

# EXORCISM AT THE ASYLUM

Bobby 'Ba-Doing' Springer.

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### BOBBY 'BA-DOING' SPRINGER CHARACTER GUIDE

#### CHARACTER DESCRIPTION:

| ROLE      | Patient                                     |
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| KNOWN FOR | Being the oldest resident of Madonna House. |

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!

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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#### **BOBBY 'BA-DOING' SPRINGER**

#### 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.

"Well, isn't this fun? Finally, a little bit of excitement round here! I'm Bobby, Bobby Springer but you can call me Ba-Doing, they call me Ba-Doing on account of my name, you see- Springer, spring- Ba-Doing Ba-Doing, get it? Pah! You lot need to loosen up, it's not like we've never had a killing here before. Oh wait, none of you lot were here for that were you? That's right, I'm the longest serving resident of this place. Hey, they should name this place after me when I die, or a room at the very least, don't you think?"

### 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!

You felt like you and Nurse Hinder had some chemistry but she denied it whenever you asked, so you contented yourself with copping a feel whenever possible. She never seemed to mind as long as there was nobody else around, so you hatched a plan to see more of her privately, though it blew up in your face and she used it against you...

"NURSE NURSE!" you'd called.

"Quit hollerin' Bobby, what's the matter?" she'd said, after she came running into your room.

"I've wet the bed, nurse, and you know how I hate to be wet."

"Come now, let's be seeing you. Up you get, c'mon take my hand. I'll get you all cleaned up and we'll say no more about it."

As she set about changing you and changing the bedsheets, you must've copped a feel of her backside about twenty times. She turned to you with a warning...

"Bobby, did you wet this bed on purpose to get me in here alone?" After you nodded, she continued, "How would you like the others to know that you're nothing but an old bed wetter, no better than a baby?" You shook your head, "Well keep your filthy paws off of me or they'll find out directly!"

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# BOBBY 'BA-DOING' SPRINGER 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 has 'accidently' left the Medicine Distribution Room unlocked on so many occasions that it's been suggested that she does it on purpose.   |
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| DR DAVID MCCORMACK       | Dr McCormack was once caught crying on the shoulder of Nurse Hinder, though nobody ever found out why the doctor had been so upset. Nurse Hinder explained to anyone who asked that she'd been sworn to secrecy.   |
| CHERYL SMALL             | Was overheard telling Father Brennan that Nurse Hinder needed to let her hair down a little, she claimed that the atmosphere that lingered over Madonna House was down to Nurse Hinder's morale sucking personality.   |
| FATHER BRENNAN           | Had warned Nurse Hinder to keep her rosary beads out of sight, "It would be a costly lesson should one of the patients get hold of them and wrap them round your throat, Nurse!" he'd said.  |
| SISTER ELIZABETH         | Once claimed that certain crimes would be acceptable in the Lord's eyes if one took the time to properly explain their reasoning during prayer, as long as one did so prior to committing the crime. She was invited to a private meeting with Father Brennan thereafter and is believed to have been reprimanded. |
| SISTER CHRISTINA         | Was overheard talking to herself by Cheryl Small, Cheryl claims the noises coming from Sister Christina weren't human.   |
| SISTER MARY HELEN        | Claims her broken Irish accent has been caused by too many years spent in New York, her lack of knowledge on Ireland lead some to believe that her Irish accent is fake.   |
| SHELLEY                  | Used to insist daily that Nurse Hinder gave her more drugs, "ANY KIND, ANY COLOUR! JUST LOADS OF 'EM!"   |
| MRS KELLY                | Whenever Mrs Kelly was in a good mood, she'd ask Nurse Hinder for hugs and would always try to steal a kiss. She hated it when Nurse Hinder wiped her lips/ face afterwards as if she were germ ridden.  |
| TREBLE                   | Had recently been asking when the Medicine Distribution Room gets stocked as it never seems to run out of drugs.   |
| ARCHIE MURPHY            | Once asked Father Brennan if women and men go to the same place when they die. Unhappy with Father Brennan's response he'd said, "I hate women, I was hoping to be rid of them soon."  |
| MARY "CYCLOPS" PATTERSON | Had recently had a large metal file removed from her room, but not before she managed to file the top row of her teeth into points.  She claims a voice told her to do it.   |
| DAVID DUFFY              | Once told Shelley that if you die before your time then you automatically go to hell- "That's why people fear dying, Shelley! But it's also useful- if you never want to see someone again just kill 'em."   |
| ELAINE "EPPIE" POWER     | The only thing that Eppie doesn't find funny is the limited number of meds she's permitted to take at a time, more than once she was seen begging Nurse Hinder for more.   |
| SHERIFF MARLBORO         | Burned a cross into the underside of the brim of his cowboy hat with a cigarette, to him it looks the right way up, to everyone else it's upside down.   |
| JC (JUST CHRISTOPHER)    | Bit Nurse Hinder's behind when she was clearing up meds that he'd spilled. Without thinking, Nurse Hinder slapped him hard across the face and was docked a week's wage as punishment.   |
| ANNA "FLETCH" FLETCHER   | Has recently started talking to herself and pulling clumps of hair from her head.  |
| LONGFORD MCLOUGHLIN      | Claims that he once belonged to a satanic cult but was rescued by his father and then turned his life over to Christ.  |
| WILLIAM "WILLIE" BYRNE   | Once claimed that the lock that is fitted to the Medicine Distribution Room is unpickable.   |

#### 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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# BOBBY 'BA-DOING' SPRINGER 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:<br>CHERYL SMALL<br>DR RUBY REID<br>SISTER MARY HELEN                               | How did you feel about Nurse Hinder? Was there any bad blood between you?   |  |
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| ASK:<br>JC (JUST CHRISTOPHER)<br>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:<br>SISTER ELIZABETH<br>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:<br>SHELLEY<br>MARY 'CYCLOPS' PATTERSON<br>ELAINE 'EPPIE' POWER<br>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:<br>LONGFORD MCLOUGHLIN<br>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:<br>TREBLE<br>ARCHIE MURPHY   | Did you like Nurse Hinder and think she was good at her job?  |  |
| ASK:<br>DAVID DUFFY<br>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:<br>FATHER BRENNAN<br>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 | "Probably cause she missed my hugs and kisses. Ever since she shouted at me for copping a feel, I devoted my love to someone else instead. Nurse Hinder regretted casting me off, it's obvious. Women were like that my whole life, faked disinterest then moped when they stopped getting any attention. Maybe she'll get the attention she seeks in Hell." |
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| IF YOU ARE GUILTY   | "She was a moody mare from the day she started working here. All, 'Bobby, don't do that!' and 'Bobby, that's assault!', stupid nurse didn't know affection when she saw it that was her problem. Hey, maybe she grew quiet cause she missed my hugs and kisses, should I go and lay with her corpse now for old times' sake?"                                |

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# BOBBY 'BA-DOING' SPRINGER 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:<br>ANNA 'FLETCH' FLETCHER<br>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.  |  |
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| ASK:<br>LONGFORD MCLOUGHLIN<br>ELAINE 'EPPIE' POWER<br>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:<br>SHERIFF MARLBORO<br>SHELLEY  | Where were you when you first heard that Nurse Hinder was dead?  |  |
| ASK:<br>TREBLE<br>MRS KELLY<br>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:<br>MARY 'CYCLOPS' PATTERSON<br>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 SISTER MARY HELEN | 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 | "Ha ha ha!" (Stare intensely at the person you're talking to.) "Is she dead though? Or is it another one of the tricks they play on you round these parts? Or are we still asleep? Is this nothing more than a dream, a mere wandering through our consciousness as it resets for the day ahead?"                          |
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| IF YOU ARE GUILTY   | Who can say really? Ever since Nurse Hinder died, the hours have merged into one big blob. I don't know if it's Tuesday or Christmas- my head's all pickled. Do you want to play a game of cards or something, I'm bored? Sorry, what was the question? Never mind, it doesn't matter-banana, that's my answer! Ba-na-na!" |

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# BOBBY 'BA-DOING' SPRINGER 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:<br>FATHER BRENNAN<br>CHERYL SMALL<br>MRS KELLY<br>ARCHIE MURPHY            | That language is the work of the devil, don't you agree? Have you ever seen such symbolism before?   |  |
|---|--|--|
| ASK:<br>SISTER ELIZABETH<br>MARY 'CYCLOPS' PATTERSON<br>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:<br>TREBLE<br>SHELLEY<br>DR RUBY REID                                       | I've noticed that you've not been acting yourself lately. Do you feel okay?  |  |
| ASK:<br>DR DAVID MCCORMACK<br>SISTER CHRISTINA<br>SISTER MARY HELEN             | 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:<br>ELAINE 'EPPIE' POWER<br>JC (JUST CHRISTOPHER)<br>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:<br>ANNA 'FLETCH' FLETCHER<br>LONGFORD MCLOUGHLIN<br>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 | "Can you repeat the question but this time whilst doing a handstand? Ha! Only kidding, only kidding. I don't like swallowing the medicine but afterwards I quite like them – I think that's what they're for, you know, the pills are the Lord's way of letting you know that you're not always right. How else do you explain it? One minute you hate them, the next you love them- the Lord at work!" |
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| IF YOU ARE GUILTY   | "I quite like them, you know! Yeah, if it wasn't for the wee sweeties, that's what I call them- my wee sweeties, this place would be rotten. Especially now without Nurse Hinder's big booty to grab on. She was a tasty dish, don't you think? Maybe it's just me, or maybe it's my age but that woman drove me wild!"   |

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



# BOBBY 'BA-DOING' SPRINGER 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**

| l accuse  | of murdering Nurse Sara Hinder. |
|---|---------------------------------|
| I believe they committed the crime for this mot   | ive:                            |
| OPTIONAL:  I base my accusation on this evidence: |                                 |



## BOBBY 'BA-DOING' SPRINGER FINAL STATEMENTS

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

#### IF YOU ARE INNOCENT

"Me! Ba-Doing? Course it wasn't, ya trout-faced idiots. Have you lot taken your meds today?

Christ almighty... um, sorry, Father, I'm just a bit surprised that everyone would think it was me. Did you lot not witness the love and affection that I showered on that woman? Why would I smash the poor soul's brain in?

Oh, I know what it is? It's the dress pulled to the waist, isn't it? You lot don't believe for a second that I'd kill a woman just to see her naked? Heavens no- I've spied on Nurse Hinder in the dressing room a hundred times- I've seen all that before.

Now, I'm hungry- any biscuits?"

#### IF YOU ARE INNOCENT

"THERE'S A DEVIL IN ME! COME AND PULL IT OUT!

I'm sorry, it was me or it wasn't me, but it was. Oh, you know what I bloody mean!

It's whispering in my ear still; it wants me to send you all a message...

I AM IN CHARGE NOW, BOW DOWN TO ME. FOR NOW YOU CAN CALL ME SATAN- FOLLOWING YOUR SHORT AND PAINFUL INITIATION, YOU WILL BE GRANTED PERMISSION TO USE MY REAL NAME. YOUR CRIME? FOLLOWING MY ADVESARY AND WORSE- WORSHIPING HIM.

LOOK WHAT HAPPENED TO NURSE HINDER AND BE THANKFUL THAT NONE OF YOU ARE DEVOUT AS SHE. SHE WAS BEYOND SAVING BUT THERE'S HOPE FOR THE REST OF YOU, FOR YOU ALL HAVE DIRTY SECRETS THAT FORBID YOUR ENTRY TO HEAVEN AND SO IT SHALL PASS THAT YOU MUST COME TO ME.

THE CEREMONY WILL COMMENCE AS SOON AS YOUR EYES CLOSE TO-NIGHT, BY TOMORROW... A NEW WORLD AWAITS."



