

FROM MONTE CARLO WITH MURDER

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Monte Carlo, 1962. The VIP roulette table is surrounded by high-rollers in tuxedos 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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CHARACTER DESCRIPTION:

Gender open. Australian, acts casual but observes everything.y.

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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						
Fronde, James Fronde						
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 spy for the Soviet Union. You are just pretending to be Australian.

Your 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.



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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!

Spinney Zeweel had been to Australia many times—more often than you have, to tell the truth. He saw through your lies and threatened to tell everyone you were a fake. That could mean your own execution by Soviet forces! You could never feel safe while he was alive.

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 an overdone, unbelievable Australian accent.

G'day mates! I'm Chips Ardown from Down Under. Isn't this a bonzer casino? With bonzer tucker and bonzer sheilas? Oh come on now, blokes, why the long faces? Just because that bogan Spinney is dead is no reason for the saddies. He was no comrade of mine, let me tell you—I don't care how much he claimed to know about Australia!

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YOU TO!***



CHIPS ARDOWN 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.

ANITA LONE	Seen playing with several of the noisemakers on the Celebration Table.
BACCARAT CRYSTAL	Seen letting Spinney Zeweel into her hotel room a few weeks ago.
BLOND, JAMIE BLOND	Spinney Zeweel said that he'd seen Jamie eavesdropping on Doctor Ohno and following Metalfinger.
BOND, JANE BOND	Doesn't seem interested in anyone from behind the Iron Curtain.
CHEMIN DEFAIRE	Overheard saying, "Money is power, and bankers have lots of money, my friends!"
DEVILLE BLOFUR	Heard laughing about how fun it is to bump people off in creative ways.
DOCTOR OHNO	Heard saying, "It is dangerous to let villains enlist private armies. That is what governments are for."
FABI NOBILE	Always tried to sit next to Spinney Zeweel, then glared at him.
FROND, JAMES FROND	Overheard telling Spinney Zeweel how dangerous the chemicals used in gardening can be—in the right hands.
HENCHY	Metalfinger seems to be testing Henchy's abilities.
INKY GANITO	Seen following Deville Blofur.
IVANA VINNALOT	Asks a lot of questions about Chips Ardown and Doctor Ohno.
KITTY GALORE	Carries a cigarette holder but often chews on it with no cigarette inside.
LEROUX LETTE	Asks everyone he meets many questions about their views on world politics.
LORD JACK POTTS	Heard muttering about how nosy casino employees can be, while glaring at Spinney Zeweel.
MARVE LISSE	Heard saying, "Why should I be faithful to one country when others pay so much better?"
MAXIE MUMM	Seen arguing with Spinney Zeweel, although they used to be the best of friends.
METALFINGER	Heard saying that injections are the best way to administer sedatives.
RUE KEY	Insisted on sitting next to Spinney Zeweel, saying, "He's my good luck charm!"

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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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: Chemin DeFaire 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 might have a perfectly good reason for pretending I'm from Australia. I might be an actor, practicing an accent. I might be from a country that seems dangerous, so I act like I'm from some place more innocent. I might just like being a man of mystery—a mystery wrapped in a riddle, like they say in England.
IF YOU ARE GUILTY	I might have a perfectly good reason for pretending I'm from Australia. I might be an actor, practicing an accent. I might be from a country that seems dangerous, so I act like I'm from some place more innocent. I guess I'm saying that it's really none of your business—and it wasn't Spinney's, either!

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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 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: Chemin DeFaire 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?
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?

ANSWERS FOR WHEN YOU ARE QUESTIONED

When another Player asks you, read the appropriate answer.

IF YOU ARE INNOCENT	Oh blast it, mate! Next you'll accuse me of setting off the fire alarm just because I walked by it. I could come up with heaps of better plans than strolling over and pushing a button in front of an audience!
IF YOU ARE GUILTY	Oh blast it, mate! Next you'll accuse me of setting off the fire alarm just because I walked by it. Don't you think I could come up with a better plan than strolling over and pushing a button, right in front of an audience?

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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: Chemin DeFaire	You've been seen playing with the floral arrangements on the Celebration Table, which include hollow bamboo sticks. Couldn't you have used one of those to shoot a poison dart at Spinney?
ASK: 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	That's interesting—you think that being a fake Australian makes me a Communist! I do like some things from Communist countries, like borscht, but I would never pick up one of their weapons—that would be bonkers, mates!
IF YOU ARE GUILTY	That's interesting—you think that being a fake Australian makes me a Communist! I do like some things from Communist countries, like borscht, but I sure don't like their weapons—those are bonkers, mates!

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

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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!

ACCUSATION FORMAT

I accuse _____ of murdering Spinney Zeweel.

I believe they committed the crime for this motive:

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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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:

<p>IF YOU ARE INNOCENT</p>	<p>I am a spy for the Soviet Union. I just pretend to be Australian.</p> <p>Spinney Zeweel saw through my disguise. I needed to stop him from blowing my cover.</p> <p>I had a method all planned out for tomorrow, but someone else got to him first. Ta, Spinney, I won't be missing you!</p>
<p>IF YOU ARE GUILTY</p>	<p>I am a spy for the Soviet Union. I just pretend to be Australian.</p> <p>Spinney Zeweel saw through my disguise. I needed to stop him from blowing my cover.</p> <p>I had a dart gun in my spy kit. I put it in my pocket so it would be easy to access tonight.</p> <p>I nonchalantly strolled over to the light switch just as the roulette ball was settling on a number. No one saw me casually lean against it with my elbow.</p> <p>As soon as the lights went off and the room was filled with noise, I shot Spinney. Then the gun self-destructed the way it was supposed to.</p> <p>I guess some people would feel sorry for Spinney, but really mates, it was just his Time to Die!</p>





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