

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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IVANA VINNALOT CHARACTER GUIDE

CHARACTER DESCRIPTION: Female. Soviet, high roller with nerves of steel.

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IVANA VINNALOT 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			ĺ			
Chemin DeFaire						
Chips Ardown						
Deville Blofur						
Dr. Ohno						
Fabi Nobile						
Frond, James Frond						
Henchy						
Inky Ganito						
Ivana Vinnalot			ĺ			
Kitty Galore						
Leroux Lette						
Lord Jack Potts						
Marve Lisse						
Maxie Mumm						
Metalfinger						
Rue Key						

What about you?

You are a spy from the U.S.A. You are pretending to be Russian in order to gather information from Communists.

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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IVANA VINNALOT

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 was suspicious of you, since you have way too much money to be a Soviet citizen. He had a bad habit of wondering out loud where you got your fortune. If the wrong people heard those ideas, you could end up dead. You could never feel safe while Spinney 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 Russian accent.

I am Ivana Vinnalot. I am Soviet, traveling in decadent Western society to learn how capitalists think. I do not gamble for enjoyment, but to watch the reactions of parasites like yourselves. I must return home soon, before I become corrupted by things like slinky gowns and delicious American fast food. I am sorry that the casino worker died. He seemed like a hard worker, but perhaps he had wandered into areas that were none of his business.

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IVANA VINNALOT 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 picking up several passports from different countries that had fallen from her purse.			
BLOND, JAMIE BLOND	Spinney Zeweel said that he'd seen Jamie eavesdropping on Doctor Ohno and following Metalfinger.			
BOND, JANE BOND	Has really long arms.			
CHEMIN DEFAIRE	Overheard saying, "Money is power, and bankers have lots of money, my friends!"			
CHIPS ARDOWN	Heard saying, "The Russkies are using poison darts now—I mean, uh, that's what I've been told."			
DEVILLE BLOFUR	Heard laughing about how fun it is to bump people off in creative ways.			
DOCTOR OHNO	Seems strangely familiar with countries behind the Iron Curtain.			
FABI NOBILE	Always tried to sit next to Spinney Zeweel, then glared at him.			
FROND, JAMES FROND	Seen digging in the dirt surrounding the potted palms.			
HENCHY	Metalfinger seems to be testing Henchy's abilities.			
INKY GANITO	Heard begging Spinney Zeweel "no more talking about codes, please no!"			
KITTY GALORE	Heard complaining that you can't trust anyone to mind their own business—while staring at Spinney Zeweel.			
LEROUX LETTE	Asks everyone he meets many questions about their views on world politics.			
LORD JACK POTTS	Is often seen with an unscrupulous jeweler.			
MARVE LISSE	Heard saying, "Why should I be faithful to one country when others pay so much better?"			
MAXIE MUMM	Can climb like a cat.			
METALFINGER	Heard saying that injections are the best way to administer sedatives.			
RUE KEY	Seen questioning a casino hotel employee and giving them money.			

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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IVANA VINNALOT **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.

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?		
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?		
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?		
Spinney Zeweel thought that there was a connection between Jane Bond, Maxie Mumm, James Frond, and Lord Jack Potts. How can you explain that?		
Spinney Zeweel wrote about getting a job offer from you. What did you want to hire him for, and why did he say no?		
Why are you pretending to be Australian? Spinney Zeweel could tell you were a fake, and so can we!		
Somebody saw you shadowing Deville Blofur and Spinney Zeweel whenever the two of them talked together. What were you hoping to hear?		
You've been heard cursing at Spinney Zeweel in Italian—something about "famiglia" and "antiquariato." Why would you do that?		
As a pair, Henchy and Metalfinger have been seen pointing at Spinney Zeweel while whispering together. What were you two whispering about?		
You've been heard urging Spinney Zeweel to remain silent about something. What did he know about you?		
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?		
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 learned English from American television shows, so naturally I sound like an American. That doesn't mean that I am not a good Soviet Communist! As for Spinney Zeweel, he just talked too much about how much money I have. It was none of his business if I have more than most Soviets do!
IF YOU ARE GUILTY	I learned English from American television shows, so naturally I sound like an American. That doesn't mean that I am not a good Soviet Communist! As for Spinney Zeweel, he just talked too much about how much money I have. It was none of his business if I have money to spend, like those decadent Americans do!

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IVANA VINNALOT 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:	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 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 No, I had no desire to control the lights.	
IF YOU ARE GUILTY	No, that is not what I used to control the lights.

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IVANA VINNALOT **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

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?			
Baccarat Crystal Maxie Mumm				
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?			
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?			
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?			
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?			
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?			
Fabi Nobile	You've been bragging about a family history of poisoners. What kinds of potion recipes have come down to you?			
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?			
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?			
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?			
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?			
Marve Lisse	Could you manufacture a poison dart from materials around the casino—like those feathers in the floral arrangements?			
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?			
	Blond, Jamie Blond Bond, Jane Bond Chemin DeFaire Chips Ardown Doctor Ohno Inky Ganito Deville Blofur Fabi Nobile Frond, James Frond Henchy Metalfinger Kitty Galore			

ANSWERS FOR WHEN YOU ARE QUESTIONED

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

IF YOU ARE INNOCENT	I do not use silly toys like the ones on that table. Why would I need them?
IF YOU ARE GUILTY	I do not use silly toys like the ones on that table. I do not need them. My motto is to always be prepared.

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



IVANA VINNALOT 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!

l accuse	of murdering Spinney Zeweel.
I believe they committed the crime for this i	motive:

OPTIONAL:

I base my accusation on this evidence:

ACCUSATION FORMAT



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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Ivana Vinnalot						
Kitty Galore						
Leroux Lette						
Lord Jack Potts						
Marve Lisse						
Maxie Mumm						
Metalfinger						
Rue Key						



IVANA VINNALOT 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 a spy from the U.S.A. I am just pretending to be Russian to gather information from Communists. Spinney Zeweel was suspicious of me, claiming that I have way too much money to be from the Soviet Union. I needed to stop him from blowing my cover—so I reported him to the CIA. I had no reason to kill Spinney myself—someone else would take care of him.
IF YOU ARE GUILTY	I am a spy from the U.S.A. I am just pretending to be Russian to gather information from Communists. Spinney Zeweel was suspicious of me, claiming that I have way too much money to be from the Soviet Union. I needed to stop him from blowing my cover—so I decided to kill him. I had a dart gun and a remote lighting device in my spy kit. They worked perfectly tonight—the lights went off, everyone screamed, and I shot Spinney. Then the gun self-destructed the way it was supposed to. I guess some people would feel sorry for Spinney, but really, it was just his Time to Die!



