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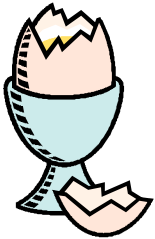
## AN EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA

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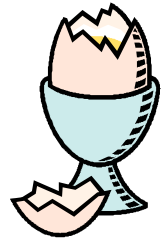
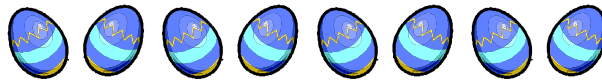
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**Sergei Shell, 63**, eccentric Russian chicken farmer and multimillionaire, has been holding an “Easter Extravaganza” at his country mansion. But the weekend has ended in tragedy. Sergei has been found murdered in his library. His head cracked open 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...

**Egina 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

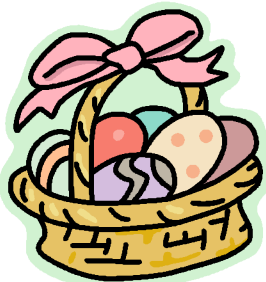
**The Masked Maniac, 34**,  
Bad Boy Wrestler

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

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

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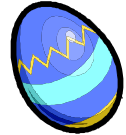
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## CRIME DETAILS

### 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**

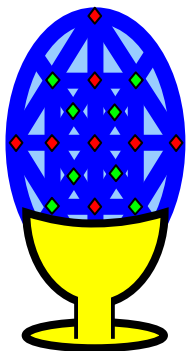


### EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA

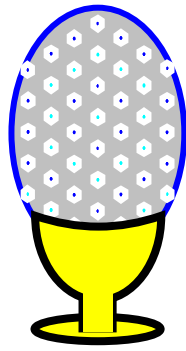
Over this Easter weekend Sergei held a grand “Easter Extravaganza” fair at his country estate. The purpose of the fair was to help restore public confidence in the egg industry. As well as displays and exhibits from representatives of the farming and food processing industries, the Extravaganza also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

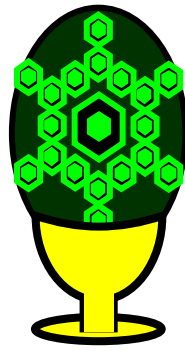
But the most exciting attraction was the exhibiting of Sergei Shell’s “Jewelled Chalaza Egg Collection”. These beautiful enamelled and jewelled eggs, similar in style to the legendary Faberge eggs, were each displayed in a gold egg holder. The eggs on display were:



The Geometric Egg



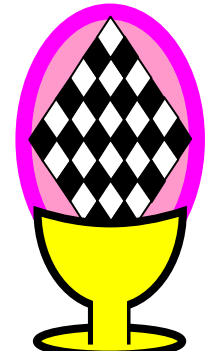
The Diamond Studded Egg



The Onyx & Emerald Egg



The Hammer & Sickle Egg



The Chessboard Egg

**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.

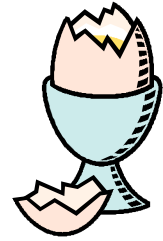
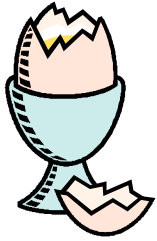


## THE VICTIM – SERGEI SHELL - 63

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.

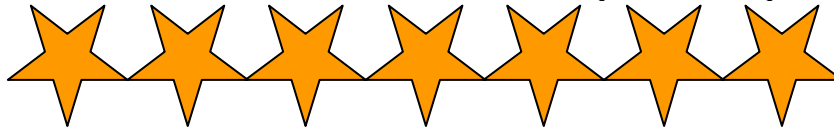
Sergei lived in a country mansion, several miles away from his egg production plant. However he kept fifty or so chickens in hen houses on the edge of the estate. It has been rumoured that these birds, called "Red Russian Roosters" were a special new breed he was experimenting with.



**YOU ARE INVITED TO PLAY THE ROLE OF**



**YADEN YOLK, 35,**



**Founder of "Simply Secure Safes Ltd"**  
*A Pickled Egg*

I am Yaden Yolk, aged 35, founder of "Simply Secure Safes Ltd". Disdaining modern electronic gadgetry, my company makes simple, old-fashioned, solid steel and lead lined safes. They are also stylish, standing on quaint turned legs. Guaranteed "unrobbable", the safes are very popular. Each safe can only be opened by a nine digit number. Purchasers have included MPs, businessmen and celebrities.

Sergei Shell bought one of my safes. Delighted with it, he asked if my company would be responsible for the security of his "Chalaza Jewelled Eggs" while they were exhibited at the fair. I agreed.

The eggs having been stolen and Sergei murdered, I am now in a considerable pickle. The unfavourable publicity is sure to damage "Simply Secure Safes." My only chance of limiting the damage is to find the eggs and capture the murderer. I have therefore begged my fellow guests to allow me an initial shot at solving the case before calling in the police. Surprisingly the guests have agreed to my plea. I suspect one or two of them have no wish to deal with the official police.

I have a beautiful, cultured, English voice. It has been known to make foreign women swoon!

