

EXORCISM AT THE ASYLUM

Sister Mary Helen.

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CHARACTER GUIDE

CHARACTER DESCRIPTION:

ROLE	Nun
KNOWN FOR	Coming from Ireland, beyond that her past is a well-kept secret.

Psst! It's me, Jimmy Lugs, you may know me as the eyes and ears of Park Slope. I heard you've been asked to help investigate the murder at Madonna House and I just wanted to remind you of a few things before you get started. Hey, I'm probably preaching to the choir here- since you're trapped in that place day in, day out- but when there's been a murder, sometimes it's worth reminding ourselves of the basics before we go digging into the who and the why...

As you well know, Park Slope, New York is a nice, quiet place where folks help their neighbors but always mind their business. Help your neighbor lift a rolled-up carpet into the trunk of their car? Fine. Ask what's inside that unusually heavy carpet? Never!

The neighborhood has attracted Catholics from all over the world, drawn by the foreign land of opportunity before feeling completely at home amongst the familiar customs and traditions that bind the people of Park Slope together. Some families have been here so long that the last couple of generations know nothing of their forefather's lands.

Crime? Heck, there's tons! It's New York- if it doesn't happen here, it doesn't happen anywhere, right? But the crimes are generally petty, nothing a visit to a confessional won't cure, ye know what I mean? And us folks from Park Slope, we like to clean up our own mess and rarely involve the police. Allowing the NYPD to poke their noses into Park Slope business would be the beginning of the end for our way of life. Once the NYPD get hold of something they just can't let go- like a ratchet that can only tighten notch by notch. Click! Click!

Now, your dilemma: on August 13th, 1969, not two days ago, a tragedy occurred. Sara Hinder, a much-loved local nurse, was murdered at her place of work- Madonna House- our local asylum. As well as figuring out who killed the nurse, you're gonna need to decide if this crime can be kept from the NYPD.

Most days you probably wonder who the patients are and who's meant to be running the asylum. Such is life in a nuthouse. You couldn't pay me enough to work in that place! But, between you and me, the way things are going in Park Slope, Madonna House is gonna need an extension- some days I think the whole place is going mad. Involve the NYPD in this mess and you can bet your bottom dollar that they'll flatten the place!

Good luck and stay safe...

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SISTER MARY HELEN

ROUND 1

GETTING TO KNOW THE PLAYERS

INTROS

Introduce Yourself

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.

"Where I come from, it's generally accepted that you don't need to introduce yourself to the folks that already know you but here goes, I suppose... I'm Sister Mary Helen and as you can tell from this unflattering garment that hangs like a limp tablecloth from my person, I'm a nun. I'm based here at Madonna House. As the most recent addition to the religious team here at the asylum, I've still got lots to learn, so please be patient with me if I'm unable to fully answer any of your questions before I first seek guidance from the other nuns or indeed Father Brennan."

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!

Nurse Hinder seemed to have a problem with your appearance. Even though she wore make-up herself, she questioned the make-up that you wore. In her opinion, nuns shouldn't wear make-up. Hypocrite! What did she know about being a nun? She thought she ran the asylum, but she wasn't the one that had to stay in the building 24/7- her freedom enraged you and she knew it. Whenever she was clocking-off her shift and making her exit, you made sure that you made yourself scarce- you weren't going to allow her to flaunt her freedom in your face. She done it once, but you never allowed her to do it again...

"Okay everyone, that's me heading home! Bye for now!" Nurse Hinder had called from the hallway.

"Right you are, Nurse Hinder. Goodbye!" you'd replied.

"Look after the place until I come back, Sister Mary Helen. Remember how difficult the patients can get when darkness falls."

"I'm sure we'll manage, Nurse Hinder. Goodnight!" Your hands clasped across your waist started to sweat and wring each other.

"Well, manage better than you did last night, please. We don't want Treble wandering the streets again, now do we? Lucky for you a prostitute brought him back and demanded payment for services rendered, eh?"

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SISTER MARY HELEN 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.

DR RUBY REID	Dr Reid flirts with the patients to get them to take their meds- Nurse Hinder turned a blind eye to the flirting but reprimanded Dr Reid recently for inappropriately touching Treble. Her excuse was, "It calms him down!"
DR DAVID MCCORMACK	Dr McCormack insisted that Madonna House employ Dr Reid even though she wasn't deemed to be experienced enough to work under the pressure that comes with the job. Dr Reid and Dr McCormack have formed a kinship and seemed to work against Nurse Hinder's advice whenever possible.
CHERYL SMALL	Cheryl Small once asked for a key to the Medicine Distribution Room, she claimed that she wanted to do an inventory of the stock.
FATHER BRENNAN	Once claimed that Nurse Hinder tried to poison him when he came down with a violent case of diarrhea that lasted for 3 days and only ended after a visit to the Emergency Room and a short stay at the local hospital.
SISTER ELIZABETH	Was overheard asking Sister Mary Helen why Madonna House needed nurses and doctors, she described them as an excess and a simple waste of money.
SISTER CHRISTINA	Once asked Nurse Hinder what sex felt like and immediately slapped her face when Nurse Hinder answered.
BOBBY "BA-DOING" SPRINGER	Has been seen drawing horns and thin moustaches on the faces in his newspaper, but only on the women.
SHELLEY	As well as her extensive knowledge of the world, Shelley has catalogued the murders of Park Slope and would often shout them at Nurse Hinder in an accusatory manner, "PENNY LONG! BEHIND THE DRUG STORE! RAPED AND STRANGLED! JULY 24TH, 1961, 07:59AM!"
MRS KELLY	Once spat at Nurse Hinder and was overheard saying, "Someone will smash her face in one day!"
TREBLE	Told Nurse Hinder that he used to torture and kill small animals as a kid but would love to cut into a human one day.
ARCHIE MURPHY	Was given a telling off for continually staring at Nurse Hinder, his response was to lick his lips and display a devilish grin.
MARY "CYCLOPS" PATTERSON	Up until recently Mary wasn't allowed to wander the rooms and halls of Madonna House without being shackled. Nurse Hinder successfully applied to have her shackles removed as she felt it inhumane and seen no threat in Mary's behavior.
DAVID DUFFY	Lashed out at Nurse Hinder when she mistakenly shouted "Duffy" when calling him forward for his meds. "That's a woman's name!" he'd screamed as he thrashed at her through the serving hatch.
ELAINE "EPPIE" POWER	Nurse Hinder was warned when she started working at Madonna House that it's best to laugh at Eppie's jokes, funny or not. Nurse Hinder decided to test this theory and ended up in a brawl with Eppie on her second day at Madonna House.
SHERIFF MARLBORO	Hides his meds under his hat and takes them in larger doses when he feels like it or swaps them for sweets and cigarettes with the other patients. He once managed to scare Nurse Hinder into handing over more meds than he was due and was locked in 'The Box' as punishment.
JC (JUST CHRISTOPHER)	Was caught in Mrs Kelly's room by Nurse Hinder who reported him to Father Brennan. Father Brennan sent him to 'The Box' as punishment.
ANNA "FLETCH" FLETCHER	Told Nurse Hinder that she ought to watch her back, "Folks are waiting on you slippin' up- patients and staff!"
LONGFORD MCLOUGHLIN	Was overheard saying, "This place will fall apart soon, and it'll start with a grisly murder. Mark my words!"
WILLIAM "WILLIE" BYRNE	Was overheard saying, "Those pill jars look heavy, you could crack coconuts with them- or skulls! Ha!"

SPREAD THE DIRT

Use your improvisational skills to share your rumor 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 rumors 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 rumor 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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SISTER MARY HELEN ROUND 2 | MOTIVE

Every Player answers ONE question posed by another character. Ignore any references to characters who are not at this party.

SUSPICIONS TO CHALLENGE THE OTHER CHARACTERS WITH

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: CHERYL SMALL DR RUBY REID	How did you feel about Nurse Hinder? Was there any bad blood between you?
ASK: BOBBY 'BA-DOING' SPRINGER JC (JUST CHRISTOPHER) ANNA 'FLETCH' FLETCHER	They say that Nurse Hinder had become very quiet recently, guarded even. She communicated just enough to get her job done. Why do you think that was?
ASK: SISTER ELIZABETH DR DAVID MCCORMACK	I heard that Nurse Hinder had recently caught a couple of folks here at Madonna House in a compromising position, they say she tried to talk to Father Brennan about it and was shot down. Who do you think she caught?
ASK: SHELLEY MARY 'CYCLOPS' PATTERSON ELAINE 'EPIE' POWER SHERIFF MARLBORO	We all know you like your meds a bit too much, did you ever ask Nurse Hinder for more meds than you were prescribed? If so, what did she say?
ASK: LONGFORD MCLOUGHLIN MRS KELLY	You've attacked Nurse Hinder more than once and for very little reason, why should I believe that it wasn't you that killed the poor woman?
ASK: TREBLE ARCHIE MURPHY	Did you like Nurse Hinder and think she was good at her job?
ASK: DAVID DUFFY WILLIAM 'WILLIE' BYRNE	We all know you like a bit of blood and gore, smashing someone's head in would come easy to you. With that in mind, convince me you didn't kill Nurse Hinder.
ASK: FATHER BRENNAN SISTER CHRISTINA	I can't understand why the killer would rip Nurse Hinder's dress to her waist? Was it just to embarrass her? Why do you think the murderer would do such a thing?

ANSWERS FOR WHEN YOU ARE QUESTIONED

When another Player challenges you, read the appropriate answer.

IF YOU ARE INNOCENT	"You know that I shoot from the hip, so I'll give it to you straight and I feel it's important to be honest- there was something amiss with that woman and as such her and I didn't get along. Let's face it, she claimed to be a good Catholic, but if the rumors are true she led quite the double life. You never heard it here- they say she kept the company of two married men in McDaid's Ale House of an evening. Hardly the behavior of any respectable woman, far less a Catholic one."
IF YOU ARE GUILTY	"I thought the woman was the very essence of this place- it's a shame she never became a nun, you know. The only thing about her that made me feel a little sorry for her was that she had to leave Madonna House every night, she'd have been an ever bigger asset if she stayed here like me and the other nuns."

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SISTER MARY HELEN ROUND 3 | OPPORTUNITY

Every Player answers ONE question posed by another character. Ignore any references to characters who are not at this party.

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: ANNA 'FLETCH' FLETCHER WILLIAM 'WILLIE' BYRNE	You know how to pick locks, right? Would you waste the time needed to re-lock a place after you'd committed a crime? I'm not accusing you, of course, just looking for your professional opinion.
ASK: LONGFORD MCLOUGHLIN ELAINE 'EPPIE' POWER DAVID DUFFY	If you had to break into the Medicine Distribution Room and the door was locked, and you couldn't get a key or pick the lock, how would you get in?
ASK: SHERIFF MARLBORO BOBBY 'BA-DOING' SPRINGER SHELLEY	Where were you when you first heard that Nurse Hinder was dead?
ASK: TREBLE MRS KELLY ARCHIE MURPHY	Do you think there's anyone here that wouldn't be physically or mentally capable of carrying out the killing of Nurse Hinder as described so far by Father Kelly?
ASK: MARY 'CYCLOPS' PATTERSON JC (JUST CHRISTOPHER)	From what I've heard so far, Nurse Hinder didn't scream or call out for help whilst she was being murdered. Why do you think that was?
ASK: DR RUBY REID DR DAVID MCCORMACK CHERYL SMALL FATHER BRENNAN SISTER ELIZABETH SISTER CHRISTINA	If only staff have access to the spare key for the Medicine Distribution Room, that places you at the top of my suspect list. Convince me that it couldn't have been you that killed Nurse Hinder.

ANSWERS FOR WHEN YOU ARE QUESTIONED

When another Player asks you, read the appropriate answer.

IF YOU ARE INNOCENT	"Two plus two doesn't always make four, does it? I fear this investigation is far more complex than simply identifying who had access to the key to the room in which Nurse Hinder was killed and locked in. If I were you, I'd start asking why someone would go to the trouble of locking the door after they'd carried out their horrendous task."
IF YOU ARE GUILTY	"See the problem that you have is you look at this habit and the frailty that I display as part of my work, and you assume that I can't throw down. Let me tell you something, if push comes to shove and you want to directly accuse me, I'll roll around with you without giving my habit a second thought. Quit underestimating people, it'll be your undoing."

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SISTER MARY HELEN ROUND 4 | METHOD

Every Player answers ONE question posed by another character. Ignore any references to characters who are not at this party.

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: FATHER BRENNAN CHERYL SMALL MRS KELLY ARCHIE MURPHY	That language is the work of the devil, don't you agree? Have you ever seen such symbolism before?
ASK: SISTER ELIZABETH MARY 'CYCLOPS' PATTERSON DAVID DUFFY	How angry does a person need to be to smash someone's head in? Do you think you could do such a thing if you were provoked enough?
ASK: TREBLE SHELLEY DR RUBY REID	I've noticed that you've not been acting yourself lately. Do you feel okay?
ASK: DR DAVID MCCORMACK SISTER CHRISTINA	Do you believe that a person could be possessed by an evil spirit? Perhaps the killer left satanic clues to only make it seem like they were possessed.
ASK: BOBBY 'BA-DOING' SPRINGER ELAINE 'EPIE' POWER JC (JUST CHRISTOPHER) SHERIFF MARLBORO	I think the person who stuffed Nurse Hinder's throat with pills was sending a message; they hated being force fed medicine in here. How did you feel about being handed pills to swallow multiple times every day?
ASK: ANNA 'FLETCH' FLETCHER LONGFORD MCLOUGHLIN WILLIAM 'WILLIE' BYRNE	Why burn the message into Nurse Hinder's flesh, surely only the devil would go to such lengths. I'd have just left the message on a bit of paper, how about you?

ANSWERS FOR WHEN YOU ARE QUESTIONED

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

IF YOU ARE INNOCENT	"Why of course I do, that's why the Church employ me... eh, what I mean is that's why I'm hiding here! Dammit... you'll need to excuse me I'm not feeling myself. What I really meant to say was- that is why I chose to become a nun, to help people when darkness befalls them."
IF YOU ARE GUILTY	"To be honest, I'm starting to care less and less about what I believe in. This whole rigmarole has got me quite tired. I vote that we just bring in the NYPD and get this over with- let's face it, this asylum was failing anyway- let them do their worst."

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

SISTER MARY HELEN

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.*

Either way, 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 Nurse Sara Hinder.

I believe they committed the crime for this motive:

OPTIONAL:

I base my accusation on this evidence:

SISTER MARY HELEN FINAL STATEMENTS

When the Host calls on your assigned letter, share the appropriate final statement:

<p>IF YOU ARE INNOCENT</p>	<p>"No it wasn't me, and shame on you for suggesting so.</p> <p>Perhaps my past or your lack of knowledge thereof has got you wondering if I really am who I say I am and for that I forgive you. My past is guarded because some wounds are too painful to open up to public scrutiny.</p> <p>I'm here for one reason only and that is to dedicate my life to our Lord by offering up my services to those who are more in need than myself.</p> <p>I'm happy here at Madonna House and will stay on so long as I'm useful and wanted. I forgive you for the accusation and wish you nothing but love, faith, and dignity in life going forward."</p>
<p>IF YOU ARE INNOCENT</p>	<p>"Of course, it was me! It was hardly likely to be one of you weak-willed, caring-sharing types was it?</p> <p>Ha! Look at your stupid faces. Let me let you in on a little secret- everything that the Church presents to you is nothing but smoke and mirrors- this habit, Father Brennan's dog collar, this 'caring' asylum- all a front for something more sinister. The least sinister of all is this asylum, its only function is for the Church to launder money through tax free. This place serves as nothing more than a piggy bank for the Pope. Money that's then used to fund things that you innocent little cherubs don't even want to think about.</p> <p>Anyway, yes it was me and I did have some help. I have been possessed, but only a little. Possession Light if you will. Though make no mistake, Father Kelly, if you try to rid me of my demons a terror unlike any seen on US soil will be unleashed.</p> <p>Nurse Hinder was a sanctimonious bitch- it takes some gonads to look down at a nun, but Nurse Hinder had 'em. She never knew I was in the Medicine Distribution Room when she locked herself in to start sorting the drugs and when she dropped her key I couldn't resist, I slammed a jar so hard into her skull that bits of her brain ended up stuck in my teeth. BANG! SPLATTER! HA!"</p>





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