

YOU ARE INVITED TO TAKE THE ROLE OF

COCO THE CLOWN, 39,

Womanising, Cowardly, Illiterate Clown

BACKGROUND

I am Coco the Clown, aged 39, a very experienced clown who over the years has received hundreds of custard pies in the face. I am one half of the Coco and Ermintrude partnership. This is a relatively new partnership as Ermintrude has only recently joined Slaughter's circus. I am often to be found chasing the ladies, although I am too canny to have ever married one of them. I like to think of myself as a bit of a lad, but actually I am quite a coward. Herman, the catcher on the flying trapeze, is my older brother.

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.