

Horror on the Hen Night! - Playing the Game

Welcome and thank you for taking part in what is sure to be an exciting and memorable party, a Murder Mystery Party! This introduction will help explain the way the game will work. If you have any questions, please ask whoever is hosting your party. The game relies on how much you get involved, improvise and play your character. Each character has a different personality so do not be embarrassed to act out your character, the more you do, the more fun you will have.

As you arrive you can get into character straight away, but do not reveal anything from this character pack. Once everyone has arrived, the host will call everyone together and place 12 slips of folded paper in the centre of the group. One of these slips will be selected at random and on it will have "? Murders ?". The ? corresponds to the "Secret Number" found on the next page of this pack. So if the slip of paper says "5 Murders 7", it means whoever has secret number 5 will be the murderer and whoever has secret number 7 will be the victim. If your number is not on the selected slip of paper, you are innocent of the crime. If you are the Victim, you are still alive until the host tells you that you have been murdered. You still get a chance to solve the murder, you just switch characters and come back as a police detective!

To start the main part of the game, the host will ask each guest to introduce themselves to the rest of the group, using your **Character Introduction**. You will then mingle with each other reading out your conversation starters. You should treat the conversation starters as their name suggests and use them to start a conversation with a small group of guests. You should not read them out in front of everyone at once, but everyone should hear your conversation starters at some point. It is up to guests to involve themselves in other people's conversations. Do not be afraid to eavesdrop as you may pick up on valuable information! When mingling, you should use the entire venue so that you are not all in one room when statements are being given out. Remember that your characters personality should be adhered to at all times and act appropriately to whatever may happen. Some characters may not like you eavesdropping on their conversations whilst others may try to mislead you and some may ignore you completely! Above all, remember, **no murder has been committed yet**.

At the host's discretion, they will call for the victim to drop dead. If you are the Victim, at this point, scream and fall to the floor in a dramatic style! You will then be called together and informed that a murder has taken place. You will be given details of who, when, where and how. It is then your job to work out who did it and why. The guest who was playing the victim will now return as a police detective to help solve the case. To add a bit more fun to the night, everyone will also have a secret task to carry out, which is detailed later in the character packs. These tasks are not essential to solving the murder but they can and probably will confuse others and will add extra fun to the party.

After the revelation of the murder, you will mingle for a second time. Again, it is important that you use the entire venue so that you are not all in one room. This time you can ask questions of each other relating to the murder. If you are asked a question and know the answer from your own characters **secret** information, you **must** reveal it. If you know the answer from what someone else has told you, then it is your choice as to whether you want to reveal the answer or not. You need to consider your characters personality, how well you get on with the person asking the question and anything you may want from them in return. You cannot lie unless it says so in your characters personality profile, however you do not have to tell people the whole truth unless they specifically ask! You should make others work hard for the information, after all, you can guarantee that they are doing the same to you! If your character personality allows, feel free to get into arguments and start shouting with other guests during this time. Arguments are recommended as it adds more realism to the game. Remember, always stick to your personality profile and don't do anything out of character!

After a while the host will call everyone together and reveal more information surrounding the murder. They will also ask everyone to call out the name of who they think the murderer is but not to give a reason. If you wish, you can make a false accusation to throw others of the scent. You may not want to give too much away just yet! Going by your characters personality, if **you** are accused, you may get angry, happy, sad, etc. You also need to be careful as other guests may end up being very uncooperative if you accuse them of murder! After that, mingling again takes place for a while longer and more questions can be asked.

When the host feels like the evening is starting to come to an end, they will call everyone together for the last time. They will hand out suspect sheets on which everyone writes who they think is the murderer and why. While these are being collected in, the host will ask everyone to stand up in turn and read out their secret task and how they got on with it. The host will then ask everyone to stand up again and make their accusations. At this point, remember to stay in character and act shocked, surprised or angry, etc. if your name is read out. The host will now reveal what conclusion the Police came to and ask the Murderer to reveal themselves! To end the game, the host will give a confession to the murderer to read out.

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Introduction

Since school, they had been known as the K club. A group of gorgeous and very popular girls who turned heads everywhere they went. At their heart was Katie Fermantle, the jewel in their crown and the undisputed leader of the K club. Their small group continued long after leaving school and so it was only fitting that when Katie announced her engagement to the handsome and wealthy Paul Patterson, she wanted the K club there on her Hen Night. After being wined and dined at an expensive restaurant, they made their way to "The Night club Tropicana" to rub shoulders with the rich and famous. As they settled into their reserved VIP area, it wasn't long before the drinks started flowing and the stripper arrived. The girls were all having the time of their life, but for one of them, it was to be the end of their life. During the course of the evening, one of the girls was found dead at the club. The police were called and held the remaining members of the K club for questioning. Which of these girls was capable of committing murder, who was the unfortunate victim of this brutal crime and most importantly, can the killer be caught before they strike again? They say the Hell has no fury like women scorned so don't turn your back on anyone, it may be the last thing you do!

Hints & Tips

- Clues are everywhere, do not overlook anything and take nothing for granted.
- Not all secrets will lead to the murders identity, but some secrets can be important for blackmail purposes or exchanging with other characters.
- Make plenty of notes or else you may forget what you heard at the beginning of the party.
- Everyone knows something but you may need to find ways of making them talk
- Anything goes, friendship, bribery, blackmail, threats, deceit and even violence (pretend violence only please!)
- If you withhold to much information, others may not give you any of theirs either
- You may want to try teaming up with another guest to solve the murder as long as you can trust them!
- Remember that the murder is only one of the tasks for you to do, you will also have a secret task to complete
- Above all, remain in character at all times and enjoy yourself!

<u>Your Character Is – Katie Fermantle</u>



YOUR SECRET NUMBER IS – 10 – DO NOT REVEAL THIS TO ANYONE!!!

When asked by the host, please read out your character introduction below.

Hi everyone. As you all know, I am Katie Fermantle, I am 24 years old and this is my big night. I want to thank all my girls from the K club for coming and just know we are going to have the most fabulous night. My wealthy fiancé Paul Patterson has pulled out all the stops for me and has arranged for us to have the exclusive use of this VIP area at Club Tropicana! Enjoy it girls, but remember, you owe me for this one!

KATIES'S SECRETS

The following is for your eyes only. Do not reveal it unless asked in the Question and Answer round.

Tonight is Katie's Hen Night and she's determined that it's going to be a night to remember. She believes herself to be the most popular girl of the group and is used to getting her way with everything and everyone. But just lately one or two of the other girls have started to become a little too forward for her liking. Katie is worried that she is losing her place as the most popular and is determined to do whatever it takes to put the other girls back in their place.

Katie works as a magazine journalist, writing weekly film reviews and is marrying 28 year old Paul Patterson in three weeks time. She loves to show Paul off to her friends after all he's incredibly good looking however he is not as rich as she claims. He was recently sacked from his job as a local business manager after trouble with the tax man. He has since had to pay back a lot of money to the tax office which, on top of the wedding plans, has left him almost broke. Katie doesn't want anyone finding out about this, it would be the ultimate embarrassment for her. It is still a mystery to them both as to who blew the whistle on Paul's tax fraud, but Katie suspects that it is someone close to them, especially after receiving an anonymous blackmail letter. The letter stated that unless the engagement is called off, Paul's fraud will be exposed to all on the wedding day. Katie suspects the culprit is Kayla Kimble who split up with Paul about 6 months before he and Katie got together. She suspects Kayla wants her ex back.

Katie met her fiancé Paul through her sister. Paul and Kerry had been dating for a few weeks but as soon as Katie was introduced to Paul, she knew she wanted him and went out of her way to steal him from her sister. It was easier than she ever imagined and soon she was blissfully happy with her new man. She didn't ever care about the huge rift it caused between her and her sister. They didn't speak for a long time and even now they are very frosty towards each other. The only reason Katie invited Kerry along to her Hen Night was to rub her nose in her success.

Katie has recently become much closer to her cousin Kes. Growing up they used to be very close but then they had an embarrassing falling out when they were 18. During her 18th birthday party, Kes and Katie both ended up lusting after the same man, the hot and sexy singer of the band playing at the 18th birthday celebration. Fuelled by alcohol, the three of them ended up sharing a passionate night together. Despite promising each other that they would forget the whole thing and never talk of it again, it deeply affected Katie and Kes's friendship and it has taken years for them to become close again. Katie still has fond memories of that night but would never admit it to Kes.

Katie knows that many people are wondering whether she will go through with this wedding, after all, she left her previous fiancé Karl Keble at the altar. He wasn't the right one for her but she is still insanely jealous that he has started seeing Kayleigh Crumpet. She doesn't want Karl but she doesn't want him having anyone else either. She is determined to split Kayleigh and Karl up anyway she can. She has started spreading rumours that Karl is gay and that is why she left him at the altar.

Katie has also recently discovered that Kayla was committed to a psychiatric hospital when she was younger after claiming to hear voices. Katie is threatening to reveal this information to the other girls unless Kayla stops bragging about some new TV show deal she has.

YOUR CHARACTERS PERSONALITY

The following is a guide to how your character should act on the night. Do not read this out to others.

- Very vain and loves herself
- Believes everyone else is there to worship her
- Very selfish and untrustworthy
- Will get very angry if things don't go her way

Katie is convinced that she is the most popular girl on the planet and acts like it. She loves being the centre of attention and hates to be upstaged by anyone. She will go to extraordinary lengths to put others in their place. She has no loyalties to anyone and would cut off her best friend at a moments notice if it served her purpose. She has the potential to get very argumentative and aggressive if things are not going her way. When she is being complimented and adored though, she is the sweetest girl around.

YOUR COSTUME SUGESTIONS -

A very fashionable and slightly revealing outfit. Remember you don't want to be upstaged by anyone!

YOUR SECRET TASK

As well as discovering the identity of the murderer, you have a secret task to try and complete during the party. The task is not compulsory and will not lead to the identity of the murderer but it will add a more fun and intrigue to the night. You must not reveal your secret task until the end of the night when asked by the host. When completing the task, you should always work within your characters personality.

Your Secret Task for tonight is - Make sure no one upstages you, not even the victim!

You must do everything possible to make sure that all the attention is on you rather than anyone else, including the unfortunate victim. You can cry and be very dramatic about the death and how it has affected you or be annoyed that the victim has the audacity to die on your night and try to do anything to bring the focus back to you by talking about your clothes the party etc. You can use any means as long as it fits your characters personality profile. If you are the murderer though, be careful not to draw unwanted attention to you.

CONVERSATION STARTERS -

When mingling at the beginning of the night, talk to various people in groups or on their own and start up conversations based on the statements below. You **must** elaborate on the statements as you feel appropriate for your character. All conversation starters must be read in front of at least two other people. Remember that as well as talking, you must listen. Eavesdropping is definitely permitted and you can ask people what conversations they have heard from other guests. You can repeat conversation starters any number of times that you wish, so once you have read out all of yours, you can still go and mingle with other guests. Remember, mingling is about getting to know the other characters and their personalities and also finding out key information that you can use in later rounds.

- 1. I can't imagine Kayleigh and Karl ever getting married and having kids! Karl's ginger after all! Imagine that, they would have ugly, freckly carrot kids! Yeah I know I was going to marry him at one point, but I saw sense just in time! Besides, if the rumours about Karl are true, I don't think they will be having kids!
- 2. Sometimes I think Kayla has well and truly lost it. We were talking the other day and she went off into a little world of her own for a few minutes and started mumbling something to herself. It looked as though she were talking to an invisible person. Maybe she was supposedly communicating with one of her spirit folk, but if you ask me, the woman is insane!
- 3. I've known Katherine a long time and I've never seen her as happy as she has been this last year ever since she got married. Alright so Bernie's not exactly the type of guy I go for, but if he makes her happy, good for her. I just hope that Paul can make me as happy once we are married! Do you think he will?
- 4. I've heard rumours that Kaiya has herself a boyfriend. It really surprised me at first as well. In all the years I've known her, it's the first time I've heard of her dating anyone. From what I hear though, she's infatuated with this Scott fellow. Anyway, I just hope she's careful and doesn't get carried away too much. Maybe I'm just being cynical but I will be much happier when I meet this guy.
- 5. I'm really not happy with Kaitlyn at the moment. She keeps on hassling my fiancé Paul to invest money in some sort of foreign real estate. She insists it's a good investment and that the estate agent is a great guy but I think there's something odd going on. She probably fancies the estate agent and is trying to impress him. Besides, Paul needs all his money to keep me happy!
- 6. To be honest, I don't even know why I invited Kim tonight, it's not as if she was ever really a member of the K Club. Her sister was a member and Kim used to tag along. If you ask me it was quite sad, an older girl hanging around with her little sisters mates. I mean just look at her, fat, ginger hair, not exactly the image we want in the K Club.

QUESTION AND ANSWER ROUNDS

After being told of the murder by the host, you will mingle again. It is now up to you to approach the other quests who you suspect may know something and try to coax the information from them. Remember to stick to your characters personality at all times. As a selfish and vain woman, you don't care who you upset in your pursuit of answers. You can become very confrontational and aggressive if need be! You should take care not to alert others to your prime suspect by your line of questioning. It may be fun to throw in a few "red herring" questions to put others off the scent. When asked an appropriate question, quests must reveal any information that appears in their characters "secrets" paragraph, but it is their choice as to whether they reveal any other information that they have discovered during their own investigations. If you suspect that someone knows something and is not telling, you can try and bribe, blackmail or even threaten them to get the answers. If someone asks you a question and you are forced to answer, you can similarly bribe, blackmail or threaten them to keep the answer secret from other quests. So if Kerry were to ask you if anything ever happened between you and Kes, you must tell her the truth but then you may try bribing her so that she doesn't tell your secret to anyone else. Remember that not everyone can be trusted though! If you are asked a question that does not appear in your characters "secrets" paragraph, you are free to make up any response you like, as long as it does not contradict any of your other statements. During this round, remember who your friends are as you will want to help them but hinder and make it difficult for those who have been unkind to you! The only question you are allowed to lie to will be - Are you the murderer. If you are asked where you were during the night, you must admit that you were up on the roof top garden until about 11pm with Katiya then left her up there and came down to the 1st floor. You were around the main dance floor and VIP area from then until gone midnight. You saw various members of the K Club around the first floor including Kayla, Kayleigh, Kerry, Kim and Kaiya. You had an argument with Kerry in the VIP area at about 11.30pm.

