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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. They are 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. 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.

- ◆ **Sweets and 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 winner is announced and awards are given.



HORROR TAKES A HOLIDAY

It is 2018 in Salem, Massachusetts and monsters walk among us. Over the centuries monsters have developed the ability to appear as ordinary as humans and refer to themselves as Extraordinaires, often calling themselves XOs for expediency. Two Extraordinaire organizations, the Bolts led by Bernardo Frankenstein and the Fangs led by Riff Dracula have despised each other for years. Their feud became insignificant when Tony, a member of the Fangs met Maria Frankenstein, Bernardo's daughter at a dance. The two fell in love at first sight and are to be married. These are civilized times and the rival organizations agreed to set aside their animosities, creating an accord so young love may flourish.

Delusion Island, the world's most luxurious hideaway has been chosen as the setting for the celebration. The insanely beautiful tropical resort is owned and operated by Extraordinaires and gives the guests freedom to let their hair down and green complexions glow as their hidden identities can be expressed openly. A rehearsal dinner will be held the evening before the ceremony for the wedding party, casual tropical attire allowed. The Frankensteins have spared no expense for the extravagant wedding and guests from both Extraordinaire groups are planning on attending. The gifts have been pouring in, including an exquisite ice sculpture from the Yeti himself.

Could this union be the end to the monster's feud? There have been rumors that Extraordinaires from both organizations are against the truce and of a conspiracy to thwart it.

This party is designed to be hosted by the Bernardo Frankenstein, leader of the Bolts and *Father of the Bride* and his lovely wife Anita Frankenstein, *Mother of the Bride*. As parents of the bride, the Frankensteins are hosting the wedding and rehearsal dinner. During the standard "Meet and Greet" one of the hosts will be charged with reading a short missive about rules of the game. During "Dinner and Discovery" one or both hosts will help facilitate the investigation. And finally during "The Sweet Reveal" after the guest's Sleuth Cards have been tallied, Bernardo will read the Reveal.

All of the guests have motive and are suspected of the hideous crime, including the hosts. **If you wish to play along, 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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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.

RSVP To:

RSVP By:

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 !

The Dinner will take place at:

Please join us at the Rehearsal Dinner beginning promptly on:

Someone is planning to stop the nuptials, AT ANY COST!

The wedding holiday is to be held on a tropical island beginning with a rehearsal dinner for the wedding party. The ceremony promises to be the event of the decade with every Extraordinaire worth notoriety on the invitation list. As you may suspect, not all monsters agreed with the accord.

“NO!”, bellowed Bernardo Frankenstein in “my daughter will NOT marry a fang”! Ultimately, Bernardo acquiesced to his daughter, Maria’s incessant pleadings. The Bolts and the Fangs are two Extraordinaire organizations who have feuded for years over business and prestige in Salem, Massachusetts. Bernardo and Biff Dracula, leaders of the groups, came to a truce. Maria would wed Tony on Delusion Island, the world’s most luxurious tropical hideaway owned, operated and visited exclusively by Extraordinaires.



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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 your 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!!

ANITA FRANKENSTEIN



HORROR TAKES A HOLIDAY

Salem, Massachusetts and monsters walk among us, referring to themselves as Extraordinaires. The Bolts and the Fangs are two Extraordinaire organizations who have battled each other for years over business and prestige in the city. Their feud has come to an end because Tony, a member of the Fangs fell in love with Maria the Bolt's Leader's daughter and they have decided to marry.

The wedding is to take place on Delusion Island, the world's most luxurious tropical hideaway owned, operated and visited exclusively by Extraordinaires. The wedding party will all attend a rehearsal dinner the evening before the ceremony, a wedding which promises to be the event of the decade. However, not all the Extraordinaires are pleased!

A plan has been devised to stop the nuptials - AT ANY COST!



You ARE the Bride of Frankenstein, the Mother of the Bride, First lady of the Bolt organization and now Business woman of the year. You are humble when in your shop but hold yourself as queen bee when family business is involved. Either as an XO or an ordinary you are beautiful and elegant.

An unsettling custom, you have been spending time with Lucy Dracula, first lady of the Fangs, to prepare for the wedding. She was originally opposed to having the wedding on Delusion Island, but you were able to win her over. There was no discussion about who would be making the cake. At least it will be spectacular!

You have really tried to like Tony, but it is so unsettling being around him. He can look ordinary one minute and then be completely invisible the next. He came to dinner one night and just watching his food disappear when it entered his mouth was unsettling. Your life is soon to become a travesty! A blow to your business, accord with the Fangs and invisible man as a son in law. How could any of this possibly get worse. Oh ya, your husband who won't step up and do the right thing and stop it all. Well maybe there is something that you can do.



Much has changed in a monster's life. For starters, you don't refer to yourselves as monsters. The preferred term is Extraordinaire as most of you are quite extra ordinary, the name usually shortened to just XO for the sake of expediency. XO genetics are about as strong as they come, and you still have the same physical features and characteristics as your ancestors. Fortunately, over the years, most XOs have developed the ability to appear just ordinary so that you don't frighten children with your red glowing eyes or have to rely on your hairdresser to attend to your silver streaks. Most of you are highly educated, have professions and pretty much look like ordinary people, that is when you are with ordinary people. Every XO's preference is to shake off the ordinary and be themselves among friends and family.

LUCY DRACULA - Lucy is married to the leader of the Fangs and as a woman of power finds no reason to tolerate anything or anyone. Unfortunately, because Tony is an orphan she is playing the part of Mother of the Groom to keep her husband, Riff happy. Calling Anita arrogant would be like calling a rock hard. She can barely tolerate XOs and almost always shows her disdain when conversing with them. Dealing with ordinaries is something she feels beneath her and only does it when absolutely necessary.

MARIA FRANKENSTEIN - Maria is the Bride to Be and daughter of Bernardo Frankenstein, head of the Bolts. If people or XOs for that matter were described as a color, she would definitely be a pink! Friendly and outgoing, she is currently volunteering as a candy striper at the hospital and loves how great it feels to help people and make them happy. Accustomed to getting everything she wants, she is optimistic that her life will have a happy ending.

RIFF DRACULA - Riff is the leader of the Fangs and because Tony is an orphan, acting as the Father of the Groom. All his personas can be a little overbearing, whether he is an ordinary judge, an XO vampire or playing his role as a Lord of the Rings Elf. However, it is all an act, he is really a bit insecure and needs to play bigger than life roles to hide it. The reality is that he detests reality. His life would be so much happier if he could just devote his time to all things hobbit and play with his new Elven sword.

TONY GRIFFIN - Tony is a lieutenant with the Fangs and the Groom to Be. Riff Dracula saved him from certain death when he found the invisible baby strapped in the back seat of a car. Both his mother and father were killed in the accident. When not invisible, Tony has chosen a startling ordinary persona. There is no nice way to put it, he is homely. Whether he is invisible or not, he can enter a room unnoticed. Evidently Maria can see what most cannot, she loves him, and the marriage is on.

VANESSA DRACULA - Vanessa's father is the leader of the Fangs, which makes her a pretty special vampire by all accounts. To keep peace between the organizations her father is forcing her to be Maria's Maid of Honor. She is proud, spoiled, aloof and basically contrary on her good days. It isn't that she really goes out of her way to stand out, well maybe a little bit, but she just does! People don't necessarily dislike her, it is more of a fear of all the discord that she can cause. Art has become her new passion and all her dark emotions come out on canvas.

There wasn't a lot of excitement in your early years. You were born in Scotland and grew up in the family castle. The stone structure was much like your mother and father, cold, dank and way too proper for your liking. Growing up, your main joy was the baking lessons you received from the castle cook. Mom and Dad made you go to college in Glasgow and you majored in business. School was always easy for you and you got your degree with honors. However, much to your parents dismay you were dead set to pursue a career in baking.

Scotland was boring, and the XO marriage pool was rather limited. You longed for travel and excitement. Your dreams were answered when you met Bernardo Frankenstein who was visiting from the United States. XOs can smell one another and you could say it was love at first sniff. You migrated to the US and married shortly after. Bernardo was the leader of a crime organization in Boston called the Bolts. There was a long-standing disagreement with a rival gang. The feud always seemed silly to you, but you still make it a point not to socialize with the Fangs.

Maria was born a couple of years later and you enjoyed being the stay at home mother and wife. Once she began school you found your idle days more than you could bear and opened a bakery, Sweets for Salem, your second pride and joy. Everyone affiliated with the Bolts buys from you and business is terrific. In fact, you are planning the grand opening of your second bakery with visions of a chain. And, you have just been selected as Salem's business woman of the year. Life simply couldn't have been better.

Then your darling daughter told you about her engagement to Tony, a Fang. Maria was such the perfect little girl, always courteous and never a problem. So WHY would she do this to you now? You were dead set against the marriage and there was more than one argument between Bernardo, Maria and yourself. In the end your love for Maria won out, it always did, and you agreed to the marriage. But you are concerned about what the inbreeding will generate. Really, an invisible man? What kind of children will they have? This just couldn't be happening. What would your family say?



PEOPLE YOU KNOW

BERNARDO FRANKENSTEIN - Leader of the Bolts, your husband was dead set against the wedding but now he seems almost happy about it. You can't imagine what has happened to make Bernardo agreeable to the wedding and the accord. He has always suspected Tony of knowing more than he said about the murder of Chino's Father. Everyone called it an accident. Bernardo was unable to prove anything else, but he knew that foul play was at hand. So why the change of heart? You understand how much he loves Maria, but.

LUCY DRACULA - Lucy, first lady of the Fangs is a gourmet chef and talks about opening a bakery herself. Everyone knows that Chefs cannot bake, and you aren't really concerned but you hate her advise about the wedding cake. By some quirk in fate, both Lucy and you go to the same ordinary hairdresser, Janine. And everyone knows that people talk to their hairdressers. Lucy had already told you that she and Tony had started a corporation and were building luxury condos in an exclusive area of Cambridge. According to Janine the business relationship between Tony and Lucy has become strained.

MARIA FRANKENSTEIN - Your darling daughter Maria will be a beautiful bride. She will be absolutely stunning, with her father's complexion and your hair and eyes. What are the plans? Is she going to stand in front of the minister and face nothing? Will Tony at least wear a tie so everyone can see him? It is all appalling! When she first told you about the wedding she was on cloud nine but little by little her demeanor has changed. You would think she would be ecstatic, but lately her nerves have been in shambles. Maybe just bride jitters or maybe a change of heart? One can only hope.



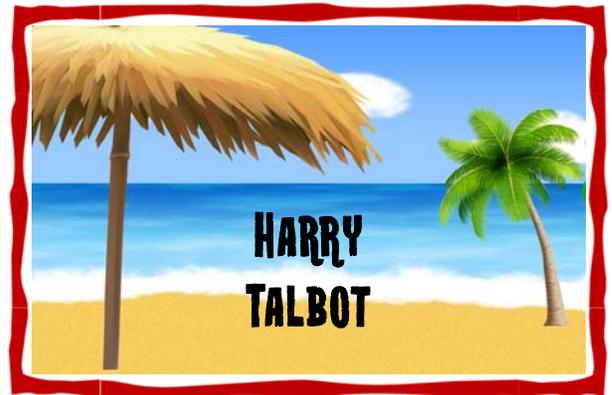
SUSPECTS

ANITA FRANKENSTEIN - Anita is the Bride of Frankenstein, the Mother of the Bride, First lady of the Bolt crime organization and now Business Woman of the Year. She can be humble and sweet when in her shop or with family but holds herself as queen bee when the business is involved. Either as an XO or an ordinary she is beautiful and elegant. But do not make the mistake of crossing this woman. There is an underlying malice that makes even the bravest of monsters quake in her presence.

BERNARDO FRANKENSTEIN - Bernardo is the Father of the Bride and the leader of the Bolts, Bernardo is in a precarious situation to say the least. However, there is no mistaking this monster for a weakling. His roles as the head of a crime organization and Salem's Chief Medical Examiner have led to self-confidence bar none. Whether he is displaying his XO abilities or hiding behind his human persona, he commands everyone's attention when he walks into a room. However, the rough bravado seems to melt away when he is with family and friends.

CHINO STORM - Chino is second in command of the Bolts and a very reluctant Best Man. To keep peace between the organizations he has been forced to stand up for Tony at the wedding. As a cracker jack meteorologist, his ordinary persona is the lead weatherman on the 7 o'clock news. His dazzling million-dollar smile and perpetual tan is only dwarfed by his impeccable dress. Make no mistake, he is not ashamed of his XO genetics and when choosing to be himself wears his hunchback proudly. The Storm family has been loyal to the Frankensteins for generations and Chino is no exception.

HARRY TALBOT - Harry is second in command of the Fangs and Tony's Groomsman in this farce of a wedding. To keep peace between the organizations Tony has chosen Chino, a Bolt as his best man. Harry is lupine, strong, intelligent and quick witted. With an aura that exudes danger whether in his XO or ordinary form, people instinctually just move out of his way. He runs the Dark Night Casino for the Fang organization, a profession that puts him in a position to learn a lot about the people around him. Once over their initial fear of Harry, friends and strangers alike have no problem telling him their secrets.



Salem XoPosé

Salem Yeti Does it Again!



By Andrew Slavic.

Salem's very own abominable man, Blaze Abernathy has won the Islandic Ice Carving Contest for the second year in a row! Blaze won by an avalanche with his beautiful entry called *Love at Sea* depicting a undersea couple in the throes of ardor. "The woman's hair swirls and curved fins of the man are simply beautiful", said Judge Edvard Freeze. "We have never seen anything like it".

Abernathy won last year's contest with his sculpture *Monsters Among Us*. "We were breath taken with Blaze's entry last year and never suspected that he would be able to produce anything to equal it. But look at that," Judge Freeze commented, pointing to the sculpture, "It is magnificent!"

When this reporter asked Blaze what he contributed his success to, the Yeti replied "I am one with the ice, I feel its passion and let the ice tell the story."

Cambridge Condo Project Begins

Demolition has begun to make way for a 23-story luxury condo project in Cambridge. The Tusk Corporation moved ahead despite angry protesters accusing the developer of ruining local charm. The company's co-founders Lucy Dracula and Tony Griffin argued that the buildings scheduled for demolition were anything but charming.



Gala Wedding

Maria Frankenstein and Tony Griffin will be wed on Delusion Island in what promises to be the wedding of the year. Miss Frankenstein is the only daughter of Bernardo and Anita Frankenstein and the event will surely be glamorous. The Groom, Tony Griffin is a prominent attorney.

McGrath Soccer Field Turned into Middle Earth

Beautiful McGrath Soccer Field was taken over by hobbits last Saturday when the Salem Lord of the Rings Chapter sponsored a re-enactment of a famous Elven Battle. Leader of the group, Judge Riff Dracula said that he was delighted with the large turnout and felt that the event was a huge success. He was quick to show his new curved Elven Sword but quicker to say, "this is only for show, it is much too sharp to be used during the re-enactment".

The event went off without a hitch, but unfortunately there was one minor injury. Chino Storm, well known tv weatherman injured his right rotator cuff during the melee.



All You Can Eat Lobster Night

Harry Talbot, manager of the Dark Night Casino has announced that the restaurant will offer an "All You Can Eat" lobster dinner on Wednesdays until further notice.

Correction—Last week we published a misprint that Chief Medical Examiner Bernardo Frankenstein reported a recent body was the apparent victim of clowning. It should have read victim of drowning. We apologize for the confusion.

Business Woman of the Year

Anita Frankenstein has just been named Salem's Business woman of the year. The coveted award is given to a local entrepreneur that has made strides in business and philanthropy. Owner of Sweets for Salem, Mrs. Frankenstein has just announced the opening of her second bakery.

Art Exhibits this Week

"Life in Spite of Chocolate" is on display at the Salem Gallery. The controversial artwork completely painted with M & M Candy is the brainchild of up and coming artist Vanessa Dracula. When questioned about the disturbing subject matter of her art, Vanessa simply replied, "life is disturbing".



**RECEPTION
ROOM**



MEET AND GREET INTRODUCTION

To be read by either Anita or Bernardo 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, Action Items and Information to Gather. Please review to 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 murderer does not know who he or she is. Each character has different information so ask 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. This is not a team effort, you should be working individually, there will be a winner. Have fun.

Second Section – as your character

My name is [your character name]. (You may choose to introduce the other host at this time as well).

Good Evening Ladies and Gentlemen, I am pleased to welcome you to the rehearsal dinner for our bride and groom.

Dinner will be served shortly, but take this opportunity to get to know one another and partake of the wonderful appetizers and beverages.

Let's all raise our glasses and propose a toast to the successful accord between the two of our organizations and the joining of Maria and Tony.

Speaking of which, has anyone seen Tony?

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 **HORROR TAKES A HOLIDAY!**

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 **HORROR TAKES A HOLIDAY!**