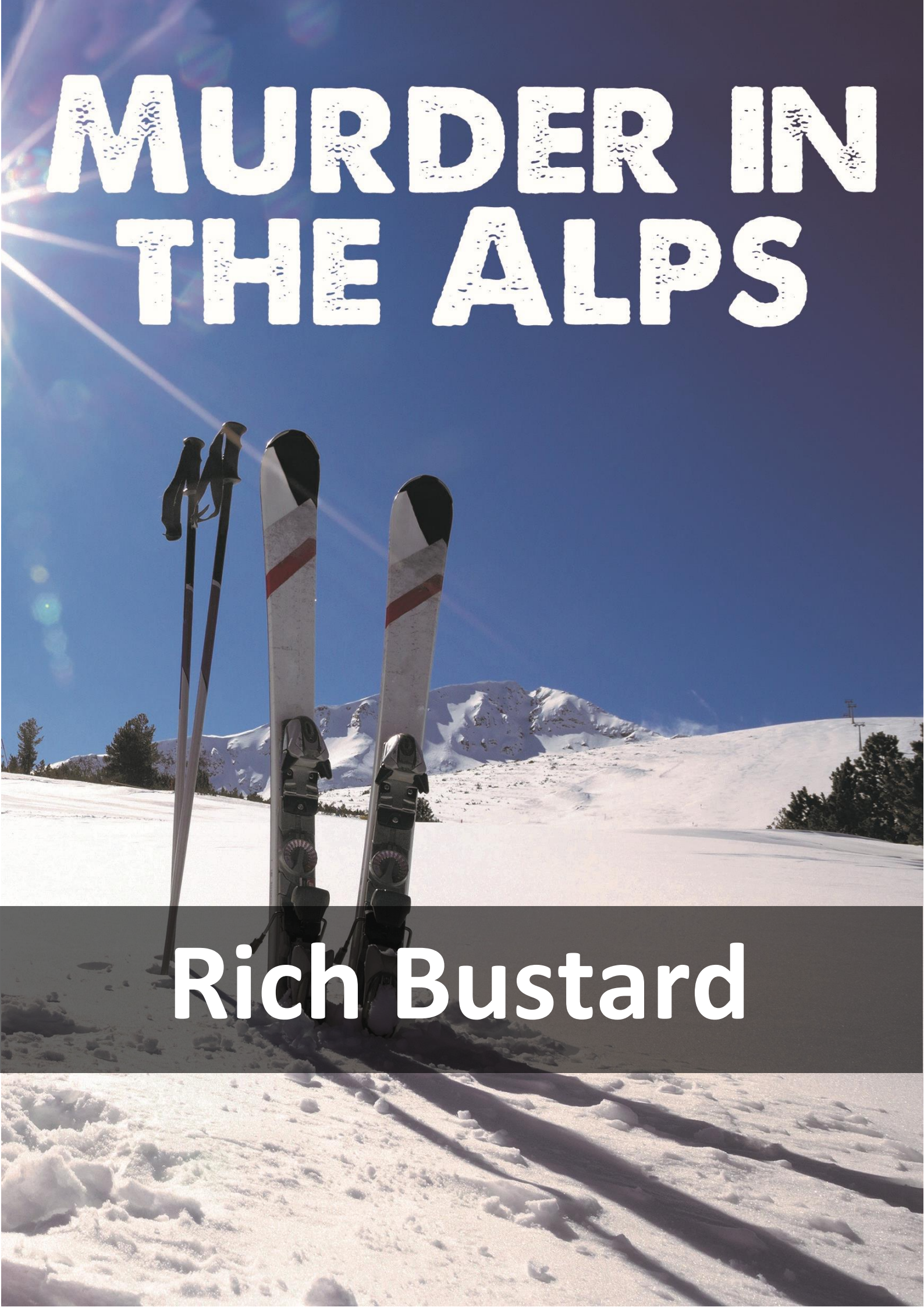


MURDER IN THE ALPS

A pair of skis and poles standing upright in a snowy mountain landscape under a clear blue sky. The skis are white with red and black markings. The poles are black with silver baskets. The background shows a vast, snow-covered mountain range under a bright blue sky with some lens flare. The foreground shows a close-up of the snow and the shadows of the skis.

Rich Bustard

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Firstly: *Don't Panic!*

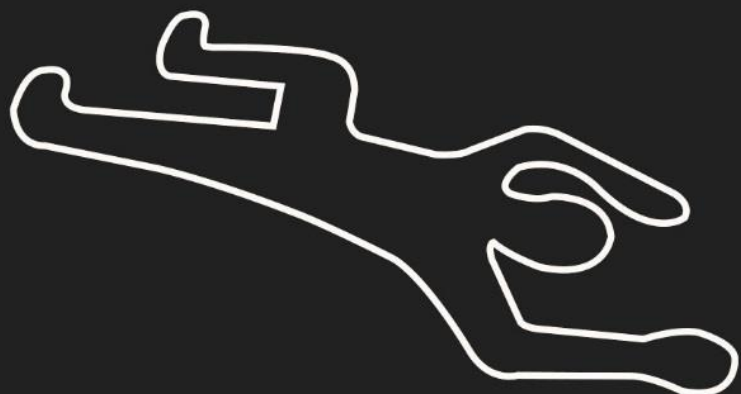
This booklet contains all the information you need to help you act your part throughout the murder mystery; background history, scripted dialogues, questions you should ask and scripted answers to questions you will be asked by the other guests.

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!*



Rich Bustard

Background Character Information

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

You are your father's favourite and will welcome the inheritance and title.

Feel free to look down on the rest of the ruffians Daddy deals with. After all, there's barely a gentleman among them!

Rich Bustard - Introductions

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

Rich Bustard speaks first using the following dialogue:

What ho! Is there no one to announce us? Suppose we'll have to do it ourselves. Very well, I'll go first. My name is Rich Bustard, first son of Ed Bustard, the 15th Earl of Duffolk. How do you do? Such a pity about poor Daddy. The old man's finally snuffed it. He's had a tremendous innings, even if it was cut short by some foul play. Cyanide, if I'm not mistaken! That's certainly not cricket. I suppose with him gone, that makes me the Earl now.

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

Scripted Dialogue - Round 1

- Rich Bustard:** Damn poor show, I say. Daddy's bought the farm. And they say its cyanide poisoning. Whoever heard of such a thing?
- Carey Tray:** Maybe he ate some of your cooking, Madame.
- Madame Bain-Marie:** Pah!
- Bay Grylls:** I heard he was loaded.
- Emma M:** That's none of your business, man.
- Mike Rochip:** He certainly never used his money to help anyone. Charity began at home for him - that's where it ended too. He was the meanest Bustard of all.
- Emma M:** With you on that, man.
- Bay Grylls:** Well I'll say this. What a person does with their money is their concern alone.
- Rich Bustard:** I thought daddy was always a very generous man.
- Madame Bain-Marie:** Pah!
- Carey Tray:** Please ignore the chef. She doesn't have the manners of an Englishwoman.
- Madame Bain-Marie:** We are not in England now, you chauvinist!
- Bay Grylls:** Indeed not. But Switzerland is a most fascinating country, is it not? Some of the rocks -

Rich Bustard: - are really not important right now! That's quite enough of that!

Bay Grylls: You talking to me? You want to watch your step, pal.

Rich Bustard: Sorry, Bay. I was talking to my staff!

Madame Bain-Marie: Pah! Your butler is a pig!

Carey Tray: Careful, Madame. I know things about you.

Bay Grylls: Fighting won't solve anything. The best thing to do is to play dead. That's how I deal with grizzly bears you know.

Rich Bustard: Silence you fools, or we'll have another victim to deal with! Perhaps we should just try and work out who did this dreadful deed?

Rich Bustard - First Round

Questions you should ask:

Bay Grylls, when did you arrive here?

Carey Tray, would it be true to say that you know all the Earl's family secrets?

Answers you should give when asked the right questions.

When asked: Rich, did you always get along with your father?

Say: Yes, I did. Of course, being a boy, I saw far more of my nanny than I did of him. Huh. I can't seem to remember her name. Odd that, isn't it? Anyway, I do remember my twelfth birthday. That was when Daddy called me to his study, introduced himself, told me that I was a man now and gave me the family cufflinks. Since then, he's always looked out for me as his son and heir. I know that he loved me - in his own cold, distant and repressed way.

When asked: Rich, what were you and your father discussing when you were on the slopes yesterday?

Say: My father and I had an important discussion yesterday. He told me that he was changing his will so that I would inherit his entire fortune. To be honest, I thought I was due to inherit it all anyway, but it was sweet of Daddy to clear that up.

Do not read further until instructed by your host.

Scripted Dialogue - Round 2

- Emma M:** Killed by a nut! The dude shoulda been more careful, man.
- Mike Rochip:** So a macadamia is a nut! Who knew that?
- Carey Tray:** I thought it was that dance craze from the 90s. You know! (SINGS) Aye, macadamia! Ahem, I do apologise.
- Madame Bain-Marie:** Pah! You ignorant English! You know nothing about real food!
- Bay Grylls:** I had a friend from the Highlands called MacAdamia. Big fella he was. We called him Big Mac.
- Mike Rochip:** Now you're talking! I could murder a Big Mac! That's some proper food!
- Madame Bain-Marie:** Pah!
- Emma M:** This ain't no surprise to me. A lotta people are allergic to nuts. It's nature's way of telling you to stay clear of her precious seeds.
- Mike Rochip:** What a load of rot! You can't beat a bag of Nobby's Nuts!
- Bay Grylls:** Nobby! That was his name! Nobby MacAdamia! Always wore a raincoat. Sometimes we called him MacIntosh.
- Rich Bustard:** Will you please stop being such fools?! Don't you see a man is dead?

Emma M: Perhaps it was just an accident.

Carey Tray: A very deadly accident.

Madame Bain-Marie: Pah!

Mike Rochip: Accidents during skiing holidays are quite common, aren't they?

Bay Grylls: Yes, but he wasn't even on the slopes when it happened. The poor fool was indoors!

Rich Bustard: Then who on Earth killed him? I'll be jiggered if I know. Perhaps we should question each other further.

Rich Bustard - Second Round

Questions you should ask:

Bay Grylls, is it true that you can climb like a bear?

Carey, did you do all the serving at the après-ski drinks party yesterday?

Answers you should give when asked the right questions.

When asked: Rich, did you know about your father's extremely rare macadamia allergy?

Say: Of course I knew about my father's macadamia allergy! In fact, I have the same gene, so I never touch macadamias either. Like father, like son! That man was like a father to me!

When asked: Rich, does a man of leisure like yourself actually have any business interests?

Say: I may be a man of leisure, but I'm also quite the businessman, even if I do say so myself! Commodities are my game. Turkish strawberries, Madagascan vanilla and Ghanaian cocoa - all the flavours in Neapolitan ice cream! Unfortunately, a few bad harvests have hit me pretty hard, so I'm now calling them long term investments. Thankfully Daddy's always there to bail me out if the losses get too great.

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Scripted Dialogue - Round 3

- Emma M:** Fingerprints on the glass! Aw, man! I'd say someone's been caught red-handed!
- Bay Grylls:** I had red hands once. Got stung two hundred times by a lionfish. Had the last laugh though. Ate him for my supper. Absolutely revolting!
- Mike Rochip:** But what about the fingerprints on the glass?
- Rich Bustard:** Just hold your horses! I'm sure there's an innocent explanation and I assure you I had nothing to do with it. A gentleman's word is his bond.
- Bay Grylls:** In Scotland we say, "look after your family and they'll look after you".
- Mike Rochip:** Of course, that depends on who is in your family.
- Rich Bustard:** I agree with Bay. Family is everything!
- Bay Grylls:** Of course, for me it was a bit different. My father was a bear and my mother a wolf. That's why I have such ferocity and speed.
- Carey Tray:** I'm afraid you've lost me there, Bay.
- Emma M:** Never mind, Carey. Now, what about all the money then? When's that getting shared out? This house alone must be worth a fortune!
- Carey Tray:** But this is a family home. The Earl's of Duffolk have been here for centuries.
- Mike Rochip:** Perhaps he died of old age then!

Madame Bain-Marie: Pah! He was poisoned you imbecile! Murder most foul!

Rich Bustard: Indeed, Madame. And it's up to us to find out who did it.

Bay Grylls: I'll rustle up the killer, don't you worry! Shall we get started?

Rich Bustard - Third Round

Questions you should ask:

Emma M, did you ever rely on your rich dad for money?

Madame Bain-Marie, is there anything missing from your pantry?

Answers you should give when asked the right questions.

When asked: Rich, can you explain how your fingerprints were found on Earl Ed Bustard's glass?

Say: My fingerprints are on the glass because I passed a nightcap to my father after the après-ski drinks, but it certainly wasn't me who poisoned him! I don't know how he could have been poisoned. It's all very unfortunate, but I really had nothing to do with it.

When asked: Rich, did you know about your two secret siblings?

Say: I grew up knowing I had two other siblings, although only Emma M lived in the same house as me. Of course, I barely saw her as she lived in the East Wing! She left the family home as soon as possible. I have to say that she never really fitted in with the Bustard way of life. I knew about Mike Rochip's existence too, but Daddy always said that Mike didn't count. In fact, I think I was the only one that Daddy cared for.

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Rich Bustard - Concluding Statement

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

Rich Bustard speaks after Mike Rochip using the following dialogue:

Tik Tok? Is that something about clocks? Did you know Daddy had a Swiss cuckoo clock he was rather fond of? I miss him terribly. I think I was the only one he really cared for. After all, he was going to give the whole inheritance to me. And now you think I might have poisoned him! What tosh! It's really ever so simple. I tell you I didn't do it and that's that. Surely the word of a gentleman still has some bearing on matters, doesn't it?

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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