

EXORCISM AT THE ASYLUM

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CHARACTER GUIDE

CHARACTER DESCRIPTION:

ROLE	Doctor
KNOWN FOR	Knowing very little about Catholicism yet claiming to practice.

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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DR DAVID MCCORMACK

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.

"Hey, what's hapnin' everybody? David McCormack's my name and I'm a doctor here at Madonna House. Sad as I am at what's happened to Nurse Hinder, I can't say I'm all that surprised. I've been warning those in charge of this place for years now- the patients are given too much freedom. There needs to be stricter controls and protocols around here; I've even volunteered to create and document them. The slaying of Nurse Hinder is obviously the work of one of the patients, and that's the angle I'll be approaching the investigation from. Think I'm wrong? Fuhgeddaboutit!"

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 keep you at arm's length. She was professional and always polite, but she didn't seem to want to be friends. It shouldn't have surprised her, therefore, that when Dr Ruby Reid started working at Madonna House the two of you became close and often felt the need to work against the matriarchal old nurse.

You tried to understand Nurse Hinder's attitude towards you, using all your training and experience you aimed to get into her head, but to do so you needed to ask her questions and the shrewd nurse knew what you were up to.

Father Brennan once suggested that Nurse Hinder possibly disliked the tough guy reputation that you come with. You replied, "But I'm a doctor, surely that counters the few bad stories she may have heard?" Father Brennan had answered, "I'm not sure that being a doctor excuses you from taking part in illegal bare knuckle boxing matches, David. I mean how can you, in your professional life, take the Hippocratic Oath and then in your personal life smash people faces in? It doesn't reconcile, I'm afraid. Nurse Hinder was sent to Earth to care for people, perhaps that is why she chooses to remain strictly professional with a man who oftentimes seeks to harm others."

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DR DAVID MCCORMACK 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!"
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.
SISTER MARY HELEN	There's a rumor amongst the patients that Sister Mary Helen isn't a nun and is in fact hiding in Madonna House from the law. It's been suggested that she carries out murders for the Catholic Church.
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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DR DAVID MCCORMACK 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 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	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	"Have you been walking around this place with your eyes shut? C'mon man, this place invented the compromising position. If the Care Commission were to set foot in here without first announcing their visit, we'd be shut down quicker than the Nets when they visit the Knicks!"
IF YOU ARE GUILTY	"In a place like this you gotta do what you gotta do; one person's compromising position is another's way of obtaining compliance and ultimately ensuring patient care. If I were to have a guess at it, I'd say Dr Reid was probably helping a patient understand the need to take their meds, sometimes she needs to, ya know, encourage them!" (Finish by winking at the person you're talking to.)

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ROUND 3 | OPPORTUNITY

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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 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! Fuhgeddaboudit- in this place the patients could not only get to that key but probably make their own or pick the lock. Locking the Medicine Distribution Room is nothing more than a box-ticking exercise for the Care Commission. If it were completely up to me, I'd leave the door unlocked and implement a punishment system for any unauthorized person who goes in there."
IF YOU ARE GUILTY	"You want me to convince you, huh? And who the heck are you to talk to me like that? You're lucky that you chose those stupid words in my place of work and not on the streets, you punk. Out there I'd have split your skull for coming at me like that. Get outta here!"

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DR DAVID MCCORMACK ROUND 4 | METHOD

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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 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	"I agree, it was probably setup to lead us all down the wrong path. Say what you want about the folks in here, I've yet to meet an idiot at Madonna House. If anything, the time most folks have on their hands here can only lead to trouble- gives 'em time to plot things, right?"
IF YOU ARE GUILTY	"The problem with us Catholics is we like to use the same old tired excuses and explanations. If the Church, priests and various flocks around the world, ever looked at taking personal responsibility for their filthy misdeeds instead of looking for demons, or simply confessing in a little cupboard to a guy who doesn't give a crap, the whole system would turn to dust."

***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.*

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:

DR DAVID MCCORMACK FINAL STATEMENTS

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

IF YOU ARE INNOCENT	<p>"Man, you guys are more stupid than you look!</p> <p>No, it wasn't me! I hope you're happy with yourselves. What was it, my looks? My unusual hobbies- is that it, is that enough to condemn a man? You lot make me sick.</p> <p>I need to get out of this place and away from this damned faith; one day this whole system is going to be exposed and I don't fancy being associated with it when it does.</p> <p>See y'all later! Peace!"</p>
IF YOU ARE INNOCENT	<p>"Clever little sheep, aren't you?</p> <p>Yeah, it was me. Now who's next?</p> <p>I'll cut you a deal Father Kelly, you can try your little exorcism on me but if you fail, I get to take out everybody here. Or you could not bother with your little experiment, and I'll only take half. Up to you, but rest assured the deaths will be on you. (Smile at everyone.)</p> <p>HURRY UP, FATHER! I'VE NOT GOT ALL DAY!</p> <p>Whilst we wait on your decision, let me tell you about how much I enjoyed smashing that Nurse's brains in... sure, I've been possessed but at the end of the day I think Satan only gave me the courage to do what I've wanted to do for ages. She was too smug for her own good, looking down her nose at me and refusing my friendship, me a doctor and her a lowly nurse- she should have been begging to be my friend. She's now at peace and won't have to bother with the likes of me anymore.</p> <p>Come now, Father Kelly, what's it to be? Half of them or all of them?"</p>





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