

# ***Red Carpet Murder***

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## ***Introduction***

They had all been waiting for this night... the glamorous SOFA Film Awards Ceremony! After an evening of excitement, drama, anticipation and disappointments, it was time for the prestigious After-Party; a chance for the celebrities to gloat, drown their sorrows and rub shoulders with the rich and famous. Think, 'Vanity Fair post-Oscars Party' or 'Vogue Party after BAFTAs'.

**However**, the celebrations were about to take a dark turn, conjuring more drama and suspense than any of the award-winning films.... **Murder!!**

Who was destined to die, why would anyone want them dead and most importantly, can the killer be caught. This is Red Carpet Murder!"

You will be playing the part of:

## **Robert 'Bob' Down**

In this document you will find:

- a copy of the Invitation
- a list of the characters
- the programme for the party
- your first Question and Information Card.

# Invitation



after party  
**SOFA Awards**

Dear .....

Your character is  
.....

Your character's  
occupation is  
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You are invited to the post-SOFA Awards Party. Sadly, someone is going to meet their end! Finding the killer will be your task at  
..... on .....

*After your investigation, you will be able to make accusations.*  
**There will be Awards - not just for finding the murderer - but also for character acting, costume and making the party fizz!**

RSVP .....

## List of Characters:

Character	Role	Notes
Sven Diagram	Bar Steward (think Jeff Goldblum)	This is a minor role intended for the host.
Ivy Alabaster	Actress twin sisters - played by the same guest (think Natalie Portman or Halle Berry)	Ivy was nominated for the Best Actress SOFA Award.
Maisie White		Maisie turns up late and looks very similar to her sister. She is happily married to Kurt. Maisie was not nominated for a SOFA Award
Robert 'Bob' Down	Actor (think Hugh Grant or Rupert Everett)	Bob is a famous actor who wasn't nominated for a SOFA Award this year. He is Gloria's partner and a close friend of Ivy.
Gloria Sycon	Actress (think Joanna Lumley)	Gloria is a celebrity actress – she was nominated for the Best Actress SOFA Award. She is Bob's partner.
Sofia Sowgood	Celebrated Actress (think Helena Bonham Carter or Susan Sarandon)	Sofia was nominated for and won the SOFA Award for Best Supporting Actress. She won the award for the third time for her role in 'Sofa Wars'.
Hugo Furst	Actor (think Morgan Freeman or Alan Rickman)	Hugo was not nominated for a SOFA Award. He is married to Paige.
Layla Lathyrus	Actress (think Sandra Bullock or Angelina Jolie)	Layla was nominated for the Best Actress SOFA Award.
Grayson Flaver	Pop Star, Poet, Actor (think Justin Timberlake or Will Smith)	Grayson is a well-known celebrity. He presented an award at the SOFA Awards Ceremony. He opened the envelope for Best Costume Design and presented the SOFA Award to Bristol Hemp.
Kurt Hencall	Actor, TV Celebrity (think Pierce Brosnan or Matt Damon)	Kurt was nominated for and won the SOFA Award for Best Actor for his role in 'Sofas by the Sea'. He is happily married to Maisie.
Paige Turner	Actress, Artist (think Maggie Smith or Helen Mirren)	Paige was nominated as Best Actress and won the SOFA Award for her leading role in 'So Fa Land'. She is married to Hugo and widely regarded as a National Treasure
Jay Pegg	Paparazzo (think Christian Bale or Johnny Depp)	Jay was one of the official photographers at the SOFA Awards and also at Sofia's extravagant parties.
Bristol Hemp	Costume Designer (think Jennifer Saunders)	Bristol was nominated for and won the SOFA Award for Best Costume Design.
Goldie Setter	Usherette (think Jane Horrocks or Lisa Kudrow)	As Usherette of the Year, Goldie was invited to present a SOFA Award and gave a moving speech.
Yorick Genial	Producer/ Director (think Richard Curtis or Tim Burton)	Yorick was nominated for a SOFA Award this year as Best Director

## ***Programme for the Party.***

Reception	Guests gather and collect their character's name badges and drink.
Introduction by the host	No-one is dead yet and the guest playing the guilty character does not know that they will be the murderer!
The rules	<p>The host will then ensure that guests are happy with the rules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Everyone gets a number of questions to ask (and answer) over two rounds. These questions are already written on two Question and Information Cards. The first card is included in this character pack. The second card will be given to you at the party.</li> <li>• Everyone should listen to all the questions and answers:</li> <li>• Characters should tell the truth, using the information they have. They can elaborate, exaggerate and, of course, make up answers where they don't have information. Guests shouldn't expect to find detailed answers, for every question their character is asked, on their Question and Information Card.</li> <li>• The host will help as necessary.</li> </ul>
Introductions	Each guest will introduce herself/himself in character. You will need to share your name and occupation. You should also share your personal interest in the SOFA Awards. <b>However</b> , you should <b>avoid</b> sharing professional secrets or your Secret Mingle Challenge at this stage.
First mingle	Guests can discuss what they have noticed so far. You will have your own Secret Mingle Challenge on your Question and Information Card. This activity is not known by the other guests. Opportunities to mingle will help you complete this task.
First round of Questions	Each guest then asks the questions on their Question and Information Card 1. The answers to these questions will enlighten you and the other guests as amateur detectives, now trying to solve a murder. The murder will have happened but the exact timing is a secret at this stage.
Second mingle	After the first round of questions guests will have more to talk about - as well as continuing their personal mingle tasks.
Hunch	The host will ask guests to make their initial observations - Best Hunch.
New information	The host can now distribute the second Question and Information Cards. The general character information is repeated on this second card, along with new information and new questions.
Round 2	Each guest then asks the questions on their second card.
Another mingle	You might be getting close and a chat with another guest/character might confirm your suspicions and help you complete your Mingle Challenge.
Declare Accusations	The host will ask guests to make accusations and also give reasoning in the form of Motive, Means and Opportunity.
Mingle Challenge.	You will have a chance to share your Secret Mingle Challenge and your success.
Reveal and confession	The identity of the murderer will become clear! Even the character playing the murderer might not realise until this point.
The winners!	The host will congratulate the Sleuth(s) of the Year and possibly award other prizes too.

Question and Information Card 1	
<b>Character Name</b>	<b>Robert 'Bob' Down</b>
<i>Occupation</i>	Actor
<i>SOFA Awards</i>	Bob was not nominated for a SOFA Award
<i>Relationships</i>	Bob is Gloria's partner and he is close friends with Ivy Alabaster.
<i>Anecdotal information</i>	Bob mixes a mean cocktail. He is famous for his concoctions, in particular his 'Daiquiri Bob' cocktail that uses classy Gin instead of Rum.
	Bob won the SOFA Celebrity Crazy Golf Tournament 4 years running.
<i>Arrival to the post SOFAs party tonight.</i>	Bob had agreed to give a lift to Ivy (along with Gloria of course) to this event. They arrived just a few minutes (fashionably) late.
<i>Professional secrets</i>	Bob's recent movies have been flops. <b>This is perhaps no secret but his rivalries will appear here in the actual game download.</b>
	<b>There may also be other professional secrets.</b>
<i>Round 1 Questions - Q1</i>	To Layla – ‘Are you with anyone? The tabloids used to be full of pictures of you and Kurt - is that all over? So how do you feel towards Maisie, Kurt's wife?’
<i>Q2</i>	To Bristol – <b>Bob’s other questions will appear in full in the game download.</b>
<i>Q3</i>	To Gloria – ??
<i>Secret Mingle Challenge</i>	Tell everyone that you have been promised a part in Yorick's new series. <b>There may also be another challenge in the game download.</b>