

FRIENDS

THE ONE WITH THE MURDER

Polly Shing



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Firstly: *Don't Panic!*

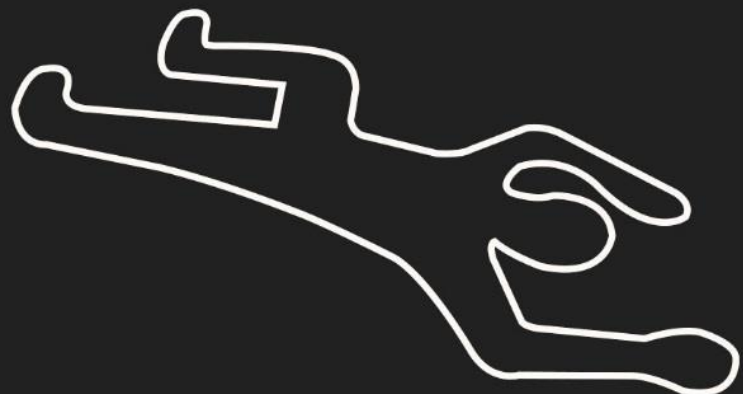
This booklet contains all the information you need to help you act your part throughout the murder mystery; background history, scripted dialogues, questions you should ask and scripted answers to questions you will be asked by the other guests.

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!*



Background Character Information

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

Clean freak that you are, utilise your bag of supplies to carry out household chores this evening. Clear away any empty cups and plates or perhaps polish the table. The thought of washing-up after dinner has you positively giddy!

Your OCD means you cannot cope with anything messy or out of place. Ensure table settings are perfectly aligned and coasters are used. Spend the entire meal worrying that crockery may get broken.

Putting it mildly, you are overly competitive and will do anything to win. Any party games should be taken very seriously and you're pulling out all the stops to solve tonight's crime. Take notes, make a timeline, interrogate suspects, draw diagrams, even bring out the label-maker if you feel the need!

You run a restaurant, so wear chef's whites. It goes without saying that they are spotless! At work you run a tight ship, so take control, organise everyone and make sure everything runs to schedule!

Polly Shing - Introductions

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

Polly Shing speaks first using the following dialogue:

Ooh, ooh, I'll go first! And the Inspector is right. We need rules. Rules help control the fun! If we don't have rules, how are we ever going to solve this thing? Maybe we should break off into teams - actually no, you losers will just hold me back. It should be everyone for themselves. Polly Shing for the win!

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

Scripted Dialogue - Round 1

Herbie Vore	I can't believe this is happening.
Bo Hemian	I know. It's worse than that time I found a thumb in my soda!
Polly Shing	Welcome to the real world. It sucks. You're gonna love it.
Herbie Vore	Everybody calm down. Let's stay put and let the investigation play out.
Pam Perd	You mean we're stuck here? Isn't that just kick-you-in-the-crotch, spit-on-your-neck fantastic!
Al Yewdoin	I have no idea what's going on, but I'm very excited.
Bo Hemian	Me too. It's like Christmas, and I love Christmas!
Josh Shing	Does that mean we need to brace ourselves for a visit from The Holiday Armadillo?
Herbie Vore	Actually, I'm kinda excited too. I've been married multiple times, but this is my first ever murder!
Polly Shing	That's because I loved you so much that no woman is ever going to be good enough for you.
Josh Shing	Okay. Could that BE any weirder?
Bo Hemian	Herbie, just for my own peace of mind, you're not married to any more of us, are you?
Pam Perd	It's a little embarrassing. I've lost count of how many divorces you've had.

Polly Shing	It must at least seven. Seven! Seven! Seven! Seven! Seven! Seven! SEVEN! SEVEN!
Pam Perd	Oh my God! We broke Polly!
Al Yewdoin	Maybe, to take our minds off all this, we should see what's on TV.
Bo Hemian	I don't own a TV.
Al Yewdoin	You don't own a TV? What's all your furniture pointed at?
Josh Shing	Yeah, man. Like, don't knock TV. I mean sure, I'm a gym member too. I try and go four times a week, but I've missed the last 1200 times.
Herbie Vore	I think the inspector is coming back. No doubt he'll want a refill. Pam, you best take his order.
Pam Perd	Ugh! Everyone is getting married or pregnant or divorced or murdered, and I'm getting coffee. And it's not even for me!

Polly Shing - First Round

Questions you should ask:

Al Yewdoin, have you always loved your food?

Bo Hemian, are you surprised by today's events?

Answers you should give when asked the right questions.

When asked: Polly Shing, did Jan eat at your restaurant last night?

Say: Roberto's is a classy, upmarket establishment. Obviously, I work there! It's not the sort of place a Superintendent would go. We don't do chilli dogs! In hindsight, I probably shouldn't have said that to him, especially as he was reviewing the restaurant for the newspaper. I didn't know he sidelined as a food critic. Guess that explains the gut. Anyway, he panned us!

When asked: Polly Shing, what does Josh Shing do for a living?

Say: Uh, uh... transponster? I don't know! Don't ask me that! That question once lost me my apartment in a quiz and I hate to lose! Anyway, it doesn't matter. All that matters is that I love him and he loves me. He'd do anything for me. We're a team! GO TEAM!

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Scripted Dialogue - Round 2

Josh Shing	I don't know about you, but I can't just sit around drinking coffee whilst there's a murderer at large.
Al Yewdoin	Hey, there's nothing wrong with coffee, particularly when it's served with a muffin on the side.
Herbie Vore	I agree, but we need to think of something to occupy ourselves. Any ideas?
Josh Shing	Who's up for a race? I'll take the chick. Who wants the duck?
Polly Shing	Normally I'm all over any sort of contest, but count me out. I'd sooner do chores. No, really, please, let me do chores!
Herbie Vore	If not a race, how about some sort of trivia quiz?
Josh Shing	Question 1. Polly categorises her towels. How many categories are there?
Al Yewdoin	11!
Pam Perd	I didn't realise the question was, 'how many divorces does Herbie have under his belt?'
Herbie Vore	Herbie: Divorce Force! Now that has a good ring to it.
Pam Perd	I'm too pretty for quizzes. How about some music?
Herbie Vore	Remember when I played the bagpipes? How about an encore?

Pam Perd	For the love of God, NO!
Bo Hemian	Good idea. I'll get my guitar. Let's duet on my new song, Sticky Shoes.
Polly Shing	No quizzes, no sing-a-longs. We should be concentrating on helping the inspector as much as we can.
Bo Hemian	Oh, I wish I could. I just don't want to.
Al Yewdoin	I can't think on an empty stomach. I'm starving. What was I thinking at dinner? 'Do you want soup or salad?' Both! Always order both!
Josh Shing	Your stomach's gonna have to wait, pal. The inspector's coming back and I'm sure we all want to know the latest.
Bo Hemian	I do!
Pam Perd	As Herbie is so fond of saying!

Polly Shing - Second Round

Questions you should ask:

Al Yewdoin, were you disappointed not to get Jan's meatball recipe?

Pam Perd, how did you find being on a break with Herbie?

Answers you should give when asked the right questions.

When asked: Polly Shing, how did you react to Jan's horrible review?

Say: I calmed myself down by deep cleaning the oven. Then I decided Jan was going to literally eat his words, so I invited him for dinner. I've spent the whole day cooking. I'm serving puffer fish, a Japanese delicacy. It's one of the most difficult foods to prepare! Most chefs wouldn't go near it because it's deadly if prepped wrong.

When asked: Polly Shing, would you know anything about why no prints were found at the crime scene?

Say: Would you believe me if I said I'd been cleaning in my sleep again? I swear, I wasn't trying to remove evidence. I just couldn't bear to think of the fountain all stained and dirty, so I went at it with my homemade tile cleaner. It's two parts ammonia and one part lemon juice.

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Scripted Dialogue - Round 3

Josh Shing	Really? Could that BE any more inappropriate?
Bo Hemian	All this talk of poison has brought back a memory. Polly, didn't you once get stung by a jellyfish and almost die?
Polly Shing	Sure did! Couldn't stand. Couldn't walk. Didn't think I was gonna to make it.
Pam Perd	I saw something once, about jellyfish. On the Discovery Channel. And how -
Bo Hemian	- Oh my God! I saw that programme too! You never peed on yourself, did you?
Pam Perd	Eww! Gross!
Polly Shing	You can't say that! I thought I was going to pass out from the pain. I tried to, but I couldn't bend that way, so -
Al Yewdoin	- That's right. I stepped up! And if I had to, I'd pee on any one of you! Only I couldn't. I got stage fright.
Bo Hemian	So what happened?
Josh Shing	Al kept screaming at me. Do it now, do it, do it, do it, do it now! Sometimes, late at night, I can still hear the screaming!
Bo Hemian	What a shame Jan wasn't poisoned by a jellyfish. Josh would've known what to do to save him!

Al Yewdoin	Hey! Polly isn't the only one here who's had a near-death experience. I once fell down an elevator shaft.
Herbie Vore	No you didn't. That was your character, Dr Jay Amore, in Weeks of our Lives. It's not the same thing.
Pam Perd	Well, we know how to cure a jellyfish sting. Any advice on what to do when someone falls down an elevator shaft?
Josh Shing	I'm not great at advice, but can I interest you in a sarcastic comment while we await the inspector's return?
Bo Hemian	I once dated a cop. We met when I called for backup because this woman put her cigarette out on a tree and then wouldn't apologise to it.
Pam Perd	A woman you say? Does she have a wedding dress? Perhaps we could set her up with Herbie.
Polly Shing	Lay off Herbie. The murder is causing him enough stress without your jokes. I haven't seen him this worked up since he moved that couch.
Herbie Vore	PIVOT! PIVOT! PIVOT! PIVOT! PIVOT!
Josh Shing	SHUT UP! SHUT UP! SHUT UP! Oh, sweet mercy, the inspector is back, and not a moment too soon!
Polly Shing	Ooh good! I hope we get to ask some more questions!

Polly Shing - Third Round

Questions you should ask:

Al Yewdoin, how did your first dance lesson with Jan go?

Josh Shing, are you sad that Jan is dead?

Answers you should give when asked the right questions.

When asked: Polly Shing, did you cook anything else today besides the puffer fish?

Say: I don't think so. Oh wait, Herbie's sandwich. I left it in the fridge. Everybody knows not to touch it, even Al. Some people think it's weird, making your brother a sandwich every day, but he's the most important man in my life. Well, apart from Josh. Did that sound weird?

When asked: Polly Shing, how do you prepare puffer fish?

Say: As I said to Pam, you don't. It's super-poisonous when mishandled. She watched my sauce whilst I ran to the store. When I got back I saw the commotion. It breaks my heart that Jan went to his grave thinking I'm a bad cook. No one else here thinks that, right? Right?!

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Polly Shing - Concluding Statement

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

Polly Shing speaks first using the following dialogue:

Somebody stall. I'm not ready. I need more solving time! Oh, why did I spend so long alphabetising the suspects? Well, I may not have worked out whodunnit, but one thing I have deduced. I had nothing to do with it. I'm as squeaky clean as my apartment and had no involvement in this mess. I hate mess!

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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