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MURDER MYSTERY

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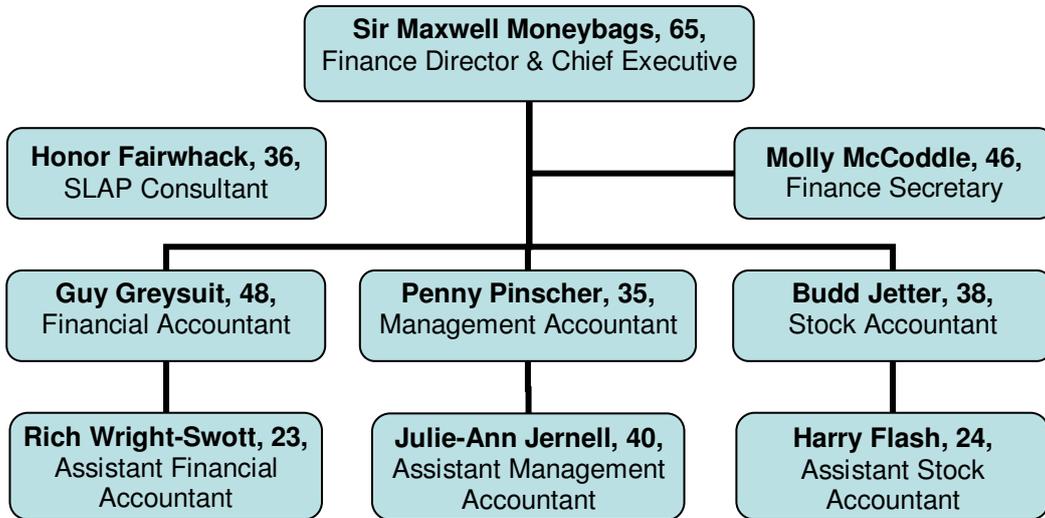
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RSVP

Sir Maxwell Moneybags, avaricious Finance Director of Phatal Pharmaceuticals, has been found murdered. Poisoned in his afternoon cup of tea. But who in the finance hierarchy decided to write him off!



One of the above bumped off the boss. You are invited to assist:

Inspector Shilling
Top Scotland Yard Detective

To discover

Whodunit!

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BACKGROUND

THE COMPANY

Phatal Pharmaceuticals develop, manufacture and sell medicines. Although a considerable size, they are still owned by private shareholders. Rumours suggest that their great business rivals, Charismatic Chemicals Ltd, have been approaching shareholders with a view to taking over the company.



THE VICTIM

Sir Maxwell was both Chief Executive and Finance Director of the company. The last surviving founder member of the company, he controlled a significant amount of the company shares. He gained his title after making several large donations to his favourite political party.

Lady Maxwell died just over two years ago. Sir Maxwell unexpectedly remarried a very short time later. The new Lady Maxwell, a former glamour model, is half Sir Maxwell's age. Preoccupied with his new wife, Sir Maxwell allowed his hand on the company tiller to slip. It is believed several members of staff have taken advantage of this. However the recent threat of a takeover by Charismatic Chemicals caused Sir Maxwell to vigorously renew his interest in the business. To certain staff members dismay...



CRIME SCENE

Sir Maxwell's body was discovered by independent SLAP Consultant Honor Fairwhack on Friday afternoon at 3.15pm. Ms Fairwhack, who is working on a project for Sir Maxwell, had gone into Sir Maxwell's office to have her weekly expenses signed off. Initial autopsy results state that Sir Maxwell met his death from an overdose of "Heart Humper", a new medicine designed to strengthen the beat of a weak heart. Sir Maxwell enjoyed robust health and his own heart was perfectly sound.

A bottle of "Heart Humper" medicine was standing on Sir Maxwell's desk. An empty tea cup was also found on Sir Maxwell's desk, and the dregs of this were found to contain Heart Humper.



THE FATAL CUP OF TEA

Sir Maxwell's long serving secretary, Molly McCoddle, declares that, as usual, she made Sir Maxwell's tea at 2.30pm and took it to him in his office. Sir Maxwell was then conducting a performance review meeting with Stock Accountant Budd Jetter. The meeting is said to have ended violently.

Management Accountant Penny Pinscher declares that she went into a meeting with Sir Maxwell at 2.40pm, and saw Sir Maxwell drink his tea. She left him at 2.50pm and admits that by the end of the meeting he did seem somewhat comatose. But as it had been a budget meeting, she did not think this unusual. He was found sprawled over his desk, dead, by Honor Fairwhack at 3.15pm. Heart Humper is a very new drug, but experts say this scenario is consistent with an overdose being consumed in the tea.

All members of the finance department, apart from Molly, Budd and Penny, deny having been anywhere near the tea.



SIR MAXWELL'S SCHEDULE

Using Sir Maxwell's diary on the SLAP computer system and witness statements, Inspector Shilling has recreated Sir Maxwell's schedule for the day of his death. It appears his day was an eventful one...

MORNING

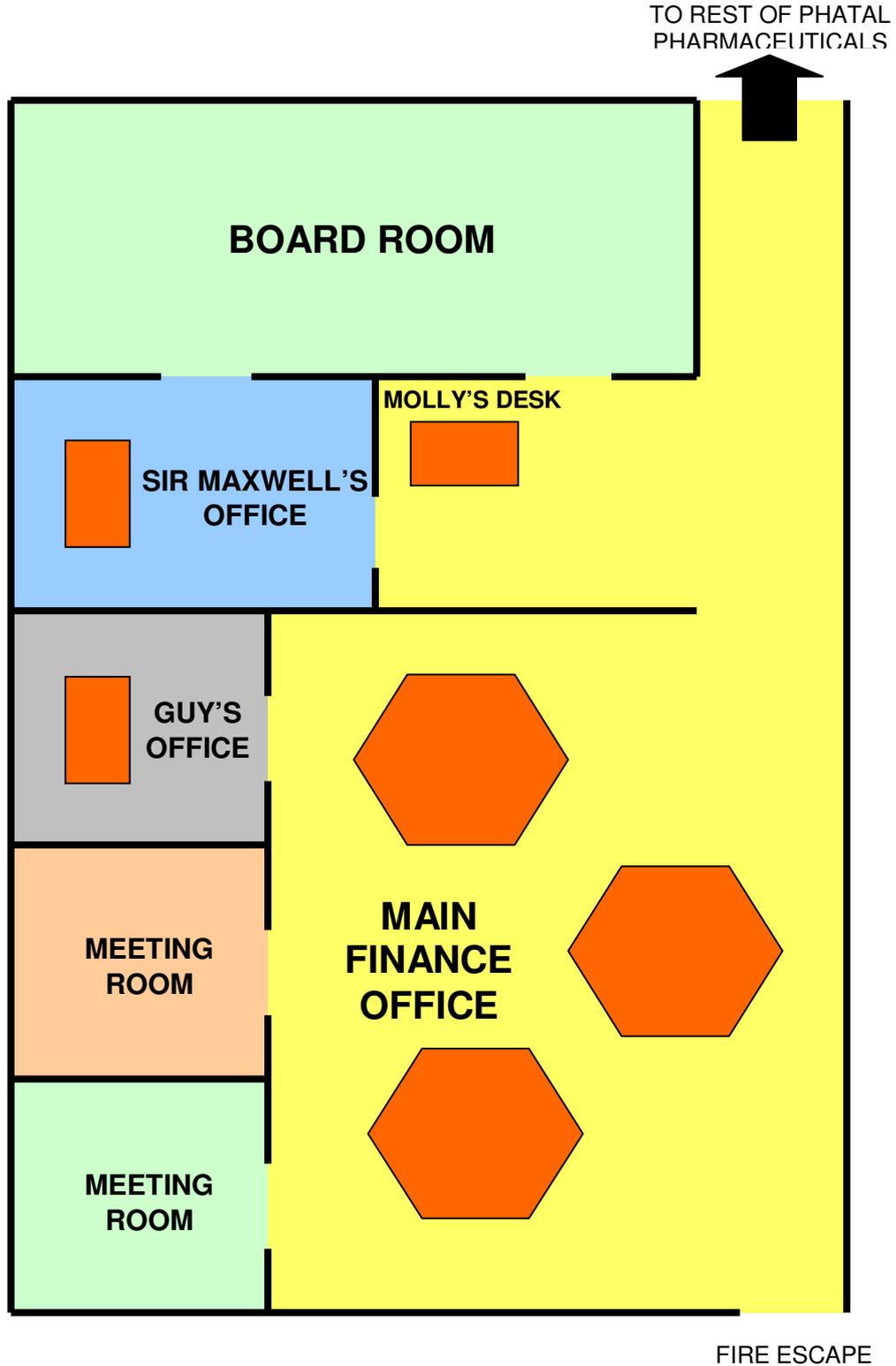
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| 09.00-09.30 | Business meeting with Christian Charisma of Charismatic Chemicals. Meeting ended with Sir Maxwell threatening to have Mr Charisma evicted by site security.. |
| 09.30-10.00 | Sir Maxwell's regular Friday morning update meeting with Guy Greysuit. Sir Maxwell observed yawning repeatedly. |
| 10.00-11.00 | Performance Review meeting with Penny Pinscher. Penny observed leaving meeting looking very upset. |
| 11.00-12.00 | Meeting with Honor Fairwhack and Julie-Ann Jernell. Both refuse to state purpose of meeting. |

AFTERNOON

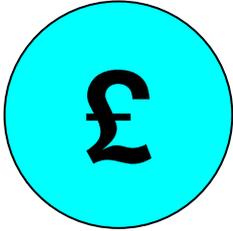
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| 13.45-13.55 | Harry Flash ordered into Sir Maxwell's office. Loud argument overheard. Harry seen coming out of encounter very red in face and swearing. |
| 13.55-14.35 | Performance Review meeting with Budd Jetter. Meeting said to have ended prematurely. Budd overheard kicking rubbish bin and shouting "I'm not sure if I want to work for a twat like you anyway!" |
| 14.40-14.50 | Penny Pinscher called into Sir Maxwell's office. Observed leaving meeting blinking away tears. |
| 15.15 | Body discovered by Honor Fairwhack. |

On the day of the murder all other finance staff were offsite on an all day SLAP training course. Inspector Shilling, who is convinced that the motive for the crime is work related, is therefore sure that Sir Maxwell's killer is one of the eight finance professionals who were present in the office that Friday.

MAP OF PHATAL PHARMACEUTICAL FINANCE DEPARTMENT



YOU ARE INVITED TO TAKE THE ROLE OF



INSPECTOR SHILLING



TOP SCOTLAND YARD DETECTIVE

I am Inspector Shilling of New Scotland Yard. A first class detective, for many years I was one of the star performers on the Serious Fraud Squad. My nimble mental agility meant that I was easily able to keep up with the twists and turns of the felonious financiers, aberrant accountants and swindling stockbrokers that came my way. Most of them are enjoying her majesty's hospitality in prison.

Recently I fancied a change and joined the murder squad. But fate has not been kind to me. Because of my previous role, it was decided that I was the ideal detective to head the investigation into the mysterious poisoning of Phatal Pharmaceutical's Finance Director. Once again I have been thrust into the heart of a financial mystery. Only this time I am on the track of an accountancy killer!

