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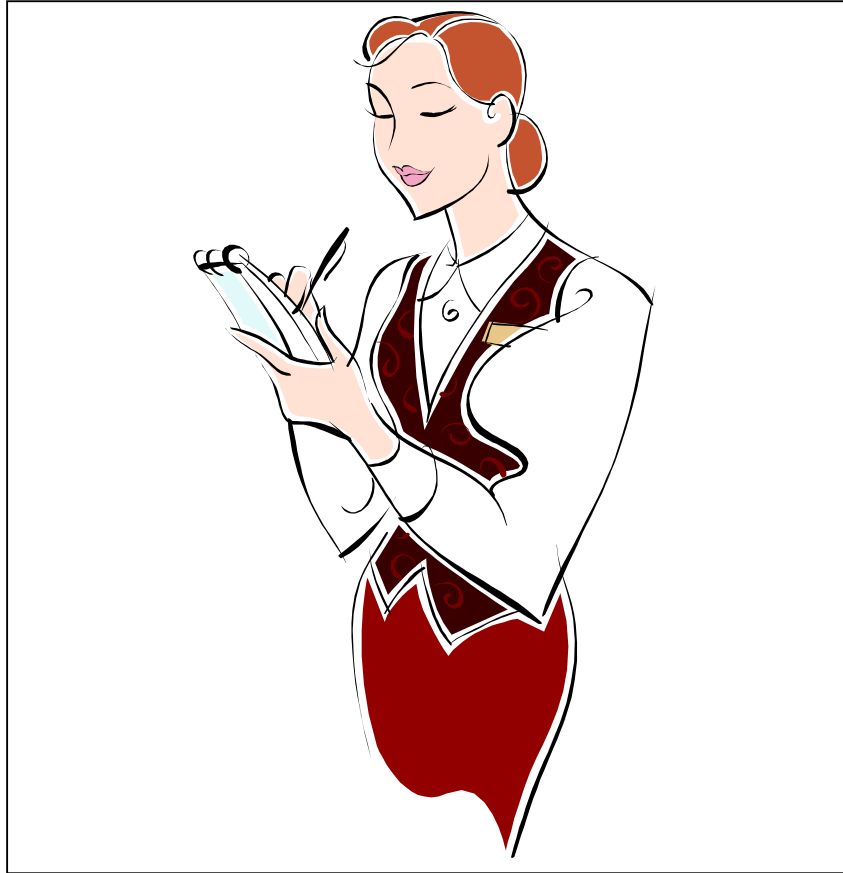
# THE CHRISTMAS KILLER



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# YOU ARE



# Tina

# Break

**The sneaky waitress**

## THE CHRISTMAS KILLER – PLAYING THE GAME

Welcome and thank you for taking part in what is sure to be an exciting and memorable party, a Murder Mystery Party! This introduction will help explain the way the game will work. If you have any questions, please ask whoever is hosting your party. The game does not have much of a set script and so relies on how much you get involved, improvise and play your character. Each character has a different personality so do not be embarrassed to act out your character, the more you do, the more fun you will have.

As you arrive, you will be given £200 in fake money, a name tag and a notepad and pen. You can get into character at this point but do not reveal anything from this character pack. Once everyone has arrived, the host will call each guest to another room one at a time. They will show you one of three cards. You will be shown either the "**Innocent**" card, which means you had nothing to do with the murder, the "**Guilty**" card, which means that you are the murderer or you may be shown the "**Victim**" card which means they are the one who will be murdered! Do not tell anyone what card you were shown. The host can choose anyone to be the murderer and victim, so if you have played this particular game before, it will not necessarily be the same characters involved. If you pick the Victim card, the host will speak to you at some point throughout the party and tell you what to do. Don't worry, you still get a chance to solve the murder, you just switch characters and come back as a police detective!

To start the main part of the game, the host will ask each guest to introduce themselves to the rest of the group, using your "**Character Introduction**". You will then mingle with each other whilst having a drink and something to eat and read out your conversation starters. You should treat the conversation starters as their name suggests and use them to start a conversation with a small group of guests. You should not read them out in front of everyone at once, but everyone should hear your conversation starters at some point. It is up to guests to involve themselves in other peoples conversations. Do not be afraid to eavesdrop as you may pick up on valuable information! When mingling, you should use the entire venue so that you are not all in one room when statements are being given out. Remember that your characters personality should be adhered to at all times and act appropriately to whatever may happen. Some characters may not like you eavesdropping on their conversations whilst others may try to mislead you and some may ignore you completely! Above all, remember, **no murder has been committed yet**.

At the host's discretion, you will be called together and informed that a murder has taken place. You will be given details of who, when, where and how. It is then your job to work out who did it and why. The guest who was playing the victim will now return as a police detective to help solve the case. To add a bit more fun to the night, everyone will also have a secret task to carry out, which is detailed later in the character packs. These tasks are not essential to solving the murder but they can and probably will confuse others and will add extra fun to the party.

After the revelation of the murder, you will mingle for a second time. Again, it is important that you use the entire venue so that you are not all in one room. This time you can ask questions of each other relating to the murder. If you are asked a question and know the answer from your own characters **secret** information, you **must** reveal it. If you know the answer from what someone else has told you, then it is your choice as to whether you want to reveal the answer or not. You need to consider your characters personality, how well you get on with the person asking the question and anything you may want from them in return. You cannot lie unless it says so in your characters personality profile, however you do not have to tell people the whole truth unless they specifically ask! You should make others work hard for the information, after all, you can guarantee that they are doing the same to you! If your character personality allows, feel free to get into arguments and start shouting with other guests during this time. Arguments are recommended as it adds more realism to the game. Remember, always stick to your personality profile and don't do anything out of character!

After a while the host will call everyone together and reveal more information surrounding the murder. They will also ask everyone to call out the name of who they think the murderer is but not to give a reason. If you wish, you can make a false accusation to throw others off the scent. You may not want to give too much away just yet! Going by your characters personality, if **you** are accused, you may get angry, happy, sad, etc. You also need to be careful as other guests may end up being very uncooperative if you accuse them of murder! After that, mingling again takes place – for a while longer and more questions can be asked.

When the host feels like the evening is starting to come to an end, they will call everyone together for the last time. They will hand out suspect sheets on which everyone writes who they think is the murderer and why. While these are being collected in, the host will ask everyone to stand up in turn and read out their secret task and how they got on with it. The host will then ask everyone to stand up again and make their accusations. At this point, remember to stay in character and act shocked, surprised or angry, etc. if your name is read out. The host will now reveal the truth surrounding the murder and reveal the real killer! The host will then give a confession to the murderer to read out.

# **THE CHRISTMAS KILLER**

The characters and events in this murder mystery are entirely fictional. Any similarities to actual people or events are purely accidental and not intentional.

## **INTRODUCTION**

It was a few days before the festive holidays and the staff at Easily Cheesy Pizzeria, were looking forward to their Christmas party. Even though Easily Cheesy Pizzeria was a small restaurant and had only been open for a year, it was very popular with its customers and the employees were usually rushed off their feet every night. As a reward for all of their hard work throughout the year, the pizzeria owner, Pete Zar, had organized the Christmas Party for his staff. He had hired a banquetting suite at a popular local hotel, laid on a DJ, food and had even put some money behind the bar, just to make sure that everyone enjoyed themselves. Everyone was so busy celebrating that no one noticed when one of their number went missing... that was at least until a body was found! The police were immediately called and everyone was held at the hotel pending the arrival of the infamous Detective Inspector Sammer. Whilst the police were going about their business, everyone set about trying to solve the case to help exonerate their names, but what other sinister motives were going on underneath the surface? What secrets were people hiding, who could resort to murder to keep those secrets hidden and will anyone else suffer at the hands of "The Christmas Killer"!

## **HINTS & TIPS**

- Clues are everywhere, do not overlook anything and take nothing for granted.
- Not all secrets will lead to the murders identity, but some secrets can be important for blackmail purposes or exchanging with other guests.
- Make plenty of notes or else you may forget what you heard at the beginning of the party.
- Everyone knows something but you need to find ways of making them talk
- Anything goes, friendship, bribery, blackmail, threats, deceit and even violence (pretend violence of course!)
- If you withhold too much information, others may not give you any of theirs either
- You may want to try teaming up with another guest to solve the murder as long as you can trust them!
- Remember that the murder is only one of the tasks for you to do, you will also have a secret task to complete
- Above all, remain in character at all times and enjoy yourself!

## **YOUR CHARACTER IS – TINA BREAK**

[When asked by the host, please read out your character profile below.](#)

Hi, my name is Tina Break, or T Break as I am nicknamed at work! I am 22 years old and one of the waitresses at Easily Cheesy Pizzeria. I tend to have a lot of trouble keeping jobs as I am quite unreliable, but I say that your only young once so why not go out and make the most of it while you can! I am glad I was here for Christmas, I do love a good party!

## **TINA'S SECRETS**

The following is for your eyes only. Do not reveal it unless asked in the Question and Answer round.

Tina is a young, energetic woman whose motto is "live for the day" and she does just that. She doesn't like to think about what may happen tomorrow, just as long as she is happy today. Unfortunately, this life style means she can be very unpredictable and not very reliable. She has lost many jobs over the last few years when she has either turned up late or not at all. The lack of work had begun to take its toll on her financially and when offered the job at Easily Cheesy Pizza, she vowed to change. She still loves going out and having a good time but now she is more aware of the need for money to do the things she loves.

She looks for every chance to make a quick pound and has found just this opportunity with Bill Wong. Bill came to her a few weeks ago and confessed that he was an illegal immigrant from China who had slipped through the net. He wanted to stay in England and bring over his parents and brother but the only way he could do that was to marry an English woman. He offered Tina £5,000 to marry him and then in a few years time, get a divorce. Tina was all too eager to accept. She doesn't really believe in marriage but sees it as a win, win situation. Bill gets to stay in England while she earns enough money put by for the baby she is expecting!

Tina recently had a short affair with Will Burn, one of the cooks at the pizzeria. Tina only saw it as a bit of fun however the fun was short lived as someone told Will's wife what was going on and she caught Will and Tina together in a store room at the pizzeria. She has heard that Will and his wife are now getting a divorce and that he is heartbroken. Tina knows that her baby is not Will's as she was not working at the pizzeria when she fell pregnant. She is still looking to blackmail him with the news though, making out that he is the father and threatening to tell his wife and finish his marriage for good unless he pays her a large amount of money.

Her plan may backfire though as she recognises the DJ at the party as Declan Spinner, the guy she had a one night stand with several months ago and the real father of her baby! Neither Will or Declan know that she is pregnant yet but Tina knows that they will hear the rumours soon and then they will come to her.

She recently had a scare with her pregnancy though after slipping on some pepperoni which had been dropped on the floor at work. She landed quite heavily on her stomach and had to go straight to the hospital. The doctors said that she will be okay, with just a few bruises but she has still threatened the owner of Easily Cheesy Pizza, Pete Zar, with a law suit unless he pays her compensation. She has lied to Pete and told him that the injuries she sustained during the fall could put her unborn child in danger and has asked for £10,000 to settle out of court. Pete said that he didn't believe her and would see her in court and she has now heard that he has now gone to see a solicitor to discuss the matter.

## **YOUR CHARACTERS PERSONALITY**

The following is a guide to how your character should act on the night. Do not read this out to others.

- Young, lively and energetic, the life of a party
- Lives for the day and doesn't worry about the consequences
- Gets on with everyone except Pete and Will who she is avoiding where possible
- Loves chatting about her life and her baby.

You love to be around happy people and love to sing and dance. You avoid alcohol because of your pregnancy and will talk about your baby to all those around you. You will not reveal who the father is but insinuate that it is Will's. If anyone accuses you of murder, you look horrified and ask how they can think something so cruel about you.

## **YOUR COSTUME SUGGESTIONS –**

A revealing outfit, e.g. short skirt and tight top. Dress as if you were going to a night club.

## **YOUR SECRET TASK**

As well as discovering the identity of the murderer, each guest has a secret task to try and complete throughout the night. These tasks are not compulsory and will not help lead to the identity of the murderer but they will add a bit more fun and intrigue to the night. You must not reveal your secret task to the other guests until the end of the night when asked to by the host. It is entirely up to you how you go about completing the task but you should work within your characters personality.

Your Secret Task for tonight is – **Make as much money as you can**

You can use any means you like to make money, e.g. blackmail, offering services or using the sympathy vote as you will soon be a single mother. The more money you make, the better you do.

## CONVERSATION STARTERS –

When mingling at the beginning of the night, talk to various people in groups or on their own and start up conversations based on the statements below. You **must** elaborate on the statements as you feel appropriate for your character. All conversation starters must be read in front of at least two other people. Remember that as well as talking, you must listen. Eavesdropping is definitely permitted and you can ask people what conversations they have heard from other guests. You can repeat conversation starters any number of times that you wish, so once you have read out all of yours, you can still go and mingle with other guests. Remember, mingling is about getting to know the other characters and their personalities and also finding out key information that you can use in later rounds.

1. Will loves playing practical jokes on Bill Wong. I suppose it is because Bill is such an easy target. He has only been living in England for a few years and hasn't yet become used to our customs and sense of humour. I heard the Will once got Bill to eat a pepperoni and chocolate pizza, telling him it was an English delicacy! Do you play any practical jokes on people?
2. I have been to Will's home several times recently. He has such a large, lovely house that it makes me wonder how much Pete's paying him! His mate, Dec Spinner takes advantage of the house though, he stores all his DJ equipment in Will's garage. Must make a great place to have a party!
3. Did you hear about what happened to Daisy a few nights ago? Apparently, she was just leaving the pizzeria when the police stopped her and arrested her for possession of drugs! I heard that they found several packets of powder in her locker at work. I would never have thought that Daisy would have been into drugs, would you?
4. Fona really upset Bill with one of her practical jokes. She told him to go and pick up a new batch of dough from the suppliers, but instead of paying the supplier with money, he had to kiss them! He did it as well but was really upset when he found out that Fona had made a fool out of him.
5. The money behind the bar ran out quickly. We were all enjoying free drinks for about an hour and then suddenly we had to start paying for them. Typically it was my round! I guess Pete didn't put as much money behind the bar as he promised!
6. I don't like Pete that much, but you have to respect his business skills. He built up this Pizzeria from nothing and is now a very wealthy man. Even during the hard times, he still has the ability to make money out of thin air. I wish I knew his secret, I would never be broke again!
7. I am sure Declan used to DJ at a nightclub I went to. Last I heard though, he had been arrested for possession of drugs. I wonder how he got out of that one?

## QUESTION AND ANSWER ROUND

After being told of the murder by the host, you will mingle again. It is now up to you to approach the other guests who you suspect may know something and try to coax the information from them. Remember to stick to your characters personality at all times. As a happy woman who loves life, it is not in your nature to go around demanding answers or being aggressive. You should use your charming personality or sympathy card to get what you want. You must be careful how you word your questions as some other guests may not like being questioned over a murder! You may want to word questions in a way such as, "Tell me more about ..." or "What was the reason for ..." or "Who else would have known ...". All guests **must** reveal any information that appears in their characters "secrets" paragraph, but it is their choice as to whether they reveal any other information that they have discovered during their own investigations. If you suspect that someone knows something and is not telling, you can try and bribe, blackmail, offer an exchange of information or use the sympathy vote to get what you want. If someone asks you a question and you are forced to answer, you can similarly bribe or blackmail them to keep the answer secret from other guests. So if Fona were to ask you if you if Will was really the baby's father, you must tell her the truth but then you may try bribing her so that she doesn't tell your secret to anyone else. Remember that not everyone can be trusted though! If you are asked a question that does not appear in your characters "secrets" paragraph, you are free to make up any response you like, as long as it does not contradict any of your other statements. During this round, remember who your friends are as you will want to help them but hinder those who have been unkind to you! The only question you are allowed to lie to will be – *Are you the murderer*. If you are asked where you were during the night, you must admit that you were mostly around the bar and dance floor for most of the night. If you are **not** the murderer, you can reveal that you were talking with Daisy in the toilets at about 11.30pm.



# Christmas Killer Guests Relationships



**Pete Zar**  
(Pizzeria owner)

**Fona Answer**  
(Secretary)

**Will Burn**  
(Cook)

**Daisy Pan**  
(Cook)

**Bill Wong**  
(Waiter)

**Tina Break**  
(Waitress)

Friends

**Declan Spinner**  
(DJ)

**Ali Coholic**  
(Barmaid)

