



**MOTIVES AND CLUES**

*Murder*

Select and print your Murder Mystery conclusion and accompanying clues. Cut out each clue and the conclusion into individual strips of paper. If you wish to keep the murderer, motive and clues a surprise, have someone not attending the party print and cut out these items and then place them in two separate labeled envelopes: murderer and motive in one and clues in the other. Do NOT give out the clues ahead of time. On the night of the party, read out loud each clue to your guests. Allow your guests to come up with their theories and then at the end of the night reveal the conclusion.

**SCENARIO #1:**

**CLUE 1:**

Evelyn was shot twice in the back, yet she was lying on her back on the bed. The detective cannot match the bullets to any gun he knows of.

**CLUE 2:**

Alabaster had a fight with Clement and Bernadette about their movie idea. Alabaster told them that he had already made a deal with the dance club's owner to invest his money in a new dance club for the town. They were furious and left the club.

**CLUE 3:**

At 9:45 pm, Mayor Phelps left his civil war banquet to investigate a fire at the horse feed plant. He was there with the fire chief and arrived home after 2:00 am.

**CLUE 4:**

Josephine saw Mrs. Geraldine Phelps' lunch guest supply her with a stack of photographs, Mrs. Phelps became outraged when she saw them.

**CLUE 5:**

Dr. Vincent Lazybones believes the time of death to be 1:30 am.

**CLUE 6:**

Alabaster arrived home from the club at 2:30 am. The police were already there when he arrived.

**MURDERER: GERALDINE K. PHELPS**

**MOTIVE:**

Geraldine was pushed into a jealous rage by photographs shared with her by Pat Goosefeathers of Mayor Phelps and Evelyn Nightcrawler meeting daily. Geraldine snuck into the Nightcrawler home during dinner, since Alabaster and Evelyn were arguing, getting past them was easy. Geraldine hid in the closet and waited for Evelyn to come to bed. Evelyn entered the bedroom, changed into her nightgown, sat on the bed and reached to switch on her reading light. Geraldine then emerged and with a pistol stolen from her husband's Civil War collection she shot Mrs. Nightcrawler in the back. Evelyn fell onto her back on the bed and Geraldine escaped (gun in hand) before Goosefeathers - first on the scene - or the police arrived.





**SCENARIO #2:**

**CLUE 1:** Evelyn was shot twice. She was lying on her back under the covers in the bed. The detective cannot match the bullets to any gun he knows of.

**CLUE 2:** At 9:45 pm, Mayor Phelps left his banquet to investigate a fire at the horse feed plant. He was there with the fire chief until at least 2 am.

**CLUE 3:** Dr. Vincent Lazybones believes the time of death to be 11:00 pm.

**CLUE 4:** Josephine saw Mrs. Geraldine Phelps' lunch guest supply her with a stack of photographs, Mrs. Phelps became outraged when she saw them.

**CLUE 5:** Alabaster had a fight with Clement and Bernadette about their movie idea. Alabaster told them that he had already made a deal with the dance club's owner to invest his money in a new dance club for the town. They were furious and left the club.

**CLUE 6:** Alabaster arrived home from the club at 2:00 am. He heard the gun shots and ran for the bedroom. When he got there, he found Pat over top of Evelyn crying and holding the dead woman. Alabaster called the police immediately.

**CLUE 7:** Evelyn had commented to Alabaster that her dinner tasted a little odd, but the comment was lost in the heat of their fight.

**CLUE 8:** Dr. Lazybones was confused by the results of the autopsy, which conclude that the cause of death was a heart attack.

**MURDERER: PAT GOOSEFEATHERS**

**MOTIVE:**

Enough was enough. Pat was certain that Alabaster would reward so many years of faithful service if there was no one else to which to leave the fortune. Pat waited until the Saturday dinner - a mushy soup - so as to best hide the taste of the foxglove flower, which Pat stole from Geraldine's exotic plant garden. While small doses of the plant can prevent heart attacks, a large dose can actually cause them. Evelyn did not die of the gunshots. Pat just needed a cover, and what better alibi than a jealous wife? Pat supplied Geraldine with photos and a made up story and it was enough to convince her to stop the wealthy Evelyn from taking the only thing she had in life: Phineus. Evelyn was already dead when Geraldine emerged from the closet with the gun and fired her two shots into the motionless Evelyn under the covers. Pat let Geraldine escape out the back and under the impression that she had committed the murder.





**SCENARIO #3:**

**CLUE 1:** Evelyn was shot once. She was lying on her back under the covers in the bed. The detective cannot match the bullets to any gun he knows of.

**CLUE 2:** At 9:45 pm, Mayor Phelps left his banquet to investigate a fire at the horse feed plant. He was there with the fire chief until after 1:00 am.

**CLUE 3:** Geraldine says that Phineus came home from the fire at 3 am.

**CLUE 4:** Alabaster had a fight with Clement and Bernadette about their movie idea. Alabaster told them that he had already made a deal with the dance club's owner to invest his money in a new dance club for the town. They were furious and left the club.

**CLUE 5:** Dr. Vincent Lazybones believes the time of death to be 2:00 am.

**CLUE 6:** Alabaster told Pat Goosefeathers on Friday night that he had already made a deal with the dance club's owner to invest his money in a new dance club for the town.

**CLUE 7:** Alabaster arrived home from the club at 1:30 am. He was fast asleep when he heard a gunshot and then a scream.

**CLUE 8:** Josephine saw Mrs. Geraldine Phelps having lunch with Pat Goosefeathers earlier that day.

**MURDERER: MAYOR PHELPS**

**MOTIVE:**

Pat Goosefeathers shared with Geraldine over lunch that Alabaster was putting all of his money into a new dance club and was going to leave Evelyn with nothing. Geraldine was angered by the news because she felt it was not fair to Evelyn. Over dinner, Geraldine shared this tidbit of gossip with Mayor Phelps who was angered by this news. He told Geraldine that Evelyn deserved better than the likes of Alabaster Nightcrawler.

Mayor Phelps followed Alabaster's limousine home from the nightclub and waited for all the lights to go off in the house. Phelps crept around the back of the house, crawled up the trellis and pried open the bedroom window just a hair. He saw Alabaster asleep in bed and pushed the nose of his civil war pistol in the opening and fired. The incredibly inaccurate pistol - not fired with live ammunition in a hundred years or more - hit Evelyn instead of Alabaster. The force of the shot, knocked Mayor Phelps off balance and he came crashing to the ground. He let out a scream when he landed on the rosebushes. Ashamed of his misdeed and fearful of losing everything, he hurried home and kept silent.

