

YOU ARE INVITED TO TAKE THE ROLE OF

**SAM SLAUGHTER, 45,**

*Ethical, Competent, Fair-Minded Circus Owner*

### **BACKGROUND**

I am Sam Slaughter, aged 45, the owner and ring master at Slaughter's circus. I inherited the circus from my grandfather, Montgomery Slaughter. I am passionately devoted to the business, and try to ensure that my troupe are one big happy family. This is sometimes difficult. Circus performers can be very temperamental, and I have to strike a fine balance between buttering their egos and being a heavy handed boss.

I also have to keep an eye on the competition. Our main rivals in business are "Gallipiano's Travelling Players", another circus, managed by eighty year old Maxwell Gallipiano. Maxwell and my grandfather Montgomery were arch enemies, and this rivalry has been handed down to the present day. Each circus would like to see the other circus closed down.

### **ABOUT THE VICTIM - JACQUES, 28,**

Despite his French sounding name, the murdered man was a cockney lad from London. A pupil at the East End School of Performing Arts, he was at Slaughter's Circus for his summer placement. During this time he was to spend a week with each of the main circus acts, learning their arts. This week he had been learning clowning skills with Coco and Ermintrude. Each night he has been going into the circus ring acting as assistant to both knife thrower Jade Edge and Illusionist Madam Titian.