good results from shooting people just about anywhere. Folks lose enough blood, they die anyway.
Robin Folks	It certainly sounds as though there was enough blood in this case. Did anyone see the body before we got pulled aside?

Francesca Pancetta	I did and I wish to goodness I hadn't. It was gruesome, ghastly, gory and any other word beginning with 'G' that you can think of. Blood and brains everywhere.
Margarita Pizza	I take it that it was a head wound then.
Rick Otta	She didn't say that, but then, as has been pointed out already, Al wasn't shot <i>there</i> .
Robin Folks	So where does that leave us then?
Rick Otta	Without a boss, Robin. And with a lot of cleaning up to do.
Sly Shyster	I take it there will be retribution for a hit like this?
Rick Otta	You better believe it, Sly. We ain't gonna let this slide. This could start a whole new level of gang warfare here in Chicago.
Margarita Pizza	If we thought the city wasn't safe before girls, it's going to be even worse now.
No Brakes McGraw	Then we best get to finding out who did it, before things go too far.

Rick Otta - First Round

Questions you should ask:

Sly Shyster, has Al Scapone sponsored all your political activities?

Robin, what were you doing at the club this afternoon?

Answers you should give when asked the right questions.

When asked: Rick, where were you at the time of the murder? As his bodyguard, shouldn't you have been close by?

Say: Hey, I had to do what Al wanted, y'know? He was the boss. Al never liked bodyguards inside his private office, so when he gave me the okay to wander off for a while, I went over to listen to Francesca rehearse. She has a great voice and I know the guys on the concert hall door. They let me into the wings to listen to her practise her arias. She has a voice like a canary! I stopped there for a while and then escorted her back to the club. Al wanted to meet her this afternoon.

When asked: Rick, do you know what Al got up to inside his private office?

Say: He used it as a place to unwind and entertain his lady friends. Plus, there's a private bathroom just off the office. Sometimes a man's gotta do what a man's gotta do - and no one likes company for that, y'know?!

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Scripted Dialogue - Round 2

Rick Otta The petty cash tin is empty? I'm fairly sure it was full this morning. I saw Al put something in it myself.

No Brakes McGraw He did have a few visitors between then and now - well, the time of his death anyway.

Margarita Pizza Yeah, McGraw. The murderer for one!

Francesca Pancetta Very astute, *Maggie*.

Margarita Pizza Don't mention it, *Franny*. Some of us are better endowed in certain areas than others. Personally, I would rather have brains than vocal chords...

Sly Shyster Now then, you two! No fighting! This is an investigation into a murder. Let's have a little decorum, please.

No Brakes McGraw So what did happen to the money then?

Sly Shyster Well he didn't give any to me - that's for certain.

Margarita Pizza If he wanted to give me something by way of an extra gift, he usually went out and bought something nice. He was good at picking out nice things. Had an eye for it.

Rick Otta Actually, it was always me that Al sent to do his shopping. I'm glad you liked the stuff. The shop assistants were very helpful. I suppose I must have looked a little out of place in the lingerie departments.

Francesca Pancetta	I bet! And that gun in your pocket would certainly have made them wonder!
No Brakes McGraw	Pockets are never a safe place for firearms, Rick. You know that.
Sly Shyster	You need to holster it properly, or at least keep it away from any sensitive areas. You don't want to be taking any additional risks.
No Brakes McGraw	Does anyone know how <i>much</i> cash was in that tin?
Robin Folks	Al always took out a couple of hundred at a time. It made things easier on the accounts.
Sly Shyster	I'm sure it did. I sure wish I had you doing my returns.
Rick Otta	And mine. Not that I have a couple of hundred to take out, but it would be great if you were helping me lose a few zeros now and again.
Robin Folks	You gotta be careful who you're talking to about accounts there, Rick. The tax office have spies everywhere. One wrong word and they'll be on you like a ton of bricks.

Rick Otta - Second Round

Questions you should ask:

Margarita, did your Uncle Al allow you to date any boyfriends or was he as protective of you as he was with Francesca?

No Brakes McGraw, do you know who it was Al fought with in the back seat of your car?

Answers you should give when asked the right questions.

When asked: Rick, who's next in line to succeed Al as boss of the family? Al didn't have any children, did he?

Say: No, he didn't. In terms of family structure, I'm the next in line to be the big cheese. Al trusted me and I had his full confidence. He was just starting to show me the ropes, introduce me to his most trusted contacts. He knew he wasn't getting any younger and one day I would have to take on the mantel. He wanted to be sure I was ready, but it was still early days. We thought he still had plenty of time left.

When asked: Rick, do you know what happens to any wannabe suitors for Al's nieces?

Say: Sure. I happen to them. I was Al's go-to guy. I've dealt with all the removal operations Al requested. No one was ever intentionally killed, you understand. They was just roughed up a little. Okay, okay, in some instances roughed up a little too much. How was I supposed t'know the guy had a weak heart?

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Scripted Dialogue - Round 3

No Brakes McGraw	I hope you aren't insinuating this murder had something to do with me. I just drive the car.
Sly Shyster	There's no such thing as 'just' in this world, McGraw, as well you know.
Francesca Pancetta	But surely whoever killed Al must have had some experience if they thought they'd get away with it in full view of the rest of us.
Rick Otta	We all have experience, Fran, in one way or another. Even Robin here could shoot someone if they were stood right in front of him.
Robin Folks	Speak for yourself! You have to at least OWN a gun to shoot someone!
No Brakes McGraw	Not if you had access to the one Al carried.
Rick Otta	Al wouldn't have given that up to a stranger.
No Brakes McGraw	He wouldn't have given it to a friend either, Rick. You don't just go around handing people loaded guns.
Margarita Pizza	Uncle Al wasn't an idiot. He wouldn't hand someone a loaded weapon.
No Brakes McGraw	I never thought he would have been surprised by a murderer either.
Francesca Pancetta	He must have trusted whoever killed him to let them get that close.

Rick Otta	He trusted us all, didn't he? Most of us had access to his office.
No Brakes McGraw	And most of us can shoot too.
Francesca Pancetta	And you don't have to be too good with a gun to hit something at close range.
No Brakes McGraw	I suppose that means it could be any one of us.
Sly Shyster	Exactly. But I know it wasn't me, so that reduces the suspect list by one.
Francesca Pancetta	<i>Very</i> helpful, Sly! And I suppose you just expect us to take your word for it.
Rick Otta	Al always told me to trust no one.
Margarita Pizza	That's good advice in this part of town.

Rick Otta - Third Round

Questions you should ask:

No Brakes McGraw, did you see Margarita Pizza come into the club this afternoon?

Francesca Pancetta, would Al have approved of Rick Otta as a potential suitor?

Answers you should give when asked the right questions.

When asked: Rick, did Francesca Pancetta know about all her wannabe suitors?

Say: No. I've been there as her guardian angel. Nothing gets past me. Some unsuitables Francesca never even met. They got removed before they made a move. And some of those I thought Al would approve of? Well, I've been seeing them off without Al's knowledge! I'm not denying I love her. I was just waiting for the right time to approach Al to ask his permission.

When asked: Rick, have you ever been inside Al Scapone's private office?

Say: Of course I have! I'm his most trusted lieutenant. There ain't nothing goes on in this place I don't know about. He wants something, he calls me in. If I'm not out on business, I'm usually just waiting outside, ready to be called upon.

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Rick Otta - Concluding Statement

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

Rick Otta speaks after Sly Shyster using the following dialogue:

He was a good boss. He was just beginning to educate me to take over from him in the business. I was his natural successor and he wasn't getting any younger, but believe me, I was content to wait!

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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