

DETECTIVE PACK



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MURDER
Mystery
PLAY



Cocktail Recipe

Vodka Martini

2 oz. Vodka, 1/2 oz. Vermouth

Shake or Stir over ice & Serve on the rocks or

Strain into a chilled Cocktail glass, Garnish with a spear of olives

Mixed for the Occasion by Gary 'McBar' at Burgh Island



Dear Detective

Thank you for agreeing to help with the solving of our Murder Mystery. This play was first broadcast on **BBC Radio Devon** on Wednesday 15th December 2004 when over 1,300 teams took part.

Now you and your friends can hold your own Murder Mystery evening, we've even included a menu and cocktail recipe to get you in the mood.

With this letter is information that is vital to you solving the murder. These clues together with the audio entertainment will allow you detect the information required on the Charge Sheet. The Charge Sheet is for you to complete before listening to the answer.

Our Murder Mystery is set on Burgh Island in South Devon in 1952. Take some time to familiarise yourself with the facts in the pack; these facts, together with the action in the play will lead you to the murderer(s).

Good Luck, enjoy the fun, and if you decide to send a donation thank you for helping the Chestnut Appeal.

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USEFUL TIPS

- All the information *except the actual interviews with the suspects* is 100% accurate. BUT it may not be relevant or particularly helpful.
- Remember that the murderer may not be the only person who is lying. Other people may well have things they would prefer to hide. These may be entirely unconnected with the murder.
- There may well be more than one conspiracy, other characters who are suspect, or maybe some of the characters who may be fairly certain as to whom they think is the murderer. But no one knows for certain; except, that is, for the murderer, of course.
- Consider that the local police in the form of Det Inspt Roy Longbrook, are fallible. You will be providing him with help. Roy will interrogate the suspects. He will provide some of his own conclusions as the evening progresses. He may not be right.
- A notebook and pencil will be useful.

Good Luck!

Listen carefully to the audio – you never know what might prove useful later on!



Scene of Crime Report

Date

15th December, 1952

Location

General – Burgh Island Hotel, South Devon

Specific – Guest Bedroom First Floor of Annexe

Victim

Melanie Martin, Female, 53 years

Cause of Death

Loss of blood from neck wound, causing fatal interruption of blood supply to the brain.

Description

Body found in Guest bedroom on first floor of Annexe to Burgh Island Hotel. Found on floor (probably moved by opening of door), with blood stained fruit knife in deceased hand. (Blade length 4.7cms) Chair overturned. Suitcase upended on bed. Clothes spread all over bed. Door hinges damaged (probably on discovery of crime). Window closed (unlocked). No other signs of a struggle.

First on Scene

Michael Martin and Michelle Downing

Addendum

The following pertains to the sitting room in the suite at the Annexe to Burgh Island Hotel - used by Melanie Martin for her business activities and relaxation. No direct sign of any struggle. Desk drawer was open and a purse (identified as belonging to the deceased) was lying open on top. Two £10 notes remained. A withdrawal slip recorded that £200 had been withdrawn earlier on the day of the murder. Finger printing revealed that prints other than those of the deceased were on the wallet. Two torn pieces of personalised notepaper (also belonging to the deceased) were in the waste bin. The first was addressed to the board of Publishing House announcing the removal of Michelle Downing from both the Chief Executive and Board Member roles, because of her 'gross professional misconduct.' The second was a letter to her solicitors, Emerson, Lake and Palmer who had acted as the deceased solicitors for the past 20 years. It instructed them to cease all payments to the deceased's ex-husband, beyond the agreed minimum divorce settlement. No reason given. The handwriting is identified as that of the victim. Although it is difficult to say from the prints on these papers, they might be different from those on the wallet.

H.M. Constabulary in Devonshire

Charge Sheet

The accused

Murdered the victim with.....

The motive was

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The accused arrived and left the scene in the following way.....

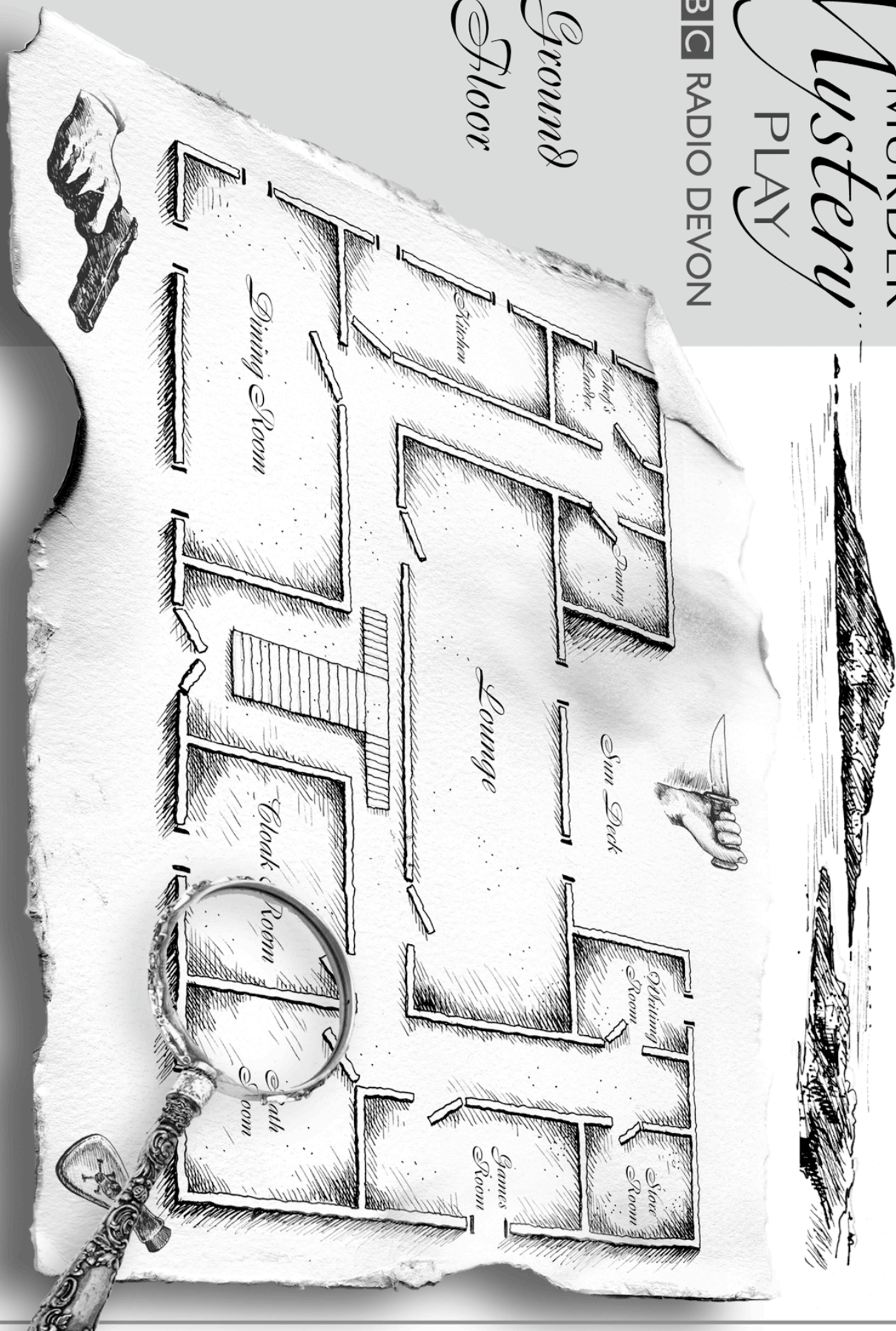
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Please have each member of your team complete this charge Sheet BEFORE listening to the answer

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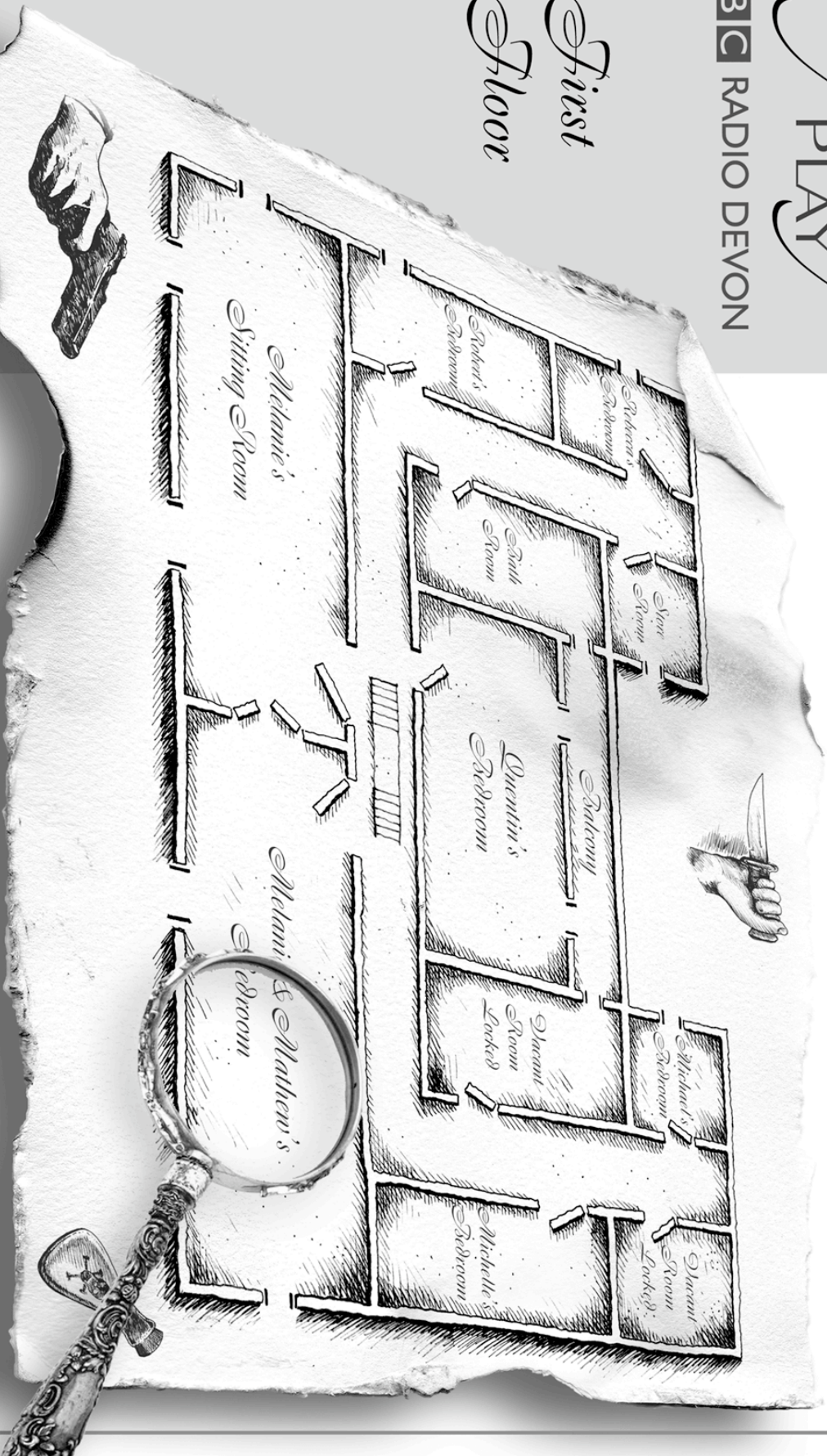
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Dining Room

