

# ***MAUNE MYSTERIES #11: TWO DOSES OF MURDER***

A one-shot mystery RPG for 2-5 in the RPG Detective v2.1 System, by Peter Hurford

## **Requirements**

- Game Master familiar with this sheet
- 2-5 people who have never played this one shot before
- Time estimate: ~2hrs

## **Setting**

- The time is 1904 in Toronto

## **Theatrical Description**

- The time is 1904 and two cases have reached the desk of Toronto's finest constabulary -- first a wealthy but philandering businessman and then a successful medical student. Are the two cases connected? Worse - could there be more?

## **Exposition**

- Businessman admitted to the morgue, poisoned having slowly ingested arsenic
- Next day a medical student was poisoned in the same manner

## **Further plot points**

- Businessman
  - Mr. Clara McIlroy (wife) reported Mr. Ed McIlroy (businessman) missing two days ago
  - Found dead in his automobile
  - Mr. Ed McIlroy is well-liked and astute
  - Marriage between McIlroy's was such that the husband took on mistresses, Mrs. McIlroy accepted
  - Current mistress, Lucy Stone
    - She and Ed had a two-year relationship, but he stopped seeing her three months ago
    - Ed was renting her a place, he continued to pay her rent
    - When Lucy stone visits, doctor notices pale complexion, heavy perspiration, and odorous breath. Perhaps a result of mercury treatments used in the treatment of syphilis.
  - Mr. McIlroy

- Medical student
  - Medical student was found dead at school, apparent suicide
  - Medical student had just received a research scholarship
  - Toronto Medical College for Women
  - Sarah's study group (Ann and Katherine)
  - Sarah was studying African sleeping sickness with Prof. Brady
    - Discovered last year that sleeping sickness is caused by a "Trypanosome", spiral-shaped parasite spread by mosquitos
    - Trialing atoxyl, an arsenic-based drug
    - Could potentially also cure syphilis
  - Sarah was happy and excited about her future
  - Sarah had the exam in advance and shared it with her study group, but then handed in a blank exam
  - Arsenic kills but when in combination with other elements, could also cure. Some of Sarah's formulas are very sophisticated and she had been using rats as test subjects with some success
  - Sarah's locker contains paper with an address - 2040 Rosehill Avenue - address of Mr. McIlroy

### Solution

- Mr. McIlroy was taking treatment for syphilis from Sarah, died from the arsenic
- Sarah committed suicide because it was illegal to use human test subjects and she would be found out
- Sarah felt guilt for Mr. McIlroy's death
- Also her study group had been cheating and Prof. Brady found out and had threatened to expel her, making the pressure too great

### Suspects

- Mr. Ed McIlroy, businessman, *deceased*
- Mrs. Clara McIlroy, wife
- Sarah Jenkins, medical student
- Roger Jenkins, dad of Sarah, in early pharmaceutical business
- Lara Jenkins, mom of Sarah, housewife
- Lucy Stone, current mistress to Mr. McIlroy
- Ann Church, study group member
- Katherine Franklin, study group member
- Prof. Ike Brady
- Frank Castellanos-Christodouloupoulos, night janitor

Katherine + Frank -> lab -> alter the formula to make it lethal

Sarah gave Ed the formula

Ann gave it to Sarah in her food

Prof Brady stealing research