

Host Guide



Thank you for choosing Mystery Wizards

Our parties are designed somewhat different than others. We try to combine a degree of complexity with a freeform style and quite often add games and puzzles to enhance the enjoyment of the mystery. *Terror in Toytown* is designed to be played by all ages and is made up of a series of puzzles. The party is structured in three stages.

- ♦ ***Meet and Greet*** – This is usually the time when appetizers and beverages are served and the characters are free to walk around and try to glean information from the other characters. They will all have clues to share and the more they converse the better chance they will have at solving the mystery.
- ♦ ***Dinner and Discovery*** – Dinner is served, whether buffet or formal. The guests will be arranged at the tables so that they have an opportunity to investigate even further. Sometimes there is a person of authority (usually one of the hosts) that will preside and question the characters to bring out their possible motives, their means and possible opportunities to have committed the crime. This is also the time when evidence like police and autopsy reports are presented.

After dinner the guests, aided with new information are free once again to question their fellow characters and look at any evidence available to them.

- ♦ ***Sweet Reveal*** – Over dessert, the guests will fill out "Sleuth" cards and turn in to the hosts for review. The person of authority will then go over the clues and expose the murderer(s). The more dramatic the reveal is the better!!! The winner is announced and awards are given.



Terror in Toyland

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E.L.F. has also been investigating what appears to be the sabotage of H.S.S.S. And to make matters even worse, E.L.F. has uncovered a plot to thwart Christmas. They discovered that Jedadi Sneaky-Pants had been working on a devious plan to keep Santa from delivering toys to the good girls and boys and may have enlisted the help of others.

All of the toys have motives and are suspected of the hideous crime. In this Terror in Toytown, the hosts Holly Sugar-Socks and Skipper Bo Ty are not suspects. **If you wish to play along and guess the squasher there will be specific areas that you will be admonished "not to read" until the final Reveal. Whether you play along or decide to be in the know to assure the party runs smoothly, we are sure that you and your guests will have an evening to remember. Keep in mind that if you know who the murderer is it might be easy to give the mystery away.**



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It was 5 nights before Christmas and all through the North Pole,
The helpers were resting to reach their big goal.

Except the members of TINSSEL at a festive affair,
Who were dancing and drinking without worry or care.

There was talking and laughing, it felt like a dream,
When from out in the yard came a hideous scream.

They ran out to discover what had gone awry,
And there in the snow lay poor elf Jedadi.

Santa's runaway sleigh had squashed him quite flat,
Elves Happy and Cinnamon had found him like that.

A Terror in Toyland or debacle of sort?
This will soon be determined in Yule Elf-in Court.

E.L.F. has requested your attendance at the Yule Tribunal to get to the bottom
on what appears to be a **VERY UNCHRISTMAS LIKE** deed on:

The Tribunal will take place at:

If you confirm that you will be attending, you will be assigned a character in the mystery.
If you accept please make sure that you will be able to attend and stay until the mystery
is solved. Your character will have vital information to solving the mystery and might
well be the murderer.

RSVP To: _____

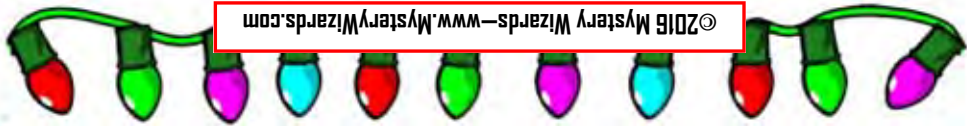
RSVP By: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Cell: _____

What level of participation would you like your character to have?
between 1 - I know some stuff to 3 - I will tell everyone about it!



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Rules

After experiencing many different types of mystery parties, both as guests and hosts we have concluded that the most entertaining parties were the ones where the participants were free to question all the characters involved to gain the necessary information to solve the mystery. We think that you will find this style to be more natural in the way that it frees you of cumbersome rules and pre-written speeches.

The objective is simple. It will be your task to solve the murder mystery and possibly other puzzles as well. Toward the conclusion of the event you will be asked to identify the murderer, the murderer's means and the weapon used to commit the murder. You will gain this information by seeking clues from other suspects and from evidence provided throughout the course of the party.

You will be provided with your own set of Public and Private Clues.

The Public Clues you will want to share with everyone as often as you can. The purpose of your Public Clues is to draw suspicion away from you and toward others. Sometimes this is accomplished by indicating your innocence and other times by implicating another suspect. Do not make up your own stories about your character or another's. Use the information provided in the Public Clues to get investigators to look elsewhere.

The Private Clues are essentially your secrets. You would not volunteer this information to anyone, however specific questions MUST be answered accurately and honestly. You do not need to provide more information than what was actually requested. If asked whether you were standing by the door you would have to answer "Yes" but you wouldn't have to tell them that the door was green unless they asked.

As an investigator keep in mind that in a real situation the murderer would most often lie about the murder. In our case the murderer will not know who the murderer is until after he or she has deduced it themselves. From that point forward the murderer is authorized to lie about their whereabouts at the time of the murder.

Our suggestion to make our time together more enjoyable for you is to try to be your character if you can. Share what you know about your character's upbringing and history with the other characters. You don't need an accent or anything like that in fact you don't need to act at all. Just try to think like your character would think. Better yet, think that you are your character. It will make the mystery more fun for everyone. Don't pressure yourself to figure out the answers. Your character will naturally want to know the answers to this mystery. If you just be your character then the questions and the answers should come out in normal conversation. And the most important rule of all.

HAVE FUN!!

Valerie Voodoo



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Toy Description

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Special Features

- Pull string activation – dances and touches objects with her staff or wand
- Comes with either a long staff or a short wand
- Includes both witchdoctor garb and city slicker outfit.



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WRANGLE RITA / Female Super Hero - Inspired by the powerful students of We Are Really Cool High this action figure is ready for powerful fun. The Wrangle Rita action figure is highly articulated for powerful posing and creative storytelling. Molded in durable plastic, the natural leader can take on Super Hero stunts and portable play. Plus, she looks ready for action dressed in her signature outfit, with iconic accessory details, like wrist cuffs and her powerful lasso. Press the button on her wrist and Wrangle Rita twirls her lasso above her head ready to capture bad guys.

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The Elves

HOLLY SUGAR-SOCKS / Elf - Holly is second in command of E.L.F. the Elfin Legal Force and takes charge when Skipper Bo Ty is away. Holly is a cracker jack elfvestigator and can smell a rotten apple in the bunch as easily as catching the aroma of Mrs. Santa's apple pie. If there is anything that gets Holly's ears a twitter is the thought of an anti-Christmas Elf and she is determined to find whoever is responsible for trying to thwart Christmas.

JEDADI SNEAKY-PANTS / Elf - Jedadi was previously one of the Quality Assurance Elves. He had studied very hard in Elf Computer Tech to learn the H.S.S.S system, short for Highly Sophisticated Sorting Scanner, but was passed over for that job and was a fore-elf on the QA line. All jobs are considered equal at Santa's Workshop, but Jedadi was bitter that he had not gotten a computer job. Because of the high number of T.I.N.S.E.L. Toys this season, help was needed at the cottage and Jedadi was transferred.

SKIPPER BO TY / Elf - Skipper Ty is first in command of E.L.F. the Elfin Legal Force. As High Uppity E.L.F. Bo serves as Sheriff, Judge and Prison Guard at the North Pole. His last arrest and conviction was the Peppermint Ring gang for stealing Mrs. Claus' cookies during the 2001 millennium party. The cookies were never recovered but Bo was able to convince himself of the rings' guilt by the crumbs and chocolate found on their faces and hands. Lately it's been fairly quiet at the North Pole but Santa can count on Skipper Ty to set matters right whenever something goes awry in the village.



The Toys

BAZOOKA BOB / Baseball Player - A perfect addition to the Baseball Legends action figure collection, this highly detailed figure features three-time All-Star and 2015 Very Fast Ball winner Bazooka Bob. No previous player has thrown a pitch with the velocity of this one. Figure comes with iconic Blue and white uniform and hat. Pull the string on Bazooka Bob's wrist band and he winds up for a fast ball. Also included are a baseball and bat.

DR. JEKYLL / Mad Scientist - Complete your Horror Legends collection with one of the scariest Doctors around. The glass ceiling has been broken and this powerful action figure is a remake of the legendary Dr. Jekyll. This special-edition figure comes with interchangeable Dr. Jekyll and Dr. Hyde heads, alternate hands, and a cape. Voice activated, the character will respond alternately as the Doctor or the monster when addressed by name. Dr. Jekyll's chemistry set is included.

GARGANTUAN GUARDIAN / Super Hero - The Gargantuan Guardian figure is tougher and stronger than ever before, and ready for action. Each figure has the cool Guardian style, as seen in the TV series, making it stand out from the rest of the pack! Gargantuan not only has the ability to reach to super human sizes, but is voice activated and whenever he hears the words "Go Guardian he crosses his arms and spins to reach his maximum size to help in the fight against evil villains that would endanger the population. Crafted with great detail and quality, kids and collectors can play or display their favorite Guardian figures in their own environment to recreate scenes where good always prevails over evil!

JUJITSU JUDY / Karate Doll - Active sports doll is ready to compete! Each Jujitsu Judy doll is made to move with 22 "joints" -- in the neck, upper arms, elbows, wrists, torso, hips, upper legs, knees AND ankles -- for lots of flexibility and an incredible range of movement! The expert black belt is dressed in a career-themed outfit and comes with accessories that add to the storytelling. Press the button on her shoulder and Judy take a martial arts stance to karate chop a breakable board which is included.

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Backwards

Bob

Toy



Dr.

Hyde

Toy



Teeny Tiny

Guardian

Toy



Jeopardous

Judy

Toy



Valerie

Boo Boo

Toy



Tangle

Rita

Toy



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SANTA'S SLEIGH SQUASHES ELF

E.L.F. the Elfin Legal Force is investigating the untimely demise of Jedadi Sneaky-Pants. Mr. Sneaky-Pants was found squashed by Santa's 2,400 pound sleigh last night near the T.I.N.S.E.L. cottage. The body was discovered by Cinnamon Sparkle and Happy Mc Jingles, co-workers of the flattened Elf. Elves Sneaky-Pants, Sparkle and Mc Jingles are in charge of loving care of the T.I.N.S.E.L. Toys.

E.L.F.'s first in command, Skipper Bo Ty does not have any witnesses to the crime. Ty has said "that this may have been an unfortunate accident, but until I can prove otherwise I am treating it as an elficide".

Holly Sugar-Socks, E.L.F.'s second in command has commented that the squashing might be the result of what appears to have been a serious elf prank. "Santa's Sleigh has had the magic taken away!" Said Sugar-Socks, "We are just lucky that this horrendous deed was discovered before Christmas Eve!" Santa's 2,400 pound sleigh was immediately sent to the Sleigh Repair Shop.



H.S.S.S. fiddled with!

The unusual number of toys that received T.I.N.S.E.L. designation this season has been tracked back to H.S.S.S. the Highly Sophisticated Sorting Scanner. After careful scrutiny it was found that the Scanner was fiddled with and quite possibly the cause of the exceptional toys.

The entire Q.A.B. system, including the H.S.S.S. will be carefully inspected after the holiday season to make sure that everything is in proper working order. A Fore-elf has commented that "We have not had any problems with the scanning system since it was first installed and this must be the result of fiddling." The T.I.N.S.E.L. group has been scheduled for re-work in February.

Deadline for January holiday to the Bahamas is looming!

Time is running out to sign up for our yearly "Fun In The Sun" vacation to the Bahamas in January. The deadline is December 25th. This year's trip should be the best Elf Holiday ever so don't miss out!



Sign up sheet can be found in Mrs. Santa's kitchen.

Vandalism discovered in T.I.N.S.E.L. cottage

There have been a number of unexplained mishaps in the T.I.N.S.E.L. Cottage in what seems to be just more in a rash of unexplained events surrounding the toy habitat.

The toys are found in disarray every morning in what Elf Happy Mc Jingles says must be the result of some sort of elf high jinx. Mc Jingles' job is to keep the toys on the proper shelves and has reported "I have to move them back to the right place every morning".

Elf Cinnamon Sparkle who is charged with keeping the cottage sparkly clean has says "there are teeny tiny footprints everywhere—all I do is dust and dust and dust."

E.L.F. has been brought in to investigate and High Uppity Elf Skipper Bo Ty says that they do not have any leads.

Elf behavior restraint requested.



Because of the high demand for Gingerbread Men this year, Mrs. Santa has to spend all of her time making sure the cookies get done. We all know that Mrs. Santa loses control whenever she hears or sees happy or silly sounds or signs of affection, so we ask all elves to display restraint until after Christmas.

Mail Room Break In Naughty and Nice List Compromised

Late last night someone broke into the mail room and was able to gain access to the Naughty-Nice computer. Once the computer was accessed the suspect reversed the list in what is called a "most despicable deed".

Second in command of E.L.F., Holly Sugar-Socks says that evidently the culprit broke the sugar lock on the mail room door. "The only way that

the suspect could have accessed the computer was if they knew the secret code." said Sugar-Socks. "Who would do such a thing?"

E.L.F. will be investigating this crime and questioning all of the Elves.



Meet and Greet Introduction

To be read by either Holly or Skipper about 10-15 minutes after your start time – Hopefully all of your characters have arrived on time. Do not wait for late comers.

While the characters are arriving and getting name tags etc. it is most fun if you try to remain in character. But, in the first section of this announcement you will have to slip back to yourself to address some housekeeping items to assure the game is more fun for everyone. The second section should be presented in your character.

First section – real time

(This can be in your own words as long as the general idea is conveyed.)

Thanks for coming to our Murder Mystery Dinner Party. We would like to get the party under way but there are just a few things that I need to go over with you real quick. You have all been given Confidential Clues that includes Private and Public Clues and Information to Gather. Please review the rules of play on the last page of your character profile. The rules are simple. Share your public clues, use discretion about what to divulge of your private clues – but if a question is asked directly you must answer honestly. The squasher does not know who he or she is. Each character has different information so ask everyone questions. We are all here to solve a mystery and the more information that we share with each other the better chance that we will have to accomplish that goal. You will be working in teams of two based on your group, but there will only be one winner so you may want to keep your suspicions to yourself. You will all be given clues and time to investigate different areas of the North Pole. Please be courteous to your fellow game players and allow them time to solve the puzzle in the area they are in. And most importantly – Have fun!

Second Section – as your characters

Holly calls meeting to order - Holly calls meeting to order - Holly will ring elf bell and ask for everyone to be seated in the T.I.N.S.E.L. Cottage.

Holly: Hear Ye! Hear Ye! I, Holly Sugar-Socks, do herby call to order this tribunal under the official authority of the ELF council. The proceedings will be presided by the High Uppity Elf Skipper Bo Ty.

Holly: Before we begin, I want to call your attention to the Monthly T.I.N.S.E.L Report that was handed out at the beginning of this get together. Please review at your earliest convenience.

Bo: Thank you, Holly.

So, Jedadi Sneaky-Pants was squashed by Santa's runaway sleigh. We need to investigate this further but I can tell you that there are some very suspicious circumstances surrounding this case. I, for one, want to know more about the "weapon". We're pretty sure that this was an intentional squashing and caused by someone that is in this room right now.



Meet and Greet Introduction

It's rather obvious that you all come to life, you are here now and that in itself has drawn the attention of the ELF force to you.

You have all been requested to attend this elfvestigation because you are all suspects! E.L.F. is determined to find out which of you are responsible for these very un-Christmas like deeds before the evening is over and we will need everyone's help.

After the untimely squashing of Jedadi Sneaky-Pants, we searched his cot and found his diary. I will be reading the first page and afterwards, Holly and I will be handing out copies of the other pages that we found in Sneaky-Pants diary. We are hoping you will be able to figure out what in **candy stripes** is going on in Toytown today.

You are not only trying to discover what part your fellow toys played in Jedadi's plan, but also trying to find out who had the motive, means and opportunity to commit elficide.

That being said, we are elves and toys, so of course a party will ensue during the elfvestigation. Dinner will be served shortly, but take this opportunity to begin your investigation. There will be ample time after dinner to continue your elfvestigations.

Let me read you the first page of Jedadi's diary to you and then I will place it in the evidence area for all to review.

Bo reads the first Diary Page and places in evidence area.

Using the Party Timing and Summary as a guide, hand out the other Diary pages.



Snazzy Dresser Award

Congratulations!

Your fellow suspects have voted and you are hereby awarded the
Snazzy Dresser Award for your outstanding costume!

Great Job! Thanks for playing **TERROR** in **TOYTOWN**



The Sherlock Award

Congratulations!

You have solved the mystery and are hereby awarded The Sherlock Award in recognition of your outstanding Sleuthing ability.

Great Job! Thanks for playing **TERROR** in **TOY TOWN**