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## About The Game

First of all, I would like to say thank you for choosing *The Earth Hour Murder* Mini-Mystery game for your event. Your guests will be raving about your party for years to come!

Earth Hour is the largest environmental movement in history! All over the world, at a pre-determined time, people turn off their lights and shut off electric devices to benefit our world and let their voices be heard about the future of Planet Earth! Parties and events are organized world-wide as people band together to make a difference. But one party is about to go horribly wrong...

A special event has been planned for Earth Hour, a social where people of the city can get together and mix and mingle during the hour of darkness. Shortly after lights out, someone drops dead and five suspects are identified. Who killed this mysterious stranger, why, and HOW? Find out during one of the most important hours you'll ever spend while playing this thrilling Mini-Mystery party game from Shot In The Dark Mysteries.

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Whew! Now that we have that over with, here are a few suggestions for making your party a roaring success.

## Instructions

As the game facilitator, the following instructions will ensure your mystery game flows smoothly. If you have any questions prior to the party, please send me an email at [mysterymaiden@shotinthedarkmysteries.com](mailto:mysterymaiden@shotinthedarkmysteries.com) (or instant message me on the live chat on the website).

Your murder mystery is classified as an “interrogation” murder mystery game, perfect for getting your guests mingling! It’s up to the guests to interrogate the suspects, identify holes in their stories and determine who had the motive, means and opportunity to commit the murder. The introduction provides examples of questions the sleuths could ask during their investigation. Sleuths are encouraged to ask other questions, but if they ask something that is not explained in the player’s information, the suspects should reply with the answer, “I have nothing to say about that.” This is explained to the suspects in their Suspect Guide, as well as in the introduction.

There are two types of information the suspects will receive. The first is “Hide” information. This type of information is to be kept secret as much as possible, and not offered freely. If the suspect is asked directly about the hide information they must answer truthfully or the game will not work.

The other type of information is called “Share” information. Share information can be shared freely with anyone who comes their way, and will include things like their alibis and suspicious things they saw others doing around the time of the theft.

All clues are all directed at the player (for example, “you saw the murderer running down a dark hallway”). For the sake of getting everyone into the game, share clues should be transferred into the first person (for example, “I saw the murderer running down a dark hallway”) and into the player’s own words.

Before the event, deliver each suspect their corresponding “Suspect Guide”. This will give each suspect instructions on how to play as well as their secret motives for murder.

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You can give each suspect their suspect guide immediately and allow them to read through it and get familiar with the information before the party. This information will give them everything they need to know to play the game.

The game begins with an introduction, which is included below. Print off the introduction and become familiar with it. Begin the party with the introduction, and then unleash the guests on the suspects for interrogations!

There is also a Confession at the end of the game. This will reveal the identity of the thief. If you are having people cast their accusations in a ballot box, you will want to announce the deadline for casting accusations before you reveal the Confession in order to give everyone time to get their vote in the box. The confession is included in a separate file so you can print it on its own without the worry of stumbling across it as you read the rest of your facilitator instructions. This way, you can play along too! Begin the confession after a pre-determined amount of time has lapsed, or you hear the questioning begin to die off.

Here are the items you have, and will need, for the mystery.

- Suspect Guides – to be delivered to each suspect before the date of the event.
- Facilitator Instructions – you're reading them right now!
- Confession – This reveals the thief, and can be read to the group en masse as is.

Here is an overview of how the game might go:

- Guests arrive
- Mingling
- Lights out, Earth Hour begins
- Announcement of murder by candlelight or flashlight (Introduction)
- Guests interact to gather clues for a pre-determined amount of time (one hour!)
- Sleuths cast accusations
- The murderer is revealed (Confession)

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For more information, tips and suggestions, please visit:

<http://www.shotinthedarkmysteries.com/blog/what-to-expect/>

and

<http://www.shotinthedarkmysteries.com/blog/party-tips/>

If, after reading this guide you still have questions before the party, please don't hesitate to contact us. We will do everything in our power to ensure your game runs smoothly. Having said that, facilitating the game is easy - just relax, follow the instructions and have fun!

Sincerely,



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