

FROM MONTE CARLO WITH MURDER

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Monte Carlo, 1962. The VIP roulette table is surrounded by high-rollers in tuxedoes and evening gowns. The women are dripping with diamonds, only some of which are real. Many of the players are obviously spies or villains, while many appear quite innocuous—but they all have deadly secrets. Are there more spies here? Undercover detectives? Jewel thieves? Who knows?

Suddenly the lights go out. When they come back up, the croupier Spinney Zeweel is swaying and choking... but what is that in his neck? Could it be a poison dart?

As he slides to the floor, the glamorous gamblers, including YOU, are left to wonder—WHODUNIT?



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CHEMIN DEFAIRE CHARACTER GUIDE

CHARACTER DESCRIPTION:

Gender open. Casino banker, Monaco native, offers exorbitant loans to broke players.

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CHEMIN DEFAIRE ROUND 1: GETTING TO KNOW THE PLAYERS

TO SPY OR NOT TO SPY

This game has an extra twist at the end, where you get to vote on which characters are spies.

You can use this chart to clarify your thinking. What's important is spy vs. not spy—the other possibilities add interest, but are not essential.

NOTE: Ignore any characters who are not at this party.

	Spy	For what country or political bloc?	Villain	Jewel Thief	Undercover Police	Private Citizen
Anita Lone						
Baccarat Crystal						
Blond, Jamie Blond						
Bond, Jane Bond						
Chemin DeFaire						
Chips Ardown						
Deville Blofur						
Dr. Ohno						
Fabi Nobile						
Frond, James Frond						
Henchy						
Inky Ganito						
Ivana Vinnalot						
Kitty Galore						
Leroux Lette						
Lord Jack Potts						
Marve Lisse						
Maxie Mumm						
Metalfinger						
Rue Key						

What about you?

You are a megalomaniacal villain. Being a casino banker is your first step on the road to world financial domination.

Your game goal is to fool the other players into thinking you are a private citizen—you can do that in the WAY you read your script.



CHEMIN DEFAIRE ROUND 1 GETTING TO KNOW THE PLAYERS

INTROS

YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE VICTIM

All the Players have a history with the victim. Try to keep the details of your relationship to yourself—but be aware that other people may already have some idea of it!

Part of your plan to take over the world is to find the right minions. You thought you had found just the right toady in Spinney Zeweel—but the fool had the nerve to turn down your offer! You needed to make him an example of what happens to people who try to foil your plans!

SAY HELLO

Read this text word-for-word or paraphrase it in your own words as you introduce yourself to everyone. Don't add any information, just slang or casual language suitable for your character.

Ideally, your character should have a believable French accent.

Good evening, I am the casino banker Chemin De-Faire. I am always glad to lend losing gamblers the funds they need—as many of you are well aware. Of course, being in my debt does give me some power over you, and I have to admit that I do love power. It's too bad the late Spinney Zeweel didn't take the power I offered to share with him—he might still be among us!

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CHEMIN DEFAIRE ROUND 1 GETTING TO KNOW THE PLAYERS

RUMOURS CHOOSE YOUR VICTIM

Here are things you may have observed about other characters. In your group, agree on a character you want to talk about—someone who is at the party, but preferably not within earshot.

Seen receiving a package from the U.S. government and trying to get out of the Post Office without opening it.
Had a fight with Spinney Zeweel two nights ago that ended with her saying, "You'll be sorry for threatening ME, loverboy!"
When someone tried to borrow a pen, Jamie said, "Sorry, this one doesn't write—I don't know what it does yet."
Heard telling Spinney Zeweel, "Stay out of the way and let the professionals take care of the criminals!"
Has made numerous mistakes about Australian geography.
Seen having many private discussions with Spinney Zeweel.
Seen shadowing Deville Blofur and Spinney Zeweel whenever the two of them talked together.
Heard cursing at Spinney Zeweel in Italian—something about "famiglia" and "antiquariato."
Seems overly interested in attractive, well-dressed women, especially the ones from Communist countries.
Seen coming out of an Interpol office. Said he was there "just for questioning."
Seen following Doctor Ohno.
Heard telling Spinney Zeweel to "Shut your face, if you know what's good for you."
Seen handing cash to a casino hotel employee earlier.
Seen slapping Spinney Zeweel's face and saying, "Silence, you fool! Your jokes are not funny!"
Always flirting, but only with expensively-dressed women.
Often eavesdrops on private conversations.
Wears a flashy ring, and loves to compare it with other people's jewelry.
Is extremely dexterous, even wearing one glove and having a presumably false finger.
Seen buying lots of strange souvenirs in Monte Carlo's back streets.

SPREAD THE DIRT

Use your improvisational skills to share your rumour about that character with everyone in your group. Just as in real life, some people will already know your dirt—that doesn't mean you can't talk about it! The Host may ask you to move on to a different group, to share rumours with and about new people. Feel free to pass on or combine items you've heard from other Players. The Host may end the Round before you have finished, so get to the juicy stuff early!

BITE YOUR TONGUE!

If you hear someone spreading a rumour about you, pay attention but don't feel you need to answer. You'll have a chance to respond in the next Round.

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CHEMIN DEFAIRE ROUND 2 | MOTIVES

QUESTIONS TO ASK THE OTHER CHARACTERS

When it is your turn, choose ONE question to ask another Player and read it aloud. Eventually, all the characters listed in that row will be asked that same question.

ASK: Anita Lone	I heard that Spinney Zeweel was seen following you out of the Post Office, that time you received some diamonds in the mail. What's up with that?
ASK: Baccarat Crystal	We all heard that you had a fight with Spinney Zeweel where you called him loverboy and told him to stop threatening you. How's that related to his journal entry about you?
ASK: Blond, Jamie Blond	Spinney Zeweel has been telling everyone that he saw you eavesdropping on Doctor Ohno and following Metalfinger. Did you realize that Spinney had spotted you?
ASK: Bond, Jane Bond Frond, James Frond Lord Jack Potts Maxie Mumm	Spinney Zeweel thought that there was a connection between Jane Bond, Maxie Mumm, James Frond, and Lord Jack Potts. How can you explain that?
ASK: Chips Ardown	Why are you pretending to be Australian? Spinney Zeweel could tell you were a fake, and so can we!
ASK: Deville Blofur	Spinney Zeweel wrote about getting a job offer from you. What did you want to hire him for, and why did he say no?
ASK: Doctor Ohno	Somebody saw you shadowing Deville Blofur and Spinney Zeweel whenever the two of them talked together. What were you hoping to hear?
ASK: Fabi Nobile	You've been heard cursing at Spinney Zeweel in Italian—something about "famiglia" and "antiquariato." Why would you do that?
ASK: Henchy Metalfinger	As a pair, Henchy and Metalfinger have been seen pointing at Spinney Zeweel while whispering together. What were you two whispering about?
ASK: Inky Ganito Leroux Lette Marve Lisse	You've been heard urging Spinney Zeweel to remain silent about something. What did he know about you?
ASK: Ivana Vinnalot	Somebody heard you telling Spinney Zeweel to "Shut your face, if you know what's good for you." What's the story there—and why were you talking like an American?
ASK: Kitty Galore	Somebody heard you complaining that you can't trust anyone to mind their own business—while you were staring at Spinney Zeweel. What does that mean?
ASK: Rue Key	Spinney Zeweel thought you looked like a woman he cheated a year ago. Have you been to Monte Carlo before? Did you dye your hair as a disguise—and did you think nobody would see your dark roots?

ANSWERS FOR WHEN YOU ARE QUESTIONED

When another Player asks you, read the appropriate answer.

IF YOU ARE INNOCENT	I was looking for someone who was good at numbers and at gathering secrets. Anyhow, Spinney seemed to have a nice little blackmailing business, so I thought we should join forces. But he said that he preferred to work alone.			
IF YOU ARE GUILTY	I was looking for someone who was good at numbers and at gathering secrets. Anyhow, Spinney seemed to have a nice little blackmailing business, so I thought we should join forces. But he said that he preferred to work alone. Too bad—secrets are power, and I would have benefited from knowing his secrets.			

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CHEMIN DEFAIRE ROUND 3 | OPPORTUNITY

QUESTIONS TO ASK THE OTHER CHARACTERS

When it is your turn, choose ONE question to ask another Player and read it aloud. Eventually, all the characters listed in that row will be asked that same question.

ASK:	Anita Lone	Admit it, you got your diamonds not from "an uncle"—but from your Uncle Sam! Did the U.S. government send you anything else, like maybe a device for controlling lights remotely?
ASK:	Baccarat Crystal Chips Ardown Frond, James Frond Inky Ganito	You were near the front light switch. Is that what you used to control the lights?
ASK:	Blond, Jamie Blond	You told someone that your pen wasn't for writing, but for something else. Is it for controlling the lights, by any chance?
ASK:	Bond, Jane Bond Deville Blofur Doctor Ohno Metalfinger	You seem to be the kind of person who has a technical solution for any problem. Do you carry a remote control for the lights?
ASK:	Fabi Nobile Kitty Galore Maxie Mumm Rue Key	You've been seen giving cash to a casino employee. Were you bribing them to turn out the lights early?
ASK:	Henchy Ivana Vinnalot Lord Jack Potts	You were near the back light switch. Is that what you used to control the lights?
ASK:	Leroux Lette	Your cigarette lighter was giving you trouble the other day, at the same time as the lights were flickering. Is your lighter a secret remote control device?
ASK:	Marve Lisse	You are an important person at this casino. Couldn't you simply have ordered an employee to turn the lights off a little early?

ANSWERS FOR WHEN YOU ARE QUESTIONED

When another Player asks you, read the appropriate answer.

IF YOU ARE INNOCENT	Ha! Only if I wanted to be paying blackmail forever! Do you think our employees are too stupid to figure out what I had done?
IF YOU ARE GUILTY	Ha! The employees never do anything I say! I have to pay them extra for every little thing!

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CHEMIN DEFAIRE ROUND 4 | METHOD

QUESTIONS TO ASK THE OTHER CHARACTERS

When it is your turn, choose ONE question to ask another Player and read it aloud. Eventually, all the characters listed in that row will be asked that same question

ASK:	Anita Lone	You've been seen playing with one of horn noisemakers on the Celebration Table. Couldn't you have used that to shoot a poison dart at Spinney?
ASK:	Baccarat Crystal Ivana Vinnalot Maxie Mumm	You were close to the Celebration Table, which has horn noisemakers and floral arrangements made with hollow bamboo sticks. Couldn't you have used one of those to shoot a poison dart at Spinney?
ASK:	Blond, Jamie Blond	Aha! You say that your "fountain pen" doesn't control the lights. Does that mean it works as a blow pipe for truth serum darts?
ASK:	Bond, Jane Bond	People have noticed your very long arms. Couldn't you have just reached across the roulette table and jabbed a dart in Spinney's neck?
ASK:	Chips Ardown Doctor Ohno Inky Ganito	A poison dart seems like a Communist weapon. I suspect that you are involved with a Communist country. Was it you who shot Spinney?
ASK:	Deville Blofur	Blowing a dart gun seems like a fun way to kill somebody, and you've said that you were looking for fun and creative ways to commit murder. Is that why you shot Spinney?
ASK:	Fabi Nobile	You've been bragging about a family history of poisoners. What kinds of potion recipes have come down to you?
ASK:	Frond, James Frond	You've been seen playing with the potted palms, which use hollow bamboo sticks as supports. Couldn't you have used one of those to shoot a poison dart at Spinney?
ASK:	Henchy Metalfinger	Was it truth serum that you wanted to test out on Spinney? Would you consider your test a failure, since he died from it?
ASK:	Kitty Galore Lord Jack Potts	You've been playing with an empty cigarette holder all night. Couldn't you have used that to shoot a poison dart at Spinney?
ASK:	Leroux Lette	If you are carrying a cigarette lighter that doubles as a remote control, you seem likely to be carrying something that could shoot poison darts. Was it you who shot Spinney?
ASK:	Marve Lisse	Could you manufacture a poison dart from materials around the casino—like those feathers in the floral arrangements?
ASK:	Rue Key	You've been seen buying souvenirs in the back streets of Monte Carlo, where they sell strange things from all over the world. Did your purchases include any poison darts?

ANSWERS FOR WHEN YOU ARE QUESTIONED

When another Player asks you a question, read the appropriate answer.

IF YOU ARE INNOCENT	I often rearrange the flowers in the casino. I find it restful after a long day of listening to unlucky gamblers beg for loans. I would never take anything out of the arrangements.			
IF YOU ARE GUILTY	I often rearrange the flowers in the casino. I find it restful after a long day of listening to unlucky gamblers beg for loans. It would spoil the restfulness if I took anything out of the arrangements.			

DO YOU KNOW WHODUNIT? TURN THE PAGE TO SHARE YOUR DEDUCTIONS



CHEMIN DEFAIRE ACCUSATIONS OR VOTING

Follow the Host's instructions on how to name the Murderer.

- You may fill out a Game Ballot on paper or via Chat.
- You may be asked to make an Accusation in the format below

The first Player to correctly identify the Murderer and motive wins the game. If nobody gets it right, the Murderer wins!

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l accuse	of murdering Spinney Zeweel.
I believe they committed the crime for this motiv	ve:
OPTIONAL: I base my accusation on this evidence:	



In a moment, you will vote or bet on each Player's true identity. Use this chart to clarify your thinking. What's important is spy vs. not spy—the other possibilities add interest, but are not essential

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Marve Lisse						
Maxie Mumm						
Metalfinger						
Rue Key						



CHEMIN DEFAIRE FINAL STATEMENTS

When the Host calls on your assigned letter, announce your character name, then wait for the group to vote or bet on whether you are a spy, villain, jewel thief, undercover police officer, or a private citizen.

After the voting, share the appropriate final statement:

IF YOU ARE INNOCENT

I am NOT a spy. I suppose you might call me a villain, although I prefer to think of myself as just someone in pursuit of world financial domination.

Part of my plan to take over the world is to find the right minions. I thought I had found just the right toady in Spinney Zeweel—but the fool had the nerve to turn down my offer. I needed to make him an example of what happens to people who try to foil my plans!

I wanted to humiliate him, not kill him! I'm furious that someone else got to him before I did—now I'll have to settle for making the murderer suffer! Bwa-ha-ha!

IF YOU ARE GUILTY

I am NOT a spy. I suppose you might call me a villain, although I prefer to think of myself as just someone in pursuit of world financial domination.

Part of my plan to take over the world is to find the right minions. I thought I had found just the right toady in Spinney Zeweel—but the fool had the nerve to turn down my offer. I needed to kill him as an example of what happens to people who try to foil my plans!

I made a dart from a needle and a feather from the casino flowers. I also took a bamboo stick to shoot it with. I doused the dart with a poison that I mixed from cleaning fluid.

I bribed a casino employee to turn off the lights early so I would have a chance to use it tonight. I knew that she would keep her mouth shut in order to keep her job.

As soon as the lights went off and the room was filled with noise, I got the dart out of my pocket and blew it at Spinney

Yes! The poison worked remarkably fast! Spinney deserved it and it was his Time to Die! Now everyone knows how much evil I can do! Bwa-ha-ha!



