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# SLAUGHTER AT THE CIRCUS



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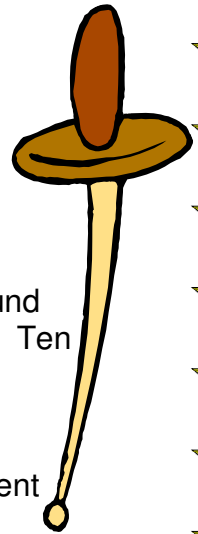
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Jacques, knife throwing assistant at Slaughter's Circus, has been found murdered, skewered to the wheel of death by a knife through his heart! Ten circus performers are deemed to be particularly suspicious!

**Lulubelle, 21,**  
Vain, Fiery, Beautiful, French Trapeze Star

**Stud Strong, 36,**  
Jealous, Slow-Witted, Impotent Strongman

**The Great Leonardo, 50,**  
Blunt, Temperamental, German Lion Tamer

**Madam Titian, 36,**  
Intelligent, Professional, Secretive Illusionist

**Gigi Giddiup, 25,**  
Alluring, Oversexed, Manipulative Bareback Rider

**Ermintrude, 28,**  
Cheerful, Smiling, Too good to be true Clown

**Coco, 39,**  
Womanising, Cowardly, Illiterate Clown

**Ma Potter, 62,**  
Maternal, Opportunistic, Death Predicting Fortune Teller

**Jade Edge, 38,**  
Frustrated, Careworn, Heavy Drinking Knife Thrower

**Herman, 42,**  
Gambling, Brooding, Butter-Fingered Trapeze Catcher

One or more of the above suspects murdered Jacques. You are invited to help



**Sam Slaughter, 45,**  
Owner and Ring Master of Slaughter's Circus

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## SLAUGHTER AT THE CIRCUS

Skewered to the wheel of death! That is how knife throwing assistant Jacques was found this morning in the Big Top at Slaughter's Circus. While in front of his spread eagled corpse lay Jade Edge, the knife thrower herself. Unconscious, and with her breath smelling of gin. Has a practice session gone terribly wrong? Or is there a more sinister explanation!

Sam Slaughter, owner and ring master of Slaughter's circus, believes the latter. Sam has summoned the circus performers to an impromptu enquiry. Among the assembled stars are:

Lulubelle	Vivacious young star of the flying trapeze.
Herman	Her fiancée and catcher
The Great Leonardo	Lion Tamer Extraordinaire
Gigi Giddiup	Beautiful bareback rider
Coco	A womanising clown
Ermintrude	His "butter won't melt in my mouth" co-star
Stud Strong	"Muscle Mountain" Strongman
Ma Potter	Tarot and Crystal Ball Reader
Jade Edge	Tipple enjoying knife thrower
Madam Titian	Immensely intelligent Illusionist

### BACKGROUND

Last night Jade Edge and Jacques were supposed to be the sixth act in the ring. However Jacques unaccountably failed to turn up, and Ermintrude the clown had to stand in as Jade's assistant. Jacques also failed to turn up to act as assistant to Mistress of illusion, Madam Titian, and for the end of show parade.

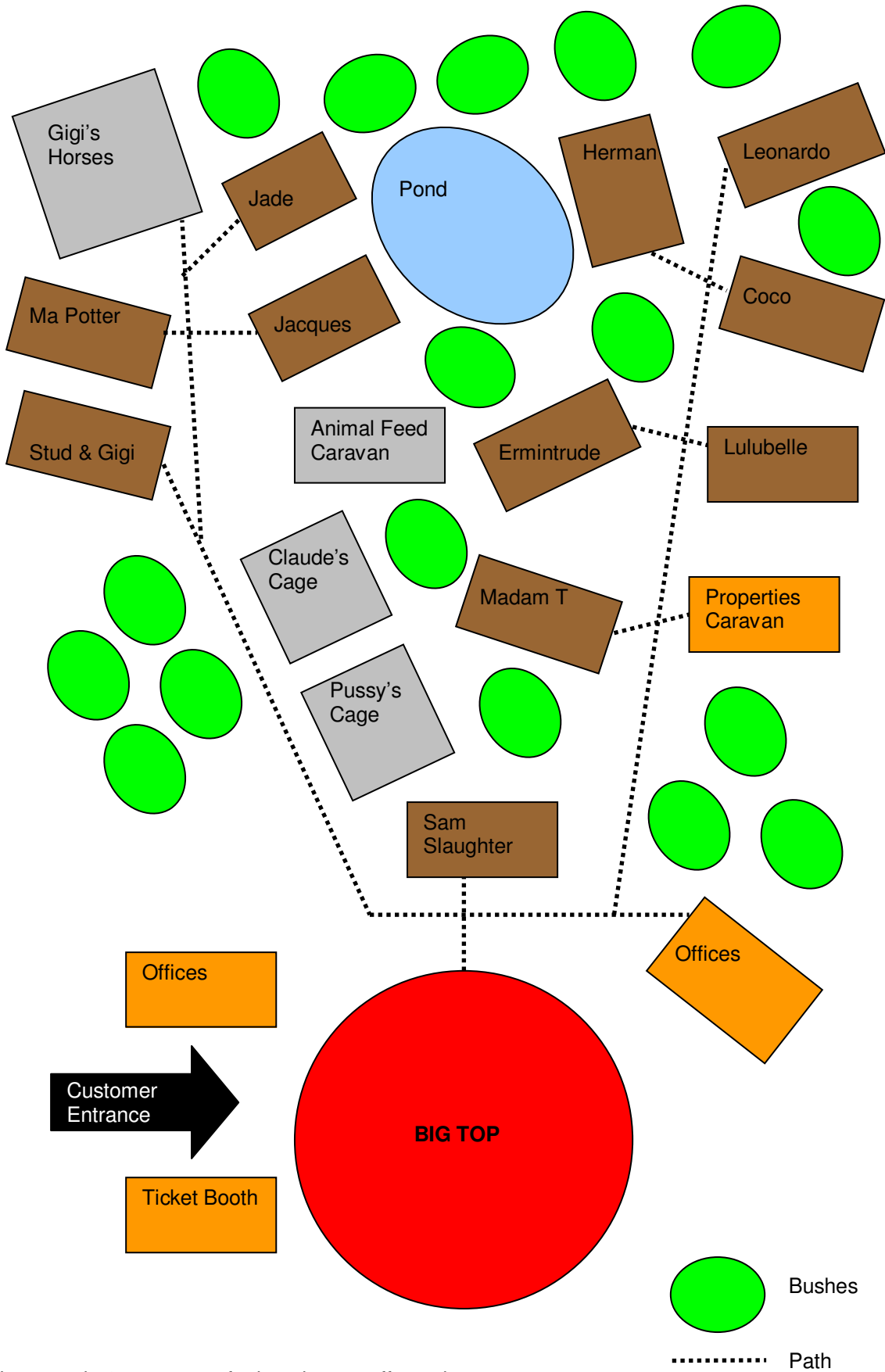
He was found this morning, gruesomely pinned to the wheel of death, by one of Jade's knives. How he got there remains a mystery. A mystery that Sam is determined to solve.

As owner and ringmaster of the circus, Sam has summoned the ten circus stars to an impromptu enquiry. Sam is being assisted in the investigation by an investigation panel, made up of other circus members. Together, by questioning the ten suspects, discovering clues and interviewing outside witnesses, the panel and Sam are determined to discover how Jacques met his death.

**TIMETABLE OF YESTERDAY EVENING'S PERFORMANCE**

7.30	"Welcome to the show" & Opening Parade	Sam Slaughter & All Performers	
7.45	Flying Trapeze	Herman & Lulubelle	
8.00	Equestrian Extravaganza	Gigi Giddiup	
8.15	Leonardo & his Lions	The Great Leonardo	
8.30	Clowning Around	Coco & Ermintrude	
8.45	Magnificent Muscles	Stud Strong	
9.00	"Blades of Death"	Jade Edge & Jacques	
9.15	Madam Titian's World of Mystery	Madam Titian	
9.35	End of Show Parade	All	
10.30	After Show Debriefing (around the camp fire)	All	

# MAP OF SLAUGHTER'S CIRCUS CAMP



Not to scale & caravans of other circus staff not shown.

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.