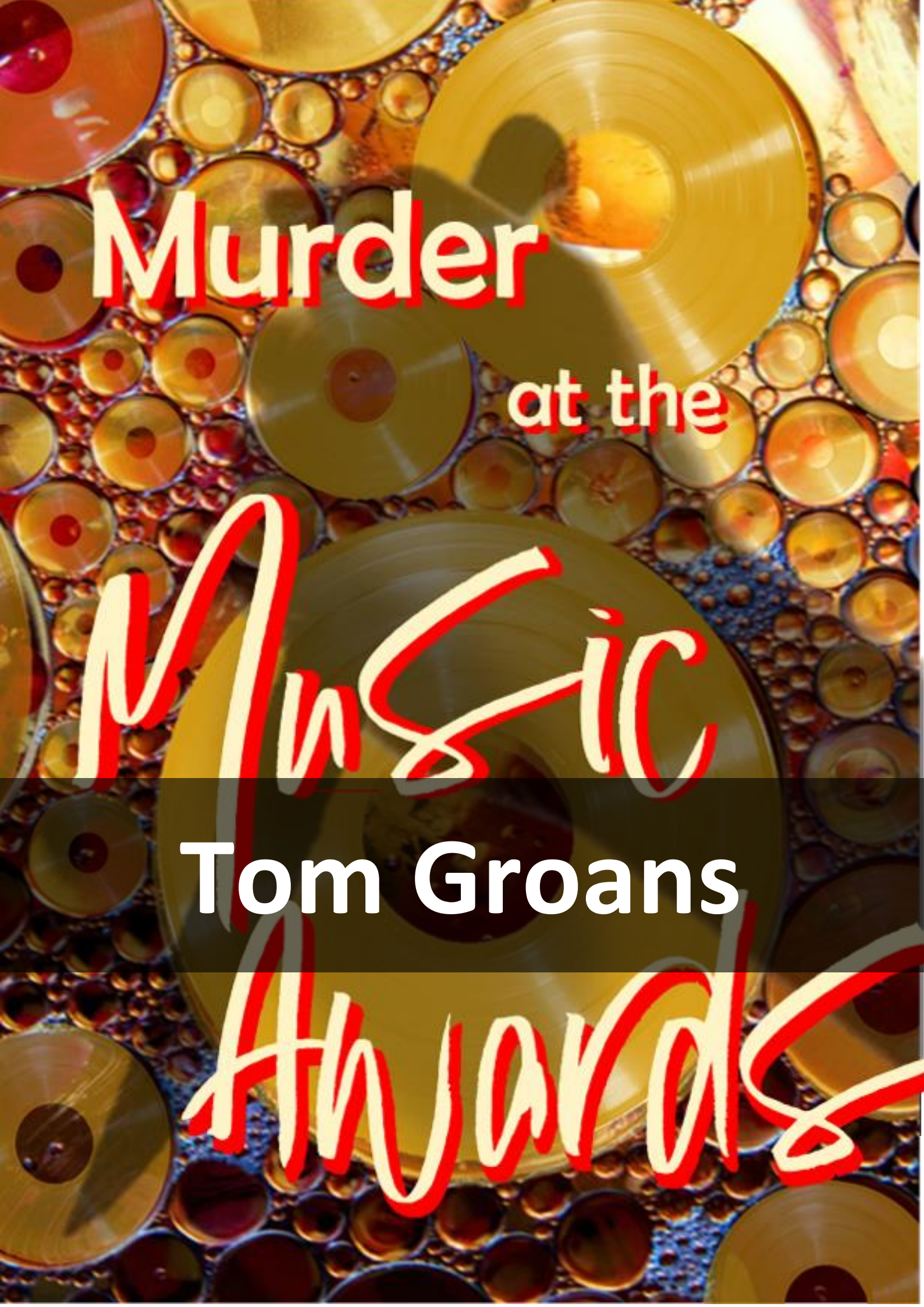




Murder

at the

Music

Tom Groans

Awards

Congratulations!

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

Firstly: *Don't Panic!*

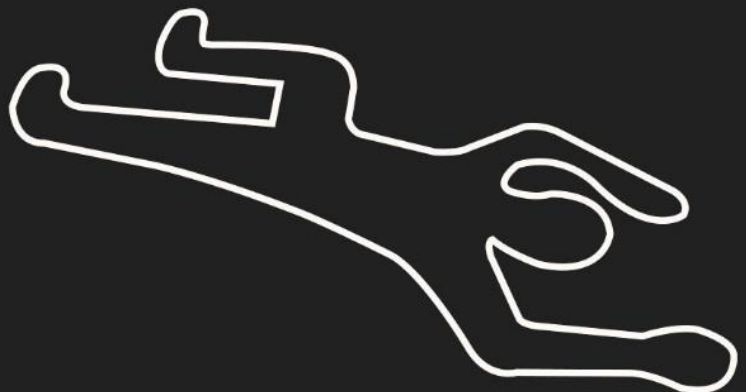
This booklet contains all the information you need to help you act your part throughout the murder mystery; background history, scripted dialogues, questions you should ask and scripted answers to questions you will be asked by the other guests.

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:

You are so in love with yourself it's scary! You are THE man. You know, of all the other people here, you are the only singer worth anything, and ladies just adore you.

In fact, all the screaming fans have quite gone to your head. You know they all want your body. Who wouldn't? You are a sex bomb! Make a big thing of keeping them back, but teasing them at the same time by showing off your pelvic rotations.

You have a fabulously deep, rich voice, so if you can, try and sing the occasional lines such as, "Why, Why, Why - do you think such and such."

Tom Groans - Introductions

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

Tom Groans speaks first using the following dialogue:

Well I have to say this is most unusual! I mean it's not unusual to be loved by anyone, but murdered? That's something else entirely! My name is Tom Groans. You might know of me as the sex bomb of the pop world and I have to say it's not entirely undeserved. I mean I am sexy! I have fans positively lusting over me whenever I walk on stage, and if I happen to brush past any on my way in or out of a building, well, they just collapse!

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

Scripted Dialogue - Round 1

Tom Groans	I should have listened to my mum. Momma told me not to come, and now look what's happened.
Angel Eyes	Poor Tom. Don't let it worry you. It's a crazy world we live in. Sometimes you've just got to take a chance and follow your instincts.
May Donna	Still, at least we've all lived to die another day.
Elton Gone	That's really reassuring, May. Thanks. I guess I'm still standing.
Cherie Shoop-Shoop	Well I think we should just take things step by step.
Alice Blooper	And I think this is just stupid. We're all working in the dark here. Anything could've happened.
Angel Eyes	My gut reflex is to simply run away and ring, ring, ring for my agent to handle all this.
May Donna	Well, we could probably solve it without you, but it sounds to me like you're just as much a suspect as the rest of us!
Alice Blooper	Exactly! And it sounds to me like Stung elected us to solve the case.
Cherie Shoop-Shoop	But how can we tell who the murderer is? Is it in his eyes?
Tom Groans	Could be.
Cherrie Shoop-Shoop	Is it in his face?
Angel Eyes	My guess is not.
Cherie Shoop-Shoop	So if you want to know who the killer is, how are we going to find out?
Alice Blooper	I guess this is where the questions come in.

Tom Groans - First Round

Questions you should ask:

Cherie Shoop-Shoop, how long had you known Doug? You said you were really good friends with him.

Alice, when was the last time you saw Doug alive?

Answers you should give when asked the right questions.

When asked: Tom Groans, was this the first time you've met Doug, or have you met him before?

Say: I saw Doug Beldof just once before tonight. He walked in ahead of me into the awards hall last year to screaming crowds. It was all something to do with his organisational role in the Elastoplast concert. Nothing to do with his talent as a singer, which quite frankly is poor. Tonight was going to be the first time I'd met him properly.

When asked: Tom Groans, you seem to have a lot of fans worldwide. Do you know exactly how many you have?

Say: I have loads of fans thanks to my musical brilliance and sex appeal! At the moment, I have just over two million fans worldwide. Obviously, I can't communicate with all of them, but I have a very good team of people on the fan club side who reply to every letter for me.

Do not read further until instructed by your host.

Scripted Dialogue - Round 2

Alice Blooper	It's the why, why, why of it all that I can't understand.
Cherie Shoop-Shoop	Well don't ask me why anyone would want to kill him.
Angel Eyes	What worries me more is that it was one of us that did it!
Elton Gone	You know how it is, Angel. Us rock stars are not all the respectable people we maintain.
May Donna	Speak for yourself! Some of us are just like a virgin when it comes to the politics of pop.
Elton Gone	I hope you aren't referring to yourself, May. Whenever I've seen you I've always thought, "Hey! The bitch is back!"
Tom Groans	Well I definitely count myself as one of the living. And I don't wanna fight with any of you, but it wasn't me that killed Doug!
Angel Eyes	No one is saying you did, Tom. But who knows what would motivate one of us to murder?
Cherie Shoop-Shoop	At least we aren't working in the dark anymore. We know how Doug was killed now.
Tom Groans	Poison! Rat poison to be exact.
Elton Gone	Yes... and that being the case. Perhaps it's time for some more questions.

Tom Groans - Second Round

Questions you should ask:

May, you said Doug was a judge at one of the awards nights last year. Can you remember which one?

Elton, I'm sure I saw you and Doug passing something small between you earlier. What was it?

Answers you should give when asked the right questions.

When asked: Tom Groans, did you perform for Elastoplast last year?

Say: Yes, I did. I even waived my usual fee and gave up two minutes of my time for a quick soundbite on the single release. Not that it matters to any of Doug's fans. He was still the star in their opinion.

When asked: Tom Groans, I saw you with a little container of something near the champagne reception earlier. What were you doing? And what was in the container?

Say: That? Oh, sweetener's darling. I hate dry champagne. I was just using them to add a bit of sweetness. They must have got a cheap deal from a wine club or something. It was lip-suckingly dry.

Do not read further until instructed by your host.

Scripted Dialogue - Round 3

Tom Groans	I wish this had all happened to some other guy! I'm not sure whether it was the champagne, but I've got a terrible headache. My mum always used to kiss it better.
May Donna	Well you needn't look at me! I've never pretended to be crazy for you - and I want to live to tell another day.
Elton Gone	Whoa! Who do you think you are, May? Hot stuff? I wouldn't want a kiss from you if you were the last girl on earth!
Cherie Shoop-shoop	Well I'm certainly not saving all my love for you or Tom!
Angel Eyes	Look, we don't want to be bickering right now. There are more important things to worry about.
Elton Gone	I agree. We can't let the sun go down on this enquiry without us having solved it.
Angel Eyes	Well, the way I see it, it's either going to be about love or money, money, money.
Elton Gone	I've got nothing I'm afraid.
Tom Groans	Then I'm your man, Elton. I've got loads of ideas!
Angel Eyes	Well, whatever happened, we've got tonight to solve it, although I'm not too sure what happens if we don't.
Cherie Shoop-Shoop	Maybe if Doug had had some love and understanding he'd still be alive.
Elton Gone	Maybe, but I'm afraid his glory days are well and truly over.
Alice Blooper	Well it's no more Mr. Nice Guy from me now. We need to wrap this up quickly.

Tom Groans - Third Round

Questions you should ask:

Alice Blooper, would the revelation you were in rehab for alcohol abuse cause you any problems in the press?

May, I'm sure I saw you with a small packet of white powder earlier near the bar. What was it?

Answers you should give when asked the right questions.

When asked: Tom Groans, do you know how your fan club compares to Doug Beldof's? Does he have more than you?

Say: Yes, he does. But only by 1,256. It may not seem like many but given that he has such a poor singing voice, it makes me a little cross. After all, I could have organised Elastoplast. It doesn't take a genius. You just need the right staff to set it up.

When asked: Tom Groans, did you just add sweeteners to your own glass of champagne?

Say: Of course not! My mamma told me to share! I popped a tablet into all the champagne glasses! And you're welcome by the way. I'm sure they've made a huge different to everyone's enjoyment!

Do not read further until instructed by your host.

Tom Groans - Concluding Statement

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

Tom Groans speaks first using the following dialogue:

Okay, so I admit I was jealous of his success, but that doesn't make me a killer, does it? And you can hardly say artificial sweeteners are poisonous. They've been around for ages with no noticeable side effects, except perhaps as a laxative, depending on the brand. I can assure you these were top of the range! And certainly not poisonous!

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

Tell the others.

We hope you enjoyed playing this Red Herring Games murder mystery and will visit us again to try out our other games.

Red Herring Games have a collection of experienced authors, who are continually producing new games for your enjoyment.

Red Herring Games are constantly on the lookout for more authors to add to our portfolio, giving you more choice.



10% OFF YOUR NEXT PURCHASE

Thank you for playing a Red Herring Game.
In order to receive a 10% discount on future purchases simply enter code: **RHG777** when you visit:

www.red-herring-games.com