A ZOOM MURDER MYSTERY

SUSPICIOUS Minds

a murder at

EL CAMINO ROYALE

LAS VEGAS · NEVADA

CHARACTER PACKS

Every character in one file, for hosts. Print it, or send each player only their own pack.

HOSTS ONLY · CONTAINS THE MURDERER

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THE RETIRED COP

Sgt Bev Glazer (ret.)

Pronouns: they/them, or whatever suits your take on the character

YOU ARE NOT THE MURDERER

READ ALOUD IN PART 1 · THIS IS THE ONLY PART YOU READ OUT

"Sergeant Bev Glazer, retired, thirty years with the NYPD. I'm here to save your souls from this devil's music. Don't make me pull rank."

WHAT EVERYONE ELSE HAS HEARD ABOUT YOU

They may love donuts, but they hate Elvis. A passionate campaigner against "the devil's music", they're at the casino to protest. Could "Jailhouse Rock" send them over the edge?

Your story (these are truths, so you can't lie about them)

You were a cop in New York for 30 years. You're a devout member of the Church of the Righteous Hymn. You think Elvis's music is the devil's music, and you use your title and authority to push your agenda.

RELATIONSHIP STATUS

Widowed.

BEEN TO EL CAMINO ROYALE BEFORE?

Never. You'd never set foot in here except to protest.

STARTING ROOM

Casino Lobby

Who you know

- Old friends with Maestro Vincent Vibrato and their spouse

Costume & Zoom background

Police cap, a box of donuts, a sling or bandage on one arm, a protest sign. A police-precinct background.

Keep this pack to yourself until the night. Change your Zoom name to **Sgt Bev Glazer (ret.)** when you arrive.

TOP SECRET · FOR YOUR EYES ONLY

Sgt Bev Glazer (ret.)

Your clues

You have to reveal all of these by the end of Part 4. Choose when and to whom, and be strategic.

- You're retired and have plenty of money from your pension and an injury payout. You were shot in the arm on duty at the Parkes Elvis Festival five years ago. Make the injury obvious. You always carry your police-issue Glock pistol, but don't reveal the model unless someone asks.

WHEN THE GUN GOES OFF

Your alibi

Up to you. Improvise.

PART 2 · PRE-SHOW DRINKS

Mission 1

You go way back with Maestro Vincent Vibrato and their spouse. Ask Vincent how they and their spouse are doing.

PART 4 · THE INVESTIGATION

Mission 2

Time to use those cop skills. Interrogate Dakota Calibre and find out where their guns are.

Quick rules

- **Truths:** you can't lie about anything in this pack. You can dodge, but if someone pushes, you have to answer, and only as much as they asked.
- **Everything else:** lie, improvise and embellish as much as you like.
- **"Did you do it?"** Anyone can lie about that one.
- **Moving rooms:** send the hosts a private Zoom chat message with the room you want.
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THE LAWYER

Chase Ambler, Esq.

Pronouns: they/them, or whatever suits your take on the character

YOU ARE NOT THE MURDERER

READ ALOUD IN PART 1 · THIS IS THE ONLY PART YOU READ OUT

"Chase Ambler, Esquire. Criminal and defamation law, in town on business. If anyone here gets themselves into trouble tonight, I take cash, cheques and casino chips."

WHAT EVERYONE ELSE HAS HEARD ABOUT YOU

Slick, smart and slimy, but what good lawyer isn't? They say Chase will do anything for a client. But would they really do anything...

Your story (these are truths, so you can't lie about them)

You're an up-and-coming lawyer on a business trip to Las Vegas. You're slick, suave and slimy. You're known as one of the best in criminal and defamation law because you'll do whatever it takes to tear apart the other side.

RELATIONSHIP STATUS

Single (and happy to represent you in your divorce).

BEEN TO EL CAMINO ROYALE BEFORE?

Never. You flew in this morning.

STARTING ROOM

Casino Lobby

Who you know

- Flew to Las Vegas with Lou-Ann Hashbrown

Costume & Zoom background

A sharp suit, slicked hair, a briefcase. A law-office or courtroom background.

Keep this pack to yourself until the night. Change your Zoom name to **Chase Ambler, Esq.** when you arrive.

TOP SECRET · FOR YOUR EYES ONLY *Chase Ambler, Esq.*

Your clues

You have to reveal all of these by the end of Part 4. Choose when and to whom, and be strategic.

- You once hired Rex for a corporate gig and Rex turned up drunk. You looked like a fool in front of the senior partners. You'd bought tickets for tonight before you realised it was the same Elvis impersonator.
- When the gun went off, you were chatting with Marina Flint.

WHEN THE GUN GOES OFF
Your alibi

Chatting with Marina Flint.

PART 2 · PRE-SHOW DRINKS
Mission 1

You dabble in divorce law. Ask around to see if anyone's having marital problems. Try Maestro Vincent Vibrato, Starla Highkick and Sebastian Gloom.

PART 4 · THE INVESTIGATION
Mission 2

You've seen plenty of crazy people do crazy things in court. Suss out Chemtrail Charlie and find out where they were during the murder.

Quick rules

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- **Everything else:** lie, improvise and embellish as much as you like.
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THE CONSPIRACY NUT

Chemtrail Charlie

YOU ARE NOT THE MURDERER

Pronouns: they/them, or whatever suits your take on the character

READ ALOUD IN PART 1 · THIS IS THE ONLY PART YOU READ OUT

"Chemtrail Charlie. Wake up, people. I'm not saying the government is putting something in the casino air conditioning. I'm just asking questions. Has anyone here had the vaccine? I'll pray for you."

WHAT EVERYONE ELSE HAS HEARD ABOUT YOU

They think 5G spreads covid and they're definitely going to tell you about it. Everyone knows their head isn't screwed on quite right, but could they go off the rails enough to kill someone...

Your story (these are truths, so you can't lie about them)

You believe in aliens and UFOs, you think the moon landing was faked and chemtrails are real, and you're an anti-vaxxer because you're convinced 5G spreads covid.

You love musicals because you think aliens tell us about their alternate timelines through song and dance. Your favourite is *The Phantom of the Opera*.

Secretly, you're a small-time drug dealer. You sell ivermectin at the casino bar, and Dakota Calibre is your best customer.

RELATIONSHIP STATUS

Single. Relationships are how they track you.

BEEN TO EL CAMINO ROYALE BEFORE?

Every Friday. The casino bar is where you do business.

STARTING ROOM

The Bar

Who you know

- Sells ivermectin to Dakota Calibre, their BFF

Costume & Zoom background

A tinfoil hat, a "THE TRUTH IS OUT THERE" shirt, binoculars. A background covered in string and pinned clippings.

Keep this pack to yourself until the night. Change your Zoom name to **Chemtrail Charlie** when you arrive.

Your clues

You have to reveal all of these by the end of Part 4. Choose when and to whom, and be strategic.

- You're convinced the Phantom of the Opera was hiding in the shadows, came out to kill, then vanished behind the stage curtain into their lair. (You definitely saw *something* flutter behind the curtain.)
- When the gun went off, you were in the front row next to Dakota Calibre, filming the show to catch alien signals.

WHEN THE GUN GOES OFF ***Your alibi***	Front row, next to Dakota Calibre.
PART 2 · PRE-SHOW DRINKS ***Mission 1***	Ask Lou-Ann Hashbrown how business is going. Convince them their problems are mostly caused by aliens and the Democratic paedophile cabal.
PART 4 · THE INVESTIGATION ***Mission 2***	Let your wacky theories guide your questions. Talk to anyone in show business.

Quick rules

- **Truths:** you can't lie about anything in this pack. You can dodge, but if someone pushes, you have to answer, and only as much as they asked.
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THE PROFESSOR

Dr Constance Losewell

YOU ARE NOT THE MURDERER

Pronouns: they/them, or whatever suits your take on the character

READ ALOUD IN PART 1 · THIS IS THE ONLY PART YOU READ OUT

"Dr Constance Losewell, Professor of Economics. Statistically, gambling is irrational. Personally, I'm due a win. Tiny, save me a seat at the poker table."

WHAT EVERYONE ELSE HAS HEARD ABOUT YOU

This professor rejects expected utility theory and is always seen gambling (and losing) big at the casino. Could one big loss push them over the edge?

Your story (these are truths, so you can't lie about them)

You're a professor at a local college. You're at the casino a lot and you've made friends with Tiny the bouncer, who is very friendly.

You have a gambling problem and you're always playing poker. You recently lost big to Rex, and it really angered you.

RELATIONSHIP STATUS

Divorced. Your ex got the house after you lost it in a poker game.

BEEN TO EL CAMINO ROYALE BEFORE?

You're a regular at Friday-night poker.

STARTING ROOM

The Bar

Who you know

- Friends with Tiny
- Has gambled with Rex

Costume & Zoom background

Tweed, elbow patches, reading glasses, a stack of chips. A lecture-hall or poker-table background.

Keep this pack to yourself until the night. Change your Zoom name to **Dr Constance Losewell** when you arrive.

TOP SECRET · FOR YOUR EYES ONLY *Dr Constance Losewell*

Your clues

You have to reveal all of these by the end of Part 4. Choose when and to whom, and be strategic.

- When the gun went off, you were talking with Sebastian Gloom. They're not the murderer.

WHEN THE GUN GOES OFF
Your alibi

With Sebastian Gloom.

PART 2 · PRE-SHOW DRINKS
Mission 1

Ever since your loss, you're not a fan of Rex. Talk to Paige Turner and see if you can dig up some dirt on them.

PART 4 · THE INVESTIGATION
Mission 2

You're a regular here, but you've never seen Lou-Ann Hashbrown before. Ask them what they're doing here.

Quick rules

- **Truths:** you can't lie about anything in this pack. You can dodge, but if someone pushes, you have to answer, and only as much as they asked.
- **Everything else:** lie, improvise and embellish as much as you like.
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THE REPUBLICAN GUN NUT

Dakota Calibre

Pronouns: they/them, or whatever suits your take on the character

YOU ARE NOT THE MURDERER

READ ALOUD IN PART 1 · THIS IS THE ONLY PART YOU READ OUT

"Name's Dakota Calibre. My spouse and I have been Elvis fans since before most of you were born, and I've seen this so-called King more times than I'd like. Somebody's gotta heckle them. Might as well be me."

WHAT EVERYONE ELSE HAS HEARD ABOUT YOU

Voted Trump in 2020, and that tells you everything you need to know about them.

Your story (these are truths, so you can't lie about them)

You own several guns. You and your spouse are die-hard Elvis fans, and you think this Elvis impersonator is terrible because you've seen them before. You've been to several of Rex's shows and you heckle them on and off stage.

Your gun collection is suss. You've got everything from police-issue Glocks to AK-47s. Tonight you're unarmed (and feel naked) because your spouse hid the key to the gun safe.

You buy ivermectin from Chemtrail Charlie.

RELATIONSHIP STATUS

Married. Your spouse is a die-hard Elvis fan too, but stayed home tonight.

BEEN TO EL CAMINO ROYALE BEFORE?

Plenty. You come to Rex's shows just to heckle.

STARTING ROOM

Gambling Floor

Who you know

- Has seen Rex perform many times
- Buys ivermectin from Chemtrail Charlie, their BFF

Costume & Zoom background

Camo, a trucker cap, an "I ♥ the 2nd Amendment" shirt. A shooting-range or gun-shop background.

Keep this pack to yourself until the night. Change your Zoom name to **Dakota Calibre** when you arrive.

Your clues

You have to reveal all of these by the end of Part 4. Choose when and to whom, and be strategic.

- **Last Friday night** you left your pearl-handled .38 revolver, "Loretta", on a table in the casino bar. When you went back for it, it was gone. Be careful who you tell, or they might try to take your guns away!
- When the gun went off, you were in the **front row** heckling Rex, with Chemtrail Charlie next to you.

WHEN THE GUN GOES OFF
Your alibi

Front row, heckling, next to Chemtrail Charlie.

PART 2 · PRE-SHOW DRINKS
Mission 1

Ask Johnny Roundhouse what they think about guns. You know they've never fired one and want gun control. Here's your chance to convince them otherwise, or just argue.

PART 4 · THE INVESTIGATION
Mission 2

Ask your BFF Chemtrail Charlie about their wacky theories, and see if you can pick up some ivermectin while you're there.

Quick rules

- **Truths:** you can't lie about anything in this pack. You can dodge, but if someone pushes, you have to answer, and only as much as they asked.
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THE RECENTLY FIRED KUNG-FU ACTOR

Johnny Roundhouse

Pronouns: they/them, or whatever suits your take on the character

YOU ARE NOT THE MURDERER

READ ALOUD IN PART 1 · THIS IS THE ONLY PART YOU READ OUT

"Johnny Roundhouse, star of the casino's kung-fu floor show. Well… former star. Long story. I'm just here to watch my old buddy Rex. No hard feelings. Hi-yah."

WHAT EVERYONE ELSE HAS HEARD ABOUT YOU

Down on their luck, this kung-fu actor's drug problem might have finally caught up with them. Could they turn their kung-fu prowess to evil?

Your story (these are truths, so you can't lie about them)

You and Rex used to be best friends. The casino employed you to entertain the gamblers. You can kill someone with just your thumb, but as a pro-choice, liberal, snowflake Democrat you've never used a gun in your life.

Rex ratted you out to the owner for snorting cocaine with gamblers at the table, and you were fired.

One night, in a drunken stupor, you told Starla Highkick you were going to stab Rex in the back, like Shang-Chi stabs Dr Strange (no spoilers :0).

RELATIONSHIP STATUS

Single.

BEEN TO EL CAMINO ROYALE BEFORE?

You used to work here, but you've been **banned** since you were fired last month. Tonight the owner let you back in for the show only.

STARTING ROOM

Gambling Floor

Who you know

- Used to work with Rex, Starla Highkick and Tiny at the casino
- Has met Marina Flint before

Costume & Zoom background

A headband, a robe or gi, a black belt. A dojo or film-set background.

Keep this pack to yourself until the night. Change your Zoom name to **Johnny Roundhouse** when you arrive.

TOP SECRET · FOR YOUR EYES ONLY *Johnny Roundhouse*

Your clues

You have to reveal all of these by the end of Part 4. Choose when and to whom, and be strategic.

- You once saw Marina Flint at a kung-fu class. The weird thing was how good they were. Like, *professionally* good.

WHEN THE GUN GOES OFF
Your alibi

Alone at the back bar, nursing your fourth whisky. Nobody can vouch for you.

PART 2 · PRE-SHOW DRINKS
Mission 1

Ask Marina Flint what they've been up to. It's been a while since you saw them at kung-fu class.

PART 4 · THE INVESTIGATION
Mission 2

Find out whether Penny Slotz had plans with Rex for later tonight.

Quick rules

- **Truths:** you can't lie about anything in this pack. You can dodge, but if someone pushes, you have to answer, and only as much as they asked.
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THE DINER OWNER

Lou-Ann Hashbrown

YOU ARE NOT THE MURDERER

Pronouns: they/them, or whatever suits your take on the character

READ ALOUD IN PART 1 · THIS IS THE ONLY PART YOU READ OUT

"Howdy! Lou-Ann Hashbrown, owner of Lou's Starlite Diner, the finest 70s diner in the Midwest. Best milkshakes in three states. I flew in this morning just for tonight's show."

WHAT EVERYONE ELSE HAS HEARD ABOUT YOU

A small-business owner who needs to drum up trade at their diner or they'll be out on the street. What lengths will they go to?

Your story (these are truths, so you can't lie about them)

For over a year you've been trying to hire Rex to play at your 70s diner. Business is tough and you need a boost to get things back on track. You came to the casino to persuade Rex in person.

RELATIONSHIP STATUS
Single, and married to the diner.

BEEN TO EL CAMINO ROYALE BEFORE?
Never. You flew in this morning.

STARTING ROOM
The Bar

Who you know

- Flew to Las Vegas with Chase Ambler
- Has met Rex before

Costume & Zoom background

A diner apron, a name badge, a milkshake. A retro-diner background.

Keep this pack to yourself until the night. Change your Zoom name to **Lou-Ann Hashbrown** when you arrive.

TOP SECRET · FOR YOUR EYES ONLY *Lou-Ann Hashbrown*

Your clues

You have to reveal all of these by the end of Part 4. Choose when and to whom, and be strategic.

- You flew to Las Vegas on the same flight as Chase Ambler this morning and sat next to them. You decide what happened on that flight. You can make yourself look suss, or cast suspicion on Chase.

WHEN THE GUN GOES OFF
Your alibi

Up to you. Improvise.

PART 2 · PRE-SHOW DRINKS
Mission 1

Ask Rex whether they'd reconsider your offer and start a residency at your diner.

PART 4 · THE INVESTIGATION
Mission 2

Ask Maestro Vincent Vibrato about their relationship with Rex. Maybe they can find you another student like Rex to perform at your diner.

Quick rules

- **Truths:** you can't lie about anything in this pack. You can dodge, but if someone pushes, you have to answer, and only as much as they asked.
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THE SCUBA DIVER (AND ASSASSIN)

Marina Flint

Pronouns: they/them, or whatever suits your take on the character

YOU ARE NOT THE MURDERER

READ ALOUD IN PART 1 · THIS IS THE ONLY PART YOU READ OUT

"Hi! Marina Flint, scuba-diving instructor. Totally normal job. I'm just in Vegas for a relaxing weekend of gambling and absolutely nothing else."

WHAT EVERYONE ELSE HAS HEARD ABOUT YOU

Just a regular scuba-diving instructor. Nothing more to see here. Promise.

Your story (these are truths, so you can't lie about them)

You're a hitman. Your cover is scuba diving. You were **not** hired to kill Rex or anyone else at the casino. You're just here to gamble and have a relaxing weekend.

You've got a small 9mm pistol on you. You once met Johnny Roundhouse at a kung-fu class.

You can reveal that you're an assassin however and whenever you like, or never.

RELATIONSHIP STATUS

Single. Attachments are a liability.

BEEN TO EL CAMINO ROYALE BEFORE?

No. This is your first visit.

STARTING ROOM

Gambling Floor

Who you know

- Has met Johnny Roundhouse before

Costume & Zoom background

A wetsuit, flippers, snorkel and very dark sunglasses. An underwater background.

Keep this pack to yourself until the night. Change your Zoom name to **Marina Flint** when you arrive.

TOP SECRET · FOR YOUR EYES ONLY *Marina Flint*

Your clues

You have to reveal all of these by the end of Part 4. Choose when and to whom, and be strategic.

- When the gun went off, you were talking with Chase Ambler. That's your alibi.

WHEN THE GUN GOES OFF ***Your alibi***	Talking with Chase Ambler.
PART 2 · PRE-SHOW DRINKS ***Mission 1***	You have more than a passing interest in firearms. Ask Dakota Calibre about their collection. Don't forget safety: find out how securely it's all stored.
PART 4 · THE INVESTIGATION ***Mission 2***	You've been around enough killers to know not to trust anyone. Ask Maestro Vincent Vibrato about their student Rex.

Quick rules

- **Truths:** you can't lie about anything in this pack. You can dodge, but if someone pushes, you have to answer, and only as much as they asked.
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THE REPORTER

Paige Turner

Pronouns: they/them, or whatever suits your take on the character

YOU ARE NOT THE MURDERER

READ ALOUD IN PART 1 · THIS IS THE ONLY PART YOU READ OUT

"Paige Turner, Las Vegas Ledger. Don't mind me, I'm just here for the show. And if anybody in this room has something juicy to say, my notebook is always open."

WHAT EVERYONE ELSE HAS HEARD ABOUT YOU

They're the who, what, when and where of this town. Everyone knows they'll do whatever it takes to get the scoop, but they wouldn't kill someone. Right?

Your story (these are truths, so you can't lie about them)

You're the town's resident baddie, famous for trying every underhanded trick you can think of to get the latest scoop. Your methods aren't always legal, but that only matters if you get caught, right?

Last year you did a big story on doomsday preppers, which is how you know Dakota Calibre has a *lot* of guns.

RELATIONSHIP STATUS

Single. The story is your one true love.

BEEN TO EL CAMINO ROYALE BEFORE?

Never. Tonight is your first time.

STARTING ROOM

The Bar

Who you know

- Has reported on Rex before

Costume & Zoom background

A trench coat, a notebook, a press pass in your hat band. A newsroom background.

Keep this pack to yourself until the night. Change your Zoom name to **Paige Turner** when you arrive.

TOP SECRET · FOR YOUR EYES ONLY

Paige Turner

Your clues

You have to reveal all of these by the end of Part 4. Choose when and to whom, and be strategic.

- You've been tailing Rex for a story, and you know Rex is secretly in a relationship with someone who is **married**.

WHEN THE GUN GOES OFF

Your alibi

Up to you. Improvise.

PART 2 · PRE-SHOW DRINKS

Mission 1

Ask Rex about their love life. See if you can work out who they've been seeing.

PART 4 · THE INVESTIGATION

Mission 2

You know Dakota Calibre has a lot of guns from your doomsday-prepper story. Ask them what they brought to the casino tonight.

Quick rules

- **Truths:** you can't lie about anything in this pack. You can dodge, but if someone pushes, you have to answer, and only as much as they asked.
- **Everything else:** lie, improvise and embellish as much as you like.
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THE DRAG QUEEN (SUPPORT ACT)

Penny Slotz

Pronouns: they/them, or whatever suits your take on the character

YOU ARE NOT THE MURDERER

READ ALOUD IN PART 1 · THIS IS THE ONLY PART YOU READ OUT

"Hello, hello, HELLO, my darlings! Penny Slotz, your support act for this evening. Tonight you're all winners, baby. Now, has anybody seen my purse?"

WHAT EVERYONE ELSE HAS HEARD ABOUT YOU

Dramatic, sassy and iconic, but everyone knows about their pill-popping habit. Could this bad habit drive them to murder!?

Your story (these are truths, so you can't lie about them)

You're dramatic, sassy, up yourself and never seen without a purse full of pills to get you through the night. You're tonight's support act.

RELATIONSHIP STATUS

Single and ready to mingle.

BEEN TO EL CAMINO ROYALE BEFORE?

No. Tonight is your first booking here.

STARTING ROOM

The Bar

Who you know

- Tonight's support act on Rex's bill

Costume & Zoom background

The biggest wig you own, sequins, lashes, a purse that rattles. A dressing-room or neon-stage background.

Keep this pack to yourself until the night. Change your Zoom name to **Penny Slotz** when you arrive.

TOP SECRET · FOR YOUR EYES ONLY *Penny Slotz*

Your clues

You have to reveal all of these by the end of Part 4. Choose when and to whom, and be strategic.

- You wanted to go for late-night drinks with Rex after the show, but Rex said they were busy because they "had to tell someone something". You decide whether Rex hinted at something juicy and how you felt about it.
- When the gun went off, you were watching from the wings. You could see Dakota Calibre and Chemtrail Charlie in the **front row**, heckling.

WHEN THE GUN GOES OFF
Your alibi

Backstage in the wings.

PART 2 · PRE-SHOW DRINKS
Mission 1

Ask Lou-Ann Hashbrown why they've flown all this way for the show.

PART 4 · THE INVESTIGATION
Mission 2

You don't trust Starla Highkick. Ask where they were when the murder happened.

Quick rules

- **Truths:** you can't lie about anything in this pack. You can dodge, but if someone pushes, you have to answer, and only as much as they asked.
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YOUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBOURHOOD SPIDER-MAN

Peter Parker

Pronouns: they/them, or whatever suits your take on the character

YOU ARE NOT THE MURDERER

READ ALOUD IN PART 1 · THIS IS THE ONLY PART YOU READ OUT

"Hi, uh, I'm Peter. Peter Parker. I'm a... photographer. Nothing interesting about me. I definitely don't spend my nights doing anything unusual."

WHAT EVERYONE ELSE HAS HEARD ABOUT YOU

Your friendly neighbourhood Spider-Man. But saving the city doesn't pay the bills... Would they risk it all for some cash?

Your story (these are truths, so you can't lie about them)

By day you're socially awkward and like to stay under the radar. By night you're Spider-Man. Play it however you like.

RELATIONSHIP STATUS

Single. (It's complicated.)

BEEN TO EL CAMINO ROYALE BEFORE?

Never inside. You've only ever seen it from the outside, usually halfway up the wall.

STARTING ROOM

Casino Lobby

Who you know

- No strong ties, but around town a lot

Costume & Zoom background

A hoodie over a red-and-blue shirt, a camera round your neck. A city-rooftop background.

Keep this pack to yourself until the night. Change your Zoom name to **Peter Parker** when you arrive.

TOP SECRET · FOR YOUR EYES ONLY *Peter Parker*

Your clues

You have to reveal all of these by the end of Part 4. Choose when and to whom, and be strategic.

- **Last Friday, around midnight**, you were swinging past the El Camino Royale hotel tower when you saw Rex through a window, arguing with someone in a hotel room. You couldn't see the other person's face, but you clearly heard Rex shout: **"Leave your spouse, or I'll tell everyone!"** You didn't think much of it at the time.

WHEN THE GUN GOES OFF
Your alibi

Up to you. Improvise.

PART 2 · PRE-SHOW DRINKS
Mission 1

Ask Velvet LaRue about any recent clients. You love gossip.

PART 4 · THE INVESTIGATION
Mission 2

Tiny seems suss. Find out who they were with during the murder.

Quick rules

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THE AVANT-GARDE ANGSTY SHOW DIRECTOR

Sebastian Gloom

Pronouns: they/them, or whatever suits your take on the character

YOU ARE NOT THE MURDERER

READ ALOUD IN PART 1 · THIS IS THE ONLY PART YOU READ OUT

“Sebastian Gloom. I direct every picture on this stage. Yes, picture. You wouldn't understand. Nobody does. I'm married to Starla, who mostly understands.”

WHAT EVERYONE ELSE HAS HEARD ABOUT YOU

"No one understands my art" is their catchphrase. Married to the dancer, they'll take any opportunity to be recognised.

Your story (these are truths, so you can't lie about them)

You're weighed down by demons and you keep them around to inspire your art. You direct every show at the casino and call each one a "picture", as if you were making a film.

You have a habit of dragging down the party with melodramatic whining, and you overreact when people comment. "You don't understand art," you say, and walk off in a huff.

RELATIONSHIP STATUS

Married to Starla Highkick.

BEEN TO EL CAMINO ROYALE BEFORE?

You direct every show here.

STARTING ROOM

Casino Lobby

Who you know

- Married to Starla Highkick
- Directs the casino's shows, including Rex's

Costume & Zoom background

All black, a beret, a black coffee and a look of torment. A gloomy, arty background.

Keep this pack to yourself until the night. Change your Zoom name to **Sebastian Gloom** when you arrive.

TOP SECRET · FOR YOUR EYES ONLY *Sebastian Gloom*

Your clues

You have to reveal all of these by the end of Part 4. Choose when and to whom, and be strategic.

- Rex constantly ridiculed you and your art.
- When the gun went off, you were with Dr Constance Losewell.

WHEN THE GUN GOES OFF
Your alibi

With Dr Constance Losewell.

PART 2 · PRE-SHOW DRINKS
Mission 1

If anyone will understand your art, it's a university-educated professor. Find out whether Dr Constance Losewell would finance your next piece, and whether they've got the cash.

PART 4 · THE INVESTIGATION
Mission 2

Ask Chase Ambler what they're doing at the show. You've staged a lot of performances and you've never seen them at one.

Quick rules

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THE DANCER

Starla Highkick

Pronouns: they/them, or whatever suits your take on the character

YOU ARE NOT THE MURDERER

READ ALOUD IN PART 1 · THIS IS THE ONLY PART YOU READ OUT

"**dance step* Starla Highkick has ENTERED the room! Showgirl at El Camino Royale, dancing since I was three, and Broadway's next big thing. Headshots available on request.*"

WHAT EVERYONE ELSE HAS HEARD ABOUT YOU

They've got their sights set on Broadway, and no one's gonna stop them. No one.

Your story (these are truths, so you can't lie about them)

You've been dancing since you were three. You're a showgirl at the casino and dream of being the opening act, because what you really long for is Broadway. You carry photos of yourself from plays and pageants (you don't need real ones, it's just backstory).

You're full of yourself. You always let people know when you enter or leave a room, and sometimes throw in a little dance step for good measure.

RELATIONSHIP STATUS
Married to Sebastian Gloom.

BEEN TO EL CAMINO ROYALE BEFORE?
You work here most nights as a showgirl.

STARTING ROOM
Gambling Floor

Who you know

- Married to Sebastian Gloom
- Works with Rex and Tiny at the casino
- Used to work with Johnny Roundhouse

Costume & Zoom background

Sequins, feathers, a headdress. A Broadway-stage background.

Keep this pack to yourself until the night. Change your Zoom name to **Starla Highkick** when you arrive.

TOP SECRET · FOR YOUR EYES ONLY *Starla Highkick*

Your clues

You have to reveal all of these by the end of Part 4. Choose when and to whom, and be strategic.

- Johnny Roundhouse once got drunk and told you they were going to stab Rex in the back, like Shang-Chi stabs Dr Strange (no spoilers :0).
- When the gun went off, you were with Tiny by the theatre doors.

WHEN THE GUN GOES OFF
Your alibi

With Tiny by the theatre doors.

PART 2 · PRE-SHOW DRINKS
Mission 1

You like to know what's going on at work. Ask Tiny who's carrying guns tonight.

PART 4 · THE INVESTIGATION
Mission 2

Ask Johnny Roundhouse straight out if they're the murderer. You've got reason to be suspicious.

Quick rules

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THE BOUNCER

"Tiny" Brickhouse

YOU ARE NOT THE MURDERER

Pronouns: they/them, or whatever suits your take on the character

READ ALOUD IN PART 1 · THIS IS THE ONLY PART YOU READ OUT

"Tiny. Security. … … … Enjoy the show."

WHAT EVERYONE ELSE HAS HEARD ABOUT YOU

They don't say much, but they don't need to. They'll do anything for the boss. But would they kill???

Your story (these are truths, so you can't lie about them)

You handle most of the owner's dirty work. You're fiercely loyal and not very bright, but you're very friendly and will help anyone close to you.

Dr Constance Losewell is a regular and you're friends.

RELATIONSHIP STATUS

Single.

BEEN TO EL CAMINO ROYALE BEFORE?

You work the door every night.

STARTING ROOM

Gambling Floor

Who you know

- Works with Rex and Starla Highkick
- Used to work with Johnny Roundhouse
- Friends with Dr Constance Losewell

Costume & Zoom background

Black suit, sunglasses indoors, an earpiece. A nightclub-door background.

Keep this pack to yourself until the night. Change your Zoom name to **"Tiny" Brickhouse** when you arrive.

Your clues

You have to reveal all of these by the end of Part 4. Choose when and to whom, and be strategic.

- You patted down the new guests tonight. You know **Marina Flint** is carrying a small 9mm pistol and **Sgt Bev Glazer** has a police Glock. You never pat down **regulars or staff**, because the owner says it's bad for business, so they walk straight in.
- Since Johnny Roundhouse was fired last month you've been under orders to keep them out of the casino. Tonight is the first time the owner has let them back in.
- When the gun went off, you were with Starla Highkick by the theatre doors.

WHEN THE GUN GOES OFF
Your alibi

With Starla Highkick by the theatre doors.

PART 2 · PRE-SHOW DRINKS
Mission 1

Ask Marina Flint why they're carrying a gun. You might not know much, but you know it's hard to use a gun for fishing.

PART 4 · THE INVESTIGATION
Mission 2

Ask Sebastian Gloom about their relationship with Rex. They move in the same circles, but you rarely see them together.

Quick rules

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THE HIGH-CLASS ESCORT

Velvet LaRue

Pronouns: they/them, or whatever suits your take on the character

YOU ARE NOT THE MURDERER

READ ALOUD IN PART 1 · THIS IS THE ONLY PART YOU READ OUT

"Velvet LaRue. You may have seen me on the arm of some of this casino's most... distinguished guests. I don't do discounts, and I don't do street corners."

WHAT EVERYONE ELSE HAS HEARD ABOUT YOU

Only ever seen on the arm of the richest people in town. They'd never stoop so low as to kill for money... or would they?

Your story (these are truths, so you can't lie about them)

Your clients include a good number of the casino's most esteemed guests. You pride yourself on a clientele of the rich and famous, and you'd never associate with a street worker.

RELATIONSHIP STATUS

Single. Strictly business.

BEEN TO EL CAMINO ROYALE BEFORE?

Often. The high rollers here are excellent clients.

STARTING ROOM

Gambling Floor

Who you know

- No strong ties, but moves in many circles

Costume & Zoom background

Furs, pearls, a champagne flute. A penthouse-suite background.

Keep this pack to yourself until the night. Change your Zoom name to **Velvet LaRue** when you arrive.

TOP SECRET · FOR YOUR EYES ONLY *Velvet LaRue*

Your clues

You have to reveal all of these by the end of Part 4. Choose when and to whom, and be strategic.

- Rex once paid you to be their date at a wedding. Afterwards you tried to fool around with Rex, but they weren't interested. They said, "Sorry, my heart belongs to someone I can't be seen with in public." You decide when and where the wedding was. You can make it suspicious if you'd like people to suspect you.

WHEN THE GUN GOES OFF
Your alibi

Up to you. Improvise.

PART 2 · PRE-SHOW DRINKS
Mission 1

Have a chat with Johnny Roundhouse. They're down on their luck and seem suspicious. See if you can work out why.

PART 4 · THE INVESTIGATION
Mission 2

You love gossip. Ask Paige Turner what they know about Rex's love life.

Quick rules

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THE SINGING COACH

Maestro Vincent Vibrato

YOU ARE THE MURDERER

Pronouns: they/them, or whatever suits your take on the character

READ ALOUD IN PART 1 · THIS IS THE ONLY PART YOU READ OUT

"Good evening, darlings. Maestro Vincent Vibrato, vocal coach to the stars, or at least to people who will be stars once I'm finished with them. I'm here every week to watch my star pupil, Rex. Please don't sing near me."

WHAT EVERYONE ELSE HAS HEARD ABOUT YOU

They never made it big themselves, but now they coach the big names. Could jealousy drive them over the edge?

Your story (these are truths, so you can't lie about them)

You're a singing coach who has been training Rex's voice for the last five months. You give Rex private lessons and you're at the casino every week to watch them perform and critique them afterwards.

You never made it big yourself, and some say you've never quite got over it.

RELATIONSHIP STATUS

Married. Your spouse isn't here tonight.

BEEN TO EL CAMINO ROYALE BEFORE?

Every week. Your lessons with Rex are on Friday nights.

STARTING ROOM

Casino Lobby

Who you know

- Coaches Rex
- Knows Starla Highkick
- Old friends with Sgt Bev Glazer

Costume & Zoom background

A silk scarf, a turtleneck, a tuning fork. A music-studio or concert-hall background.

Keep this pack to yourself until the night. Change your Zoom name to **Maestro Vincent Vibrato** when you arrive.

TOP SECRET · FOR YOUR EYES ONLY *Maestro Vincent Vibrato*

Your secrets

You are the murderer. You don't have to tell anyone the secrets below, but you can't contradict them with made-up facts. As the murderer, you're the only person allowed to deny the affair and the killing itself.

1. You and Rex have been having a secret affair.
2. You promised Rex you'd leave your spouse for them. You never meant it.
3. Last Friday night, in a room in the casino hotel, Rex worked out you were never going to leave. They threatened to tell everyone about the affair.
4. Later that night, in the casino bar, you saw Dakota Calibre's pearl-handled revolver, "Loretta", lying on a table. You pocketed it and walked out.
5. Tonight, as the curtain rose, you shot Rex from the back of the theatre with Loretta. Security never pats down regulars, so you walked straight in with it.
6. You dumped the gun in a bin by the back exit and slipped into the crowd.

Your clues

You have to reveal all of these by the end of Part 4. Choose when and to whom, and be strategic.

- Rex once told you they ratted out Johnny Roundhouse to the casino owner for snorting cocaine with gamblers, which got Johnny fired. You can use this to frame Johnny, but you have to admit that Rex told you.

WHEN THE GUN GOES OFF
Your alibi

Make it up. Never admit you were at the back of the theatre.

PART 2 · PRE-SHOW DRINKS
Mission 1

Ask Starla Highkick about their dance career and offer them your services as a singing coach. While you're at it, subtly flirt with their spouse, Sebastian Gloom.

PART 4 · THE INVESTIGATION
Mission 2

Try to frame Johnny Roundhouse. Ask Starla what they know about Johnny and Rex.

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