

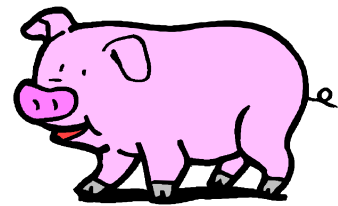
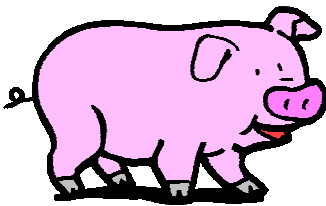


THE WAKE FOR HUMPTY DUMPTY

GAME BOOKLET

KEY FACTS

No of People ¹	12-16
% of Successful Solvers	43%
Adult Content Rating	8/10
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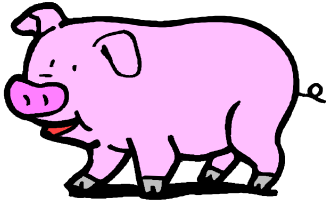


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- Instructions PDF File – 1 MB
- Invitations PDF Files – 12 MB
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- Clues, Questions, Mystery Witness & Confession PDF File – 3 MB

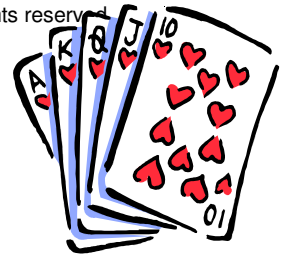


¹ This game can be played with more people by enlarging the Investigation Panel. However this will result in each Investigator having fewer questions to ask. But everyone can still attempt to solve the murder.



You are invited to attend

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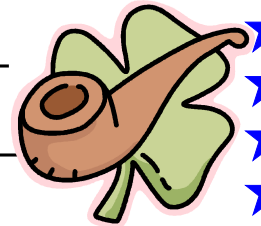


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RSVP



Humpty Dumpty, renowned mayor of Nursery Rhyme Town, has been found with his skull crushed in at the foot of Nursery Rhyme Castle wall. Did he fall. Or was he pushed. Several of Nursery Rhyme Town's leading residents are failing to shed tears over his death.



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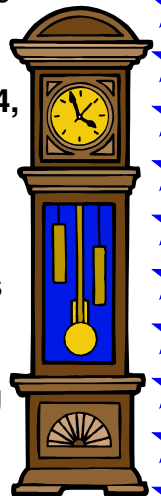
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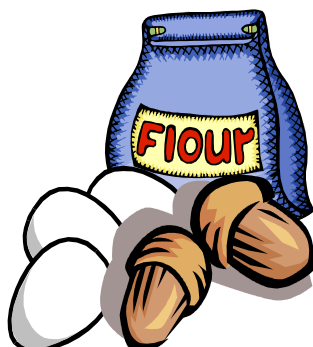


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If Humpty was murdered, one of the above was most likely guilty. You are invited to attend the wake for Humpty Dumpty and help



Tommy Tucker, 53,
Nursery Rhyme Town Coroner

Discover Whodunit!



NURSERY RHYME NEWS

Wednesday November 23rd

“DEATH BY MISADVENTURE”

HUMPTY DUMPTY VERDICT

By our special correspondent

The inquest into the death of the late Humpty Dumpty, mayor of Nursery Rhyme town and pawnbroker, was held yesterday in the Great Hall of Nursery Rhyme castle. The verdict returned was “Death by Misadventure”. Mr Dumpty, it was decided, fell from the wall of the roof garden of Nursery Rhyme castle, while under the influence of alcohol and drugs. But upon leaving the hall I detected a strong sense of dissatisfaction among the gathered public.

HEAD MISTRESS GIVES EVIDENCE

After taking the jury to see the second floor roof garden to view the spot from where Humpty allegedly fell, the coroner, Tommy Tucker, called the first witness. This was the Head Mistress of Nursery Rhyme Town’s “Boot” school for problem children, known to all as “the old woman who lives in a shoe”. She stated that just after dawn on Friday 17th of November she passed Nursery Rhyme castle on her way to the railway station to attend a long weekend education conference. At the foot of the castle wall she discovered the body of Humpty Dumpty, bloody, bruised and clearly dead.

WOUND OF “A CURIOUS SHAPE”

Dr Bell, Police Medical Officer followed her into the box. He declared that upon examining Humpty’s body he had discovered a heavy wound to Humpty’s head “of a curious shape”. After much evasion and parrying of the question, he finally agreed that this might have been caused by a fall from the wall. He also declared that an analysis of Humpty’s blood revealed that Humpty had taken a significant dose of morphia before his death.

GAMBLING PARTIES

Ol’ “King” Cole, the former professional gambler who now owns Nursery Rhyme Castle, was the next witness. He explained that on Thursday nights he regularly holds gambling parties at the Castle, and Humpty was a frequent attendee. On the night of Humpty’s death, Cole, Humpty and Georgie Porgie all gathered at the castle at nine o’clock to play poker. However after a few hands, Old MacDonald, a local farmer, arrived at the castle and angrily demanded to see Humpty. The pair went up to the roof garden. Unfortunately soon after this, Cole unaccountably fell asleep and when he woke up, everyone had gone home.

“MYSTERIOUS SLEEP”

Georgie Porgie verified this statement. He agreed that he had attended the poker party and that Humpty had been called out of it by Old MacDonald. They went up to the roof garden where “we could hear them arguing very violently”. However, like Ol’ “King” Cole, Georgie also mysteriously fell asleep. When he woke, the castle was quiet apart from Cole, who was snoring opposite him. Georgie then left the castle.

MOTHER AND SON IN COURT

Old Mother Hubbard, mother of Georgie Porgie, followed her son into the witness box. She revealed to the inquest how she was employed every Thursday night at the castle to serve drinks and refreshments to the assembled gamblers. However she was able to offer little further help except to say that, apart from Georgie, Humpty and MacDonald, nobody else had been admitted to the castle on the night of the accident.

“ALIVE AND FUMING”

The final witness was Old MacDonald, ex-mayor of Nursery Rhyme town. He admitted visiting the castle unexpectedly and calling Humpty out of the poker game. He and Humpty had a “vigorous and frank” political discussion on the roof garden. Admitting the interview ended with harsh words and red faces, MacDonald declared he stormed out of the castle leaving Humpty “very much alive and fuming” on the roof garden.

CURSED SPOT

The spot where Humpty’s body was found is no stranger to mystery. Only a short time ago the unconscious body of the young and

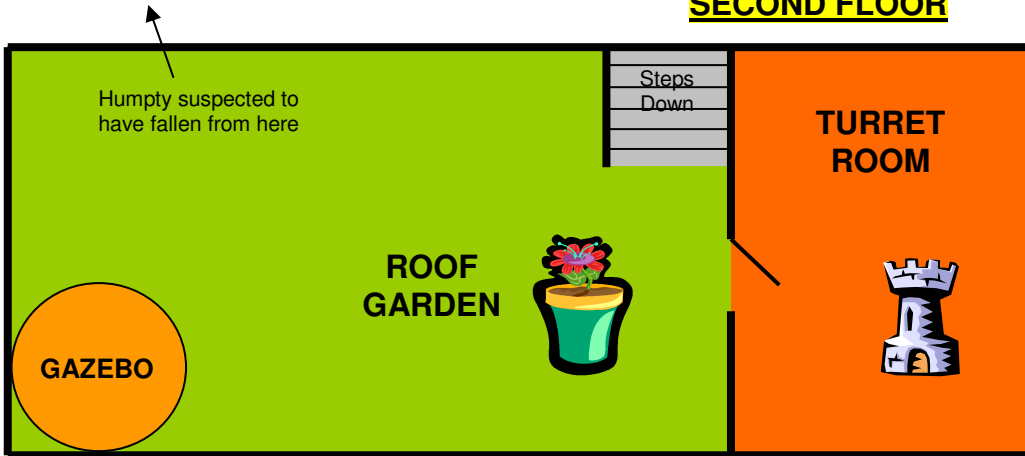
beautiful Polly Flinders was found at the same site. Polly, a former pupil at the Old Woman who lives in a shoe’s school, was found at the foot of the wall, bruised, battered and with her clothes ripped to shreds. Unfortunately she has suffered a complete loss of memory and cannot recall how she came to be in such a condition. She is currently being looked after at Ee Aye Oh Farm where Old MacDonald’s elegant new wife, Mary, Mary Quite Contrary, is helping nurse her. Polly and Mary were both in the Great Hall listening to the evidence. Also paying close attention was another of the Old Woman’s pupils, the teenage tearaway Tom, Tom the Piper’s son. Tom, who recently escaped a charge of pig stealing, was given a last chance to make good at the Old Woman’s school. It appears to be working as he sat listening to the evidence soberly and intelligently, a complete contrast to the young thug he is reputed to be.

NOT HEARD THE LAST?

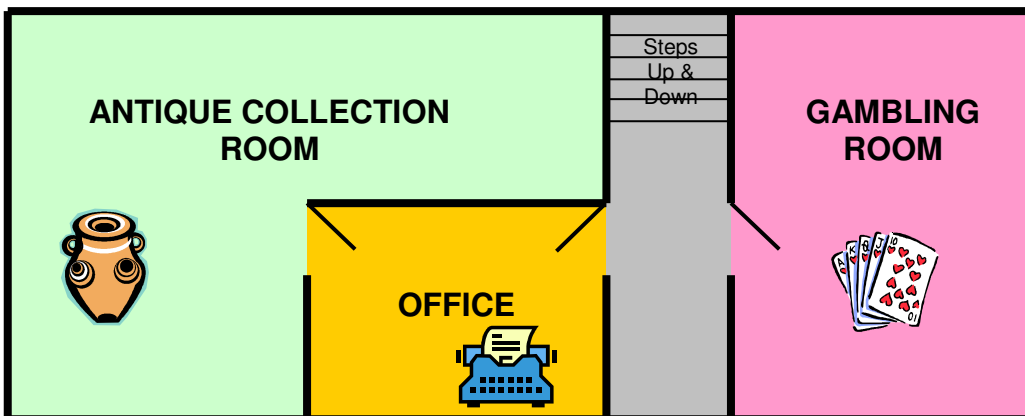
The jury concluded that, as no one had seen Humpty alive after the time Old MacDonald left him on the roof garden, Humpty, probably under the influence of alcohol, morphia and temper, must have accidentally fallen over the roof garden wall to his death. The coroner, Tommy Tucker, summed up accordingly. However upon pronouncing the verdict, a rustle of discontent and dissatisfaction filled the Great Hall, and I even sensed Tommy Tucker did not seem entirely happy with the verdict. It is this writer’s belief that Nursery Rhyme Town has not yet heard the last of Humpty Dumpty’s mysterious death...

FLOOR PLANS OF MAIN TOWER OF NURSERY RHYME CASTLE

SECOND FLOOR

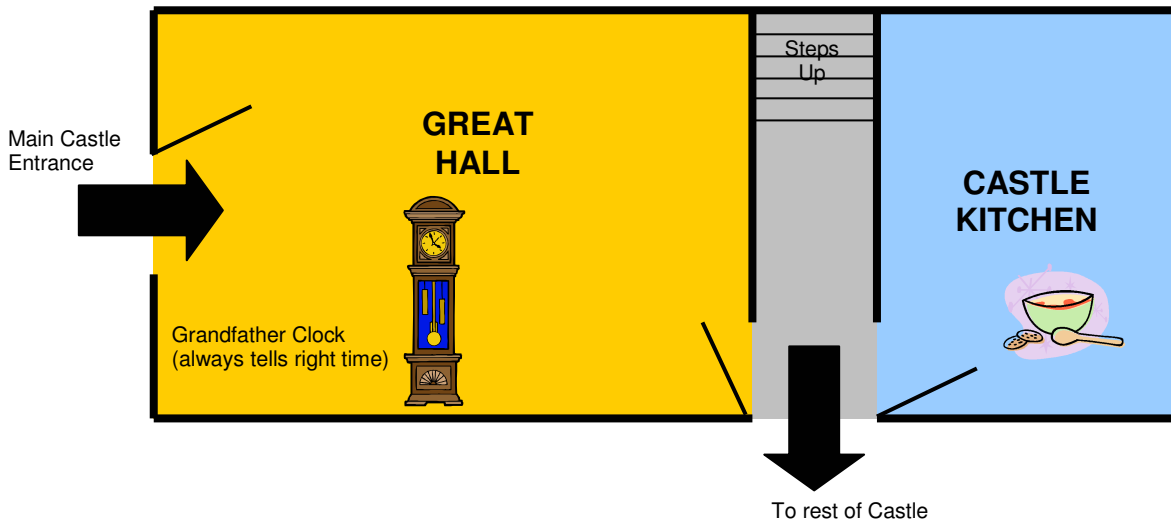


FIRST FLOOR



X Humpty's body found here

GROUND FLOOR



THE CHARACTERS

The final page of each invitation will inform the recipient of the character that you would like them to play, along with a detailed description of that character's background. So you know the kind of roles that you will have to assign to your guests, copies of those backgrounds are reproduced here. Although no one will play the part of the victim, Humpty Dumpty, I have also included his background for completeness.

HUMPTY DUMPTY

The Victim

An active member of Nursery Rhyme Town Council, Humpty Dumpty was also mayor of the town. He obtained this position a little over a year ago, after beating fellow councillor Old MacDonald in the mayoral election. Owner of the local pawnbrokers, Humpty had considerable wealth and owned several properties in and around Nursery Rhyme Town. A keen gambler, Humpty would use his money to try and impress the ladies of the town, often going on the hunt with his friend, Georgie Porgie. Unfortunately, with his bulging stomach and egg shaped head, many ladies found Humpty's attentions unwelcome. However this did not stop him pursuing them.

OLD MACDONALD, 63,

Wealthy, Political, Cantankerous Farmer

You are a wealthy farmer who lives at Ee Aye Oh farm. You have a wide variety of animals there, and it can be a very noisy place. You used to be mayor of Nursery Rhyme Town until Humpty Dumpty ousted you at the elections just over a year ago. You have not been impressed by his mayorship. Although you can often be crusty and impractical, you sincerely want the best for Nursery Rhyme Town, and you believe that Humpty abused his position for personal gain.

You have recently married Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary, the widow of Dr Foster of Gloucester. A month ago you also allowed Polly Flinders, who is recovering from trauma, to make her home at your farm.

MARY, MARY, QUITE CONTRARY, 35

Elegant and Green-Fingered Nurse

A recent newcomer to Nursery Rhyme Town, you originally trained as a nurse. After graduating you began working for, and eventually married, Dr Foster of Gloucester. On his death just over a year ago you became financially independent, and moved to Nursery Rhyme Town. You have recently married Old MacDonald of Ee Aye Oh farm, and now live there. You are very elegant and well spoken, and enjoy tending your garden at the farm. You cleverly allow Old MacDonald to believe he is the dominant partner in your marriage, despite the fact that you can always talk him round to your opinion. MacDonald has allowed Polly Flinders, a trauma victim, to live at the farm, and you are using your nursing skills to help her recover.

POLLY FLINDERS, 17,

Beautiful, Amnesia Suffering Trauma Victim

You are a beautiful young girl who has completely lost her memory. All you know is that you were found one night, unconscious, at the foot of the walls of Nursery Rhyme castle. You were suffering from severe bruising, malnutrition and cuts. Much of your clothing had been ripped off. Old MacDonald and Mary Mary Quite Contrary discovered you, and immediately took you to Ee Aye Oh farm, where you have been recovering ever since. Your memory has still not returned. You have very pretty little toes.

OLD MOTHER HUBBARD, 65,

Impoverished, Charring, Chain Smoking Pensioner

You are Josephine Hubbard, an impoverished pensioner, living in a small cottage in Nursery Rhyme Town. You have one son, Georgie Porgie. Although you love him dearly, you have to admit that he is a bit of a waste of space. You manage to supplement your meagre pension by doing charring work at Nursery Rhyme Castle and Ee Aye Oh farm. But your cleaning work makes you little money, and it is still hard to make ends meet. Recently you even had to sell your little doggie because you could not afford to feed him.

GEORGIE PORGIE, PUDDING & PIE, 44,

Drinking, Gambling, Womanising Wastrel

You are the son of Old Mother Hubbard, and unfortunately a bit of a wastrel. You passionately pursue drinking, gambling, smoking and womanising, and this dissipated lifestyle has led to you looking old before your time. Despite the use of creams and ointments, your face is starting to look ravaged and haggard. However this does not stop you trying to chat up the ladies. Having heard that women find Frenchmen irresistible, you have started taking French lessons from the Old Woman who lives in a shoe.

THE OLD WOMAN WHO LIVES IN A SHOE, 52,

Strict, Whip-Happy Schoolmistress

You are a school mistress who is in charge of Nursery Rhyme Town's "Boot" School for problem children. The school is located in a large shoe. You rule your charges with stern discipline, and are not afraid to whip them hard, or starve them if it brings about better behaviour. It is for their own good.

You do have a softer side. As well as problem children the school also accepts charity pupils, and upon graduation you often find these orphans jobs with which to make a start in life. You are teaching Georgie Porgie to speak French.

TOM, TOM, THE PIPER'S SON, 16,

Schoolboy Tearaway, Pig Thieving Juvenile Delinquent

You are a young thug from a nearby town. There you used to terrorise the local inhabitants, extorting money from them and committing petty thefts. Having become well known as a trouble maker in that town, you had to pursue your burglarious activities further afield, and one night you were caught on Old MacDonald's farm trying to steal his pigs. Rather than turn you over to the authorities, Old MacDonald decided to give you one last chance, and secured you a place at the Old Woman who lives in a Shoe's school for unruly children. It is hoped her stern discipline will make you turn over a new leaf and become a responsible member of society.

OL' "KING" COLE, 39,

Jovial, Wealthy, Antique Collecting Gambler

A former professional gambler, you are now a very wealthy man who owns a chain of casinos. This has allowed you to purchase Nursery Rhyme Castle, and also to build up a very fine collection of antiques which you have displayed in a special room at the castle. A jovial soul, you like to have parties, and every Thursday you invite your friends round to play poker at the castle. Georgie Porgie and Humpty Dumpty are regular attendees. On these nights you also employ Old Mother Hubbard to mix drinks and provide the catering.

TOMMY TUCKER, 53,

Nursery Rhyme Town Coroner

You are Tommy Tucker, a retired professional singer, who is now the coroner for Nursery Rhyme town. With a strong interest in politics, you have served as a councillor on Nursery Rhyme Town Council. You have worked with both the former mayor, Old MacDonald, and the recently deceased mayor, Humpty Dumpty.

As coroner at the inquest into Humpty's death, you were persuaded to return a verdict of death by misadventure. However the newspaper report of the inquest hinted that Humpty's death might have a more sinister explanation. Since then gossip and rumour has been rife within Nursery Rhyme Town that Humpty was actually murdered. To try and bring an end to the speculations, you have decided to use Humpty's wake as an opportunity to investigate his death further.

THE INVESTIGATION PANEL

Although a citizen of Nursery Rhyme Town, you are not a suspect in this murder. Instead you are invited to form part of the investigation panel who will hopefully discover Humpty's killer. Assisting Nursery Rhyme Town Coroner, Tommy Tucker, you will be interrogating the eight main suspects, forcing them into making damaging confessions. You will also be involved in discovering and analysing clue objects, which should throw light on Humpty's demise. And you may be invited to take on the role of a "mystery witness", who will turn up during the game to give startling, unexpected, and often unwelcome evidence!

MYSTERY WITNESSES

Mystery Witnesses are characters who pop up for one round only. Played by members of the Investigation Panel, they usually offer unexpected (and often unwelcome) evidence! The mystery witnesses in this game are:

Jack Sprat - of Nursery Rhyme Town Council

Rhoda Whitehorse – a wealthy lady from Banbury Cross

Polly put the Kettle on – A young business woman and entrepreneur

Wee Willie Winkie – of the Wee Willie Winkie Detective Agency

Dr Bell – Police Surgeon and blood specialist

Jack Be Nimble – Professional safe breaker and lock picker

The Old woman who swallowed a fly – a lady with an eating disorder

STAGES OF GAME

- Opening Speech
- Introductions
- Round 1 Preparations, Investigation & Summary
- Round 2 Preparations, Investigation & Summary
- Round 3 Preparations, Investigation & Summary
- Round 4 Preparations, Investigation & Summary
- Protestations of Innocence
- Accusations
- Denouement
- Confession

The game should take approximately 2 to 3 hours to play.

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