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# AN EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA

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**Sergei Shell, 63**, eccentric Russian chicken farmer and multimillionaire, has been holding an “Easter Extravaganza” at his country mansion. But the weekend has ended in tragedy. Sergei has been found murdered in his library. His head cracked open by a burglar’s jemmy. Nearby his safe lies wide open and his valuable collection of “Chalaza Jewelled Eggs” has been stolen. But was it an outside burglary? Or was one of his weekend guests responsible...

**Eggina Crack, 46**,  
Sergei’s wife. “Agent to the Stars”

**Professor Egghead, 67**,  
Memory Expert Showman

**Melanie Shell, 26**,  
Sergei’s daughter. A Children’s TV  
Presenter

**Elizabeth Chalaza, 28**,  
Of the Chalaza Egg Company,  
St Petersburg

**Chuck McCluck, 26**,  
Pretty Boy Celebrity Chef

**Valerie Telline, 26**,  
Health & Beauty Expert

**The Masked Maniac, 34**,  
Bad Boy Wrestler

**The Reverend Alex Bumen, 28**,  
Trendy, Young, East End Vicar

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**Yaden Yolk, 35**,  
Founder of “Simply Secure Safes Ltd”

**Discover Whodunit!**



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## CRIME DETAILS

### BACKGROUND TO EVENTS

A junior health minister, **Edwin Curry MP**, recently made several statements warning the public of the high salmonella contamination within UK chicken eggs. His comments caused a countrywide scare and sales of eggs plummeted. They also earned him the loathing of the egg production industry, particularly eccentric chicken farming millionaire **Sergei Shell**

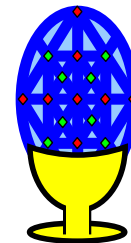


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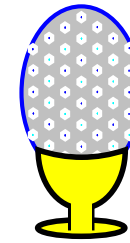
Over this Easter weekend Sergei held a grand “Easter Extravaganza” fair at his country estate. The purpose of the fair was to help restore public confidence in the egg industry. As well as displays and exhibits from representatives of the farming and food processing industries, the Extravaganza also featured some more light-hearted attractions including:

- **Chuck McCluck**, Celebrity Chef, demonstrating 50 ways to cook an egg.
- **The Mad Maniac**, Wrestling Bad Boy, demonstrating feats of strength and challenging members of the public to wrestling bouts.
- **Valerie Telline**, Owner of “The Beauties of Nature”, demonstrating her egg yolk shampoo, egg shell exfoliator and other natural health and beauty products.
- **Professor Egghead**, memory expert, performing his incredible “Marvellous Memory” stage show.
- Children’s TV Presenter **Melanie Shell** demonstrating egg decoration and painting techniques.
- The **Reverend Alex Bumen** explaining about eggs and their relevance to Easter and early pagan rituals.

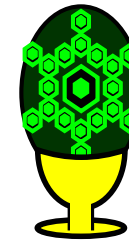
But the most exciting attraction was the exhibiting of Sergei Shell’s “Jewelled Chalaza Egg Collection”. These beautiful enamelled and jewelled eggs, similar in style to the legendary Faberge eggs, were each displayed in a gold egg holder. The eggs on display were:



The Geometric Egg



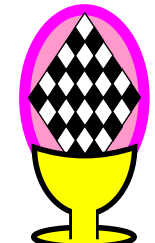
The Diamond Studded Egg



The Onyx & Emerald Egg



The Hammer & Sickle Egg



The Chessboard Egg

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**Elizabeth Chalaza**, who was delivering Sergei's most recent purchase, the "Emerald and Onyx Egg", was on hand to give people more information about the eggs. Sergei's egg collection is worth over half a million pounds.

The exhibitors spent the weekend at Sergei's mansion. After the evening meal on Sunday, a party was held in Sergei's library. In attendance were the above exhibitors as well as a collection of Sergei's long standing farming friends. At the end of the evening the Chalaza egg collection was locked in Sergei's recently purchased "Simply Secure Safe". The party finished shortly after 11.00pm when everyone retired for the night.



## MURDER

A terrible discovery was made the next morning. Sergei's dead body was discovered in the library. He had been killed by a brutal blow to the head which had shattered his skull. The murder weapon, a jemmy, was lying beside the body. There were no fingerprints on it. The safe had been forced open and the egg collection was gone.

**Mr Yaden Yolk**, founder of "Simply Secure Safes Ltd", was staying at the mansion as Sergei's guest. He was also responsible for security of the egg collection over the weekend. To try and prevent adverse publicity affecting "Simply Secure Safes Ltd", Mr Yolk has asked to be allowed an initial attempt at investigating the case before calling in the official police. Surprisingly all the suspects have agreed. Yaden has deemed Sergei's long standing farming friends to be above suspicion, and they will be assisting him with his enquiries.



## THE VICTIM – SERGEI SHELL - 63

A Russian immigrant, Sergei Shell was fond of telling everyone that he came to Britain and set up his egg empire with "One cockerel, twenty eight hens, eleven sacks of hen food and £15.26 in the bank". Through hard work, luck, and the occasional unorthodox business practice, the enterprise prospered until he became a millionaire several times over.

A bachelor until the age of 37, Sergei's first wife unfortunately died, leaving him with a daughter, Melanie, whom he idolised. Sergei consequently remarried several times, his current wife being **Eggina Crack**, the show-business agent. Sergei was once married to the model, **Norma Snockers**. They divorced on bad terms and at his death Sergei was still grudgingly paying her an allowance.

Sergei lived in a country mansion, several miles away from his egg production plant. However he kept fifty or so chickens in hen houses on the edge of the estate. It has been rumoured that these birds, called "Red Russian Roosters" were a special new breed he was experimenting with.

## HOW THE GAME WORKS

The original "An Easter Extravaganza" merrymurder was designed for between 11 and 15 players. In this version each player would represent a particular character and come to the party suitably dressed.

This version of "An Easter Extravaganza" has been specially adapted so that it can be played with a smaller number of players around a dining table.

On the night of the party there will be between 5 and 10 players. These players will be split into 5 teams, known as Team A, Team B, Team C, Team D and Team E respectively. Each team will therefore contain either one or two players.

Each team will be providing the voices of some of the characters:

- Team A will be voicing Yaden Yolk. They will also be asking most of the questions.
- Team B will be voicing the parts of Eggina Crack and The Reverend Alex Bumen.
- Team C will be voicing the parts of Melanie Shell and Chuck McCruck.
- Team D will be voicing the parts of Elizabeth Chalaza and The Masked Maniac.
- Team E will be voicing the parts of Valerie Telline and Professor Egghead.
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If there are two players in a team, they can each provide the voice of a suspect. If there is only one player in a team, he or she will have to voice both a male and a female suspect.

The game is played over 3 rounds. During these rounds questions will be asked and answers revealed. Clue items will be discovered that will help throw light on Sergei Shell's death. And mystery witnesses will appear to offer unexpected evidence.

At the end of the game everyone must give their opinion as to which of the eight suspects committed the murder. The killer will then be revealed in a dramatic denouement speech. Finally the killer(s) will confess.

The whole game should take about 3 hours to play.

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<b>TEN LITTLE VAMPIRES</b> 10 players Ten little vampires going out to dine, one choked his little self and then there were nine	<b>RANDY BUTT – RIP</b> 10-13 players A fantastic gay murder mystery – Lechery, lust, and copping off – Adults only.
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