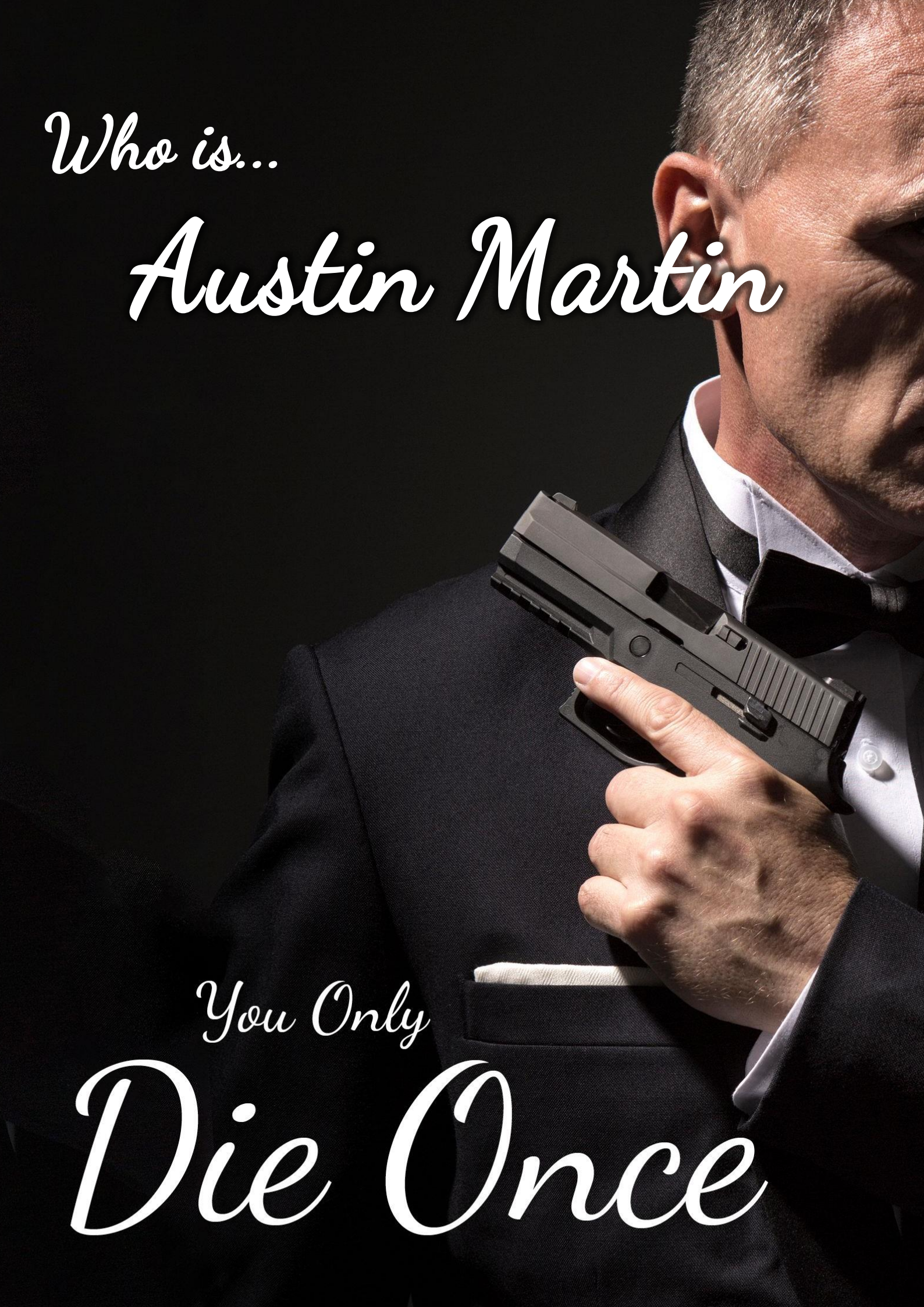


Who is...

Austin Martin

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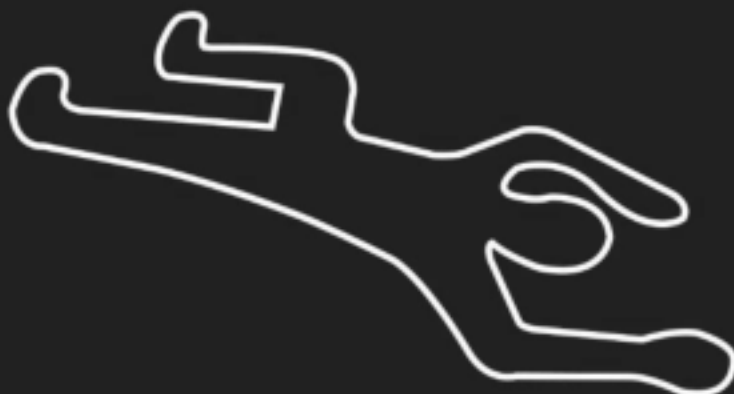
This booklet contains all the information you need to help you act your part throughout the murder mystery; background history, scripted dialogues, questions you should ask and scripted answers to questions you will be asked by the other guests.

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 have a strong British accent and a polite British smile.

Organised and professional, you are a whizz at computers and paperwork and are naturally gifted at analysing things. This ruthless efficiency ensures you always remain calm in a crisis.

You're always receiving updates from your phone via an earpiece. Feel free to hold onto your ear as if communicating with unseen analysts.

Austin Martin - Introductions

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

Austin Martin speaks first using the following dialogue:

Oh M, I can only apologise. A murder enquiry wasn't on the agenda for today's event at all. I'm Austin Martin. You may have received some emails from me in the run up to this conference as I've been chasing up RSVPs for weeks now. Now you can put a face to a name!

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

Scripted Dialogue - Round 1

- Austin Martin:** I can't believe it's Damsels that's dead! Of all the people, he's the last person I would have expected to zip into a body bag after this conference.
- Cary Files:** Given the nature of the rest of the guests, I have to agree with you.
- Ernst Fuzzyfelt:** The man has gone. Finally I can say, at last!
- Kitty With-Claws:** You would. I don't care that he was a spy. He was a spy who loved me and I'm going to miss him terribly.
- Scaryminger:** I'm sure you aren't the only one, though I have to say, I'm also glad he's gone. One less spy to worry about.
- Ernst Fuzzyfelt:** Live and let die, that's what I always say. Some you win, some you lose. It looks like Damsels lost this one.
- Cuttlefishy:** Well it scares the living daylights out of me to think there's a murderer among us.
- Kitty With-Claws:** Me too. I always thought I'd be safe at an MI6 function. It looks like I was wrong.
- Ernst Fuzzyfelt:** Yes, well, what do you expect with a room full of assassins?!
- Cary Files:** Don't worry. Damsels isn't the only one here with a license to kill, but I think if they wanted to kill anyone else, they would have done it by now.

- Scaryminger:** I think you have something there. It was a singular phenomenon. If he or she had wanted more than one person dead, then they'd have taken out the entire building.
- Cuttlefishy:** A reassuring thought, I'm sure.
- Ernst Fuzzyfelt:** And one for the file. It's a good idea that, blowing up an entire building.
- Scaryminger:** Unless you're in it at the time.
- Austin Martin:** Well let's just hope that there's no one here with suicidal tendencies and get on with solving the case.
- Cuttlefishy:** What a good idea! Damsels' death has left me quite sad.
- Ernst Fuzzyfelt:** Really? I was taking just a quantum of solace in the fact he won't be bothering me anymore! Only a quantum you understand and though...
- Austin Martin:** Yes, well, we'll leave the scientific jargon out of things if you don't mind, Ernst. You evil geniuses are all the same. Always showing off with long words when small ones will do.

Austin Martin - First Round

Questions you should ask:

Cary Files, how long have you known Roger Damsels, and have you always been friends?

Ernst, you never have a cat hair on you, despite looking after these traumatised cats day in and day out. How do you manage it?

Answers you should give when asked the right questions.

When asked: Austin Martin, how long have you worked with Roger at MI6?

Say: Nearly fifteen years. Roger Damsels got promoted to double O status shortly after I joined the service. I've worked with him ever since, providing his assignments and collecting in his reports. His spelling was terrible but he was pretty reliable. We always knew exactly where to find him. In the thick of any crisis, usually because he was the cause of it!

When asked: Austin Martin, has Damsels ever caused problems at MI6?

Say: All the time! It was usually amongst the female staff, though I believe Q has also suffered under his attention. Strangely though, we never have any sexual harassment complaints from the staff. Just a lot of in-house catfights. I've been lobbying M for some time to get rid of him. He's causes far more problems than he solves and he brings our entire staff into disrepute. He didn't return an RSVP for todays event either. I've been trying to organise an extra meal for him all afternoon and now look - he doesn't need it! Typical!

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Scripted Dialogue - Round 2

- Austin Martin:** Well I don't know about any of you, but I think it's disgraceful that a man on Her Majesty's Secret Service should be caught with his pants down. It brings us all into disrepute.
- Ernst Fuzzyfelt:** You mean more than the fact one of your spies was stupid enough to get bumped off?
- Cuttlefishy:** I don't think I'd call it stupidity. More bad luck really. You can't watch your back all the time.
- Cary Files:** Unless you were wearing a pair of Q's 'look behind you' specs.
- Scaryminger:** Yes, well, I don't believe he ever quite perfected those. I heard Damsels was all for funnelling the funding into the X-ray specs instead.
- Austin Martin:** Now why doesn't that surprise me?
- Cuttlefishy:** At least I know now why he wanted to keep his glasses on while I was dancing for him.
- Kitty With-Claws:** He never wore anything when he was with me. Oh, it's such a shame a man like him didn't have nine lives.
- Scaryminger:** Even two would have come in handy right about now.
- Ernst Fuzzyfelt:** Actually, I'm glad he only had one life. He caused me enough damage the first time around. I certainly wouldn't want a second instalment.

Cuttlefishy: Ah, but you didn't know him like I did. Once, twice, it's never enough.

Cary Files: Never?

Scaryminger: Never?

Cary Files: Never?

Ernst Fuzzyfelt: That's quite enough! Never say never again, will you? I'm getting fed up with all these 'nevers'. If you ask me, never meeting him at all would have done just fine. Still, we can't change the past.

Austin Martin: How true. But we can prevent any further assassinations.

Austin Martin - Second Round

Questions you should ask:

Cuttlefishy, is that your real name?

Scaryminger, as a professional assassin do you have a preferred modus operandi?

Answers you should give when asked the right questions.

When asked: Austin Martin, you said that Roger Damsels was always in the thick of any crisis. What did you mean by that?

Say: It's been the same ever since I joined MI6. Whatever crisis is going down anywhere in the world, Damsels is at the centre of it. A single-handed attack on an embassy? Damsels. Russian nuclear satellites poised to take out the world? Damsels! Even strange underwater bases or robotic sharks on the rampage - Damsels is always there! Whatever hotspot happens to be on our incident board, it nearly always has Damsels written all over it. He's notorious, but reliable in his notoriousness.

When asked: Austin Martin, is it true that the MI6 spies are given cyanide pills before they go out on a mission?

Say: Yes it is. As M's chief of staff, the spies generally see me last before they go out on their assigned missions. Q gives them all the gadgets they need to avoid villains and I have the responsibility of giving them their cyanide pills. It is a last line of defence to prevent national secrets leaking out. They all get them. Damsels always tried to refuse, but it was company policy. He had them just like everyone else.

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Scripted Dialogue - Round 3

- Scaryminger:** Look, M's right. Some of us have important business to attend to. Can't we just speed this up a little?
- Austin Martin:** It's not as if we have all the time in the world you know! I'm sure we're going as fast as we can.
- Kitty With-Claws:** Don't worry, Austin. These megalomaniacs don't have any patience. I should know. I've worked for one for long enough.
- Ernst Fuzzyfelt:** Well, Kitty, if you fancy a change of pace you could always come to work for me. I have need of a good receptionist with a variety of skills.
- Kitty With-Claws:** Thanks for the offer, but I'm happy where I am right now.
- Ernst Fuzzyfelt:** I'm sure you are. But it never hurts to move around, get a bit of perspective.
- Cuttlefishy:** That's true. I've travelled all over with my circus and believe me, sometimes the world is not enough.
- Ernst Fuzzyfelt:** In that case, you need to get out and live a bit more, Cuttlefishy!
- Kitty With-Claws:** Then again, Damsels certainly got out and about and look at him. He's dead.
- Scaryminger:** We all have to die sometime.

- Cary Files:** A reassuring thought. Personally, I don't plan on dying any time soon.
- Austin Martin:** It's not as if you have any control over it. I mean, you could drop dead from a heart attack tomorrow, or get run over by a bus tonight.
- Scaryminger:** Or get bumped off by a murderer.
- Cuttlefishy:** And with a murderer still on the loose, that is highly likely.
- Ernst Fuzzyfelt:** Then perhaps we ought to conclude our investigations as soon as possible.
- Cary Files:** I'm sure we'll discover the killer by the end of the next set of interrogations.

Austin Martin - Third Round

Questions you should ask:

Kitty With-Claws, am I right in thinking you killed your last boyfriend when you broke up?

Ernst, I believe you have been investing heavily in transmitting devices and small cameras, as well as biological battery interfaces. What are you using all these for?

Answers you should give when asked the right questions.

When asked: Austin Martin, have you ever wanted to be an MI6 OO agent?

Say: Yes, I did. Doesn't everyone? I really thought I was in with a chance when I qualified to work at MI6, but I was midway through my training when Damsels joined the service. On our first training exercise together he shot me in the leg and broke my tibia in three places. You can't work in the field if you're lame, so my chances of becoming a spy myself were over before I'd really begun. I've been on office duties ever since.

When asked: Austin Martin, have you seen anything that could be pertinent to the case today?

Say: I'm not really sure. Earlier today I saw Damsels and Scaryminger walking down the corridor together chatting. Damsels had a cocktail shaker full of vodka martini in one hand. Typical! He was telling Scaryminger that he liked to keep a drink in his room for a nightcap. Now I know that isn't true. Damsels drank like a fish. Nightcap, day-cap, evening-cap - they're all the same thing to him!

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Austin Martin - Concluding Statement

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

Austin Martin speaks after Ernst Fuzzyfelt using the following dialogue:

Joking?! Does this really look like a time to be joking to you? Damsels is dead, the conference is ruined and I'm still going to have to pay for that meal I ordered for him. Another waste of MI6 resources!

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

Tell the others.

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