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# CHERYL SMALL CHARACTER GUIDE

## CHARACTER DESCRIPTION:

<b>ROLE</b>	Asylum Secretary
<b>KNOWN FOR</b>	Overreacting to small noises and scaring very easily.

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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# CHERYL SMALL

## 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.*

"Can I just start by saying I DO NOT want to be here. I mean, yuck- there's a dead body lying through there! Gross! I'm Cheryl Small by the way, but you already knew that and I'm just following the orders of Father Whatshisname- I spend more time with you lot than I do with my own mom, seems a bit weird that we need to "introduce" ourselves, don't you think? As far as Nurse Hinder's death goes, I'm sad for her but I think the place might brighten up a little now- she sure knew how to suck the life outta a place, huh?"

##### 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!*

Like everyone else she spoke to, Nurse Hinder treated you with respect and expected you to be professional at all times, just like her. She gave you a hard time once when she found a patient's file out of place then set about auditing the whole filing cabinet, chastising you as she went for the other half dozen files that you'd misplaced. You are a busy receptionist, you're are bound to slip up from time to time, and you told her just that:

"Look, Nurse Hinder, I appreciate that you're angry but I'd rather you took a different tone with me. I'm trying my best and, as you well know, nobody's perfect."

Nurse Hinder stopped loading files, craned her neck and replied, "Ms. Small, I'm not angry, just extremely disappointed that a girl of your experience doesn't realize what could go wrong with a misplaced file. To you it's just a name on an envelope- to me it's a person who has a specific condition and therefore specific needs. Including specific medication. Let's say I took ill one day and another nurse was sent to cover in my absence, let's say that nurse gave Treble the meds meant for Longford McLoughlin, what do you think would happen?"

"Eh, I'm not sure nurse. What would happen?"

"Let's just say if Treble was given Longford's meds, I think we'd have a death on our hands. Perhaps Trebles, perhaps someone by Treble's hand. So, why don't you just do your job properly and realize that the above average secretary salary you take home isn't for sitting there looking pretty, okay?"

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# CHERYL SMALL 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.*

<b>DR RUBY REID</b>	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.
<b>DR DAVID MCCORMACK</b>	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.
<b>FATHER BRENNAN</b>	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.
<b>SISTER ELIZABETH</b>	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.
<b>SISTER CHRISTINA</b>	Was overheard talking to herself by Cheryl Small, Cheryl claims the noises coming from Sister Christina weren't human.
<b>SISTER MARY HELEN</b>	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.
<b>BOBBY "BA-DOING" SPRINGER</b>	Asked Nurse Hinder in the week before her death if she was afraid of dying and what she thought heaven looked like, before asking her to save a place for him there.
<b>SHELLEY</b>	Used to insist daily that Nurse Hinder gave her more drugs, "ANY KIND, ANY COLOUR! JUST LOADS OF 'EM!"
<b>MRS KELLY</b>	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.
<b>TREBLE</b>	Had recently been asking when the Medicine Distribution Room gets stocked as it never seems to run out of drugs.
<b>ARCHIE MURPHY</b>	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."
<b>MARY "CYCLOPS" PATTERSON</b>	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.
<b>DAVID DUFFY</b>	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."
<b>ELAINE "EPPIE" POWER</b>	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.
<b>SHERIFF MARLBORO</b>	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.
<b>JC (JUST CHRISTOPHER)</b>	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.
<b>ANNA "FLETCH" FLETCHER</b>	Has recently started talking to herself and pulling clumps of hair from her head.
<b>LONGFORD MCLOUGHLIN</b>	Claims that he once belonged to a satanic cult but was rescued by his father and then turned his life over to Christ.
<b>WILLIAM "WILLIE" BYRNE</b>	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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## CHERYL SMALL 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: DR RUBY REID SISTER MARY HELEN	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	"Huh? Bad blood? Um, no, not really. Well, there was this one time that I angered her- just a little fuss over nothing about patient files, but she angered me too by the way she spoke down to me about it. Wait a minute, that's what bad blood means, isn't it? Then yeah, I guess we did. Yikes, now that she's dead, I hope she doesn't haunt me!"
IF YOU ARE GUILTY	"Me and Nurse Hinder were like that (cross your fingers over to indicate how close you two were)! In fact, had she not gone and died on us, I think I could have gotten her to start liking the rest of you too. You know me- everyone's best pal!"

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## CHERYL SMALL 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 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! You'll not get me with that one – I wasn't allowed a key! So there- stick that in your pipe and smoke it, ha! I asked once, they said no as I wasn't "medically" trained! Sheesh- I could look after these guys better than the doctors in here, ain't that right?"
IF YOU ARE GUILTY	"A key? The hell do I need a key for, I could break into that place quicker than Sheriff Marlboro could whip out his... well, you know! My brother Billy taught me how to break into places when I was a kid- before the police shot him, ya know. <b>(Look sad to elicit sympathy)</b> I'm not like Billy though, I wouldn't go breaking in where I wasn't meant to be, it's dangerous."

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## CHERYL SMALL 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 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 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: 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	"Stop it, you're scaring me. I can't bear to think that someone in here has been taken over by some demon, some monster. You hear about it, eh? Heck, I've been hearing about it since I was a kid – my uncle's best friend, Timmy Shiel, was gotten by a demon- he killed his entire family. They found his body hanging from Brooklyn Bridge, he jumped off with a rope round his throat but not before chopping his own hands off and leaving them on the sidewalk. His hands were all covered in strange symbols- nobody ever figured out what they meant, far as I know."
IF YOU ARE GUILTY	"There's no such thing as the Devil. Look I'm a devout Catholic and all but I like to interpret bits of the Bible for myself. And as far as I'm concerned, the Devil is just an idea. It's the dark side of man- no more, no less. If someone in here killed Nurse Hinder, they did it of their own accord, you mark my words."

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

CHERYL SMALL

## 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:

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### OPTIONAL:

I base my accusation on this evidence:

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# CHERYL SMALL FINAL STATEMENTS

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

<p><b>IF YOU ARE INNOCENT</b></p>	<p>"Oh, come on! How the hell...! Sorry Father!</p> <p>No, it was not me and I can't believe you would suggest such a thing. If it were up to me, Father Kelly would be exorcising you for even suggesting that it was me.</p> <p>Look at these hands... manicured, soft. The most dangerous weapon that's ever come through these hands is a letter opener- well, except that time I hit Robbie Jones over the head with a bottle, but he had that coming and besides he was my boyfriend at the time and violence between partners doesn't really count, does it? Does it? Your stares are telling me it does. Well, it don't matter cause I didn't kill Nurse Hinder, okay!"</p>
<p><b>IF YOU ARE INNOCENT</b></p>	<p>Little old me, eh? Who'd have thunkit?</p> <p>Yeah, I smashed that old battleaxe's dome in, and I loved every single minute of it. She was a royal pain in the heinie and with the help of my master I got rid of it. Nobody needed her energy sucking big ass round here, you should all be thanking me. Admit it!</p> <p>Anyway, Father Kelly, may I have this next dance? Ha! I believe you wish to try and work your magic on me. What's it gonna be a bunch of crosses? Some holy water, perhaps? Ha! Been there, done all that. That's the problem with your lot- you don't move with the times. My master does though, and all your little trinkets now make him laugh. As the Catholic Church has flailed and withered, the Church of Satan has grown strong. Maybe grab your boy Jesus and ask him to come along, you need all the help you can get, old man!"</p>





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