# The Spy Who Killed Me

#### Introduction

Welcome to Maudlin College, an institution with prestigious roots and an even more promising future. As we are nearing the end of the last term of the year, it is time to celebrate a hard year's work – in the lab, the library, and on the water – at the glorious Summer Ball. Maudlin College's best and brightest have gathered for a evening of celebration recognizing the recipients of prestigious research grants, and academic as well as athletic scholarships, which will be renewed – or not – this evening.

It should be cause for celebration – but the evening is more sedate than planned; as the musicians arrived this evening, the Head Porter announced that Beth Garnet, one of this evening's student honorees, was found dead in her room. There are whispers about that Beth lost her life because of her involvement in espionage – if that is true, she cannot be the only secret agent in the college.

Will you survive The Spy Who Killed Me?

# What is included when you buy The Spy Who Killed Me?

- A step-by-step guide on how to run the game.
- Character booklets for each guest, including background, goals and objectives, rules and special abilities.
- Items and money for each guest.
- Handouts and other essential items.
- The solution!

#### How does The Spy Who Killed Me work?

*The Spy Who Killed Me* has been written for 14 to 18 guests – plus the host or co-ordinator. The step-by-step guide explains which characters to omit should you have fewer than 18 guests (you do need at least 14, however). Here's how that works:

Number of guests	Male characters	Female characters	Characters that can be played by either sex
14	2	3	9
15	2	4	9
16	3	4	9
17	3	4	10
18	4	4	10

The Spy Who Killed Me runs over the course of three or four hours and is particularly suited to a buffet meal. One person is the Head Porter, and acts as organizer and co-ordinator, responsible for making sure everything runs smoothly and that all the guests have the information they need.

The guests, travelers and townspeople, are all present at Maudlin College as the body of Beth Garnet is discovered. They have their own goals and agendas, and how they choose to achieve these goals is up to them. *The Spy Who Killed Me* is a civilized evening of espionage, code-breaking, backstabbing, and graduating with honours!

#### Where can I get The Spy Who Killed Me?

The Spy Who Killed Me is available from www.freeformgames.com. We accept all major payment methods.

When you purchase the game, you'll be taken to a page where you can download it right away. We will also email you a download link and password, so you can come back to the site and collect your game later if that's more convenient.

#### What if I don't like The Spy Who Killed Me?

No product is perfect for everyone. We know that and you know that and that's why we offer a cast-iron, no quibble guarantee. If you're not completely satisfied with *The Spy Who Killed Me*, let us know within 30 days and we will refund you.

"We had a wonderful time tonight deep in the heart of the Cold War with **The Spy Who Killed Me.** We had a large group of about 20 who were a mix of teens and adults. Some were new to murder mysteries, and to others of us this was old hat – but this was all of our first time with Freeform Games. I liked the multiple goals and hidden agendas There were many unplanned deaths and intrigue filled the room, all together a very fun time." Wayne Parker, Federated States of Micronesia

At University

"The Spy Who Killed Me was an epic night! What we enjoyed the most was that you could play the game on varying levels, depending on how you interacted. Some people never even got into the spy storyline and wondered why people were killing each other over school scholarships!"

Loralynne Krobetzky, United States

"The Spy Who Killed Me was very enjoyable and intricate enough to keep everyone involved."

Mary Narcum, United States

"My daughters wanted to do **The Spy Who Killed Me** next. We really enjoy your games.
Kids really get into it, their bloodthirsty
streak comes out early, and all sorts of
unusual alliances are made! It rarely turns
out according to logic, but they love it." **Fhiona Alsop, United Kingdom** 

"Thank you so much from all of us, everyone had a great time playing **The Spy Who Killed Me** and everyone is asking when the next murder mystery will be! Nothing happened as I had expected, but that all added to the fun, and everyone's shock at the end revelations were hilarious! Thank you from all of us." *Jess Murray – and the York St John drama society, United Kingdom* 

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### **Weapons Talks Stall**

The world's governments have all expressed regret that the recent attempt to negotiate strategic arms treaties has stalled. London and US President Lyndon Johnson are insisting that the USSR allow humanitarian access to Eastern Berlin, and cease providing aid to communist agitators in South America, before talks proceed. Moscow's Leonid Brezhnev demands that the West stop spying in Soviet territory, and dismantle military bases within the buffer zone, before he is willing to negotiate.

All parties have expressed concern about the possibility of war breaking out. Recent nuclear tests conducted by Washington and Moscow confirm that this is a real concern. While these talks are being resolved, Prime Minister Harold Wilson advises citizens to stay calm, indicating that the British Government is confident a compromise with the Kremlin can be reached. However, citizens are also reminded to be vigilant – there are recent cases of seemingly normal people being agents of the KGB. Sensitive information should be carefully guarded, and all suspicious activity ought to be reported to the Home Office.

#### **Upcoming Regatta**

Hearty congratulations to the Maudlin College Men's VIII! After a challenging season last year, they have won nearly every regatta this season, giving them a good chance of winning the season championship. Captain Jonathan Calder claims that most of the credit is due to Simon Feverfew: "Simon's iust an incredible athlete, and he pushes himself so hard that we all push ourselves to keep up. I doubt the season would have been the same without him."

The last regatta of the season is in two weeks – be sure to go out to support the boys!

#### **Scholarship deadlines**

Congratulations to Alicia Schleitwiler and Margaret Ravenscroft, Maudlin's current recipients of academic scholarships; and Jonathan Calder and Simon Feverfew, our current athletic scholarship recipients. Jamie Carthart and Chris Morrison, the respective administrators, will be at Maudlin for the Summer Ball at the end of this week: to decide whether to renew these students' scholarships for the upcoming year, or to bestow them on other students.

#### **Research Grants**

Maudlin College is pleased to announce that two faculty members will be receiving research grants for the upcoming year. Jan von Capp and Alex Tanner will be awarding these at the Summer Ball at the end of the week. Faculty members seeking funding are instructed to present their research proposals directly to Jan and Alex.

#### **Performance**

Doctor Aberhart will be playing the cello prior to the Summer Ball, accompanied on the piano by Nathan Saunders.

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## The Spy Who Killed Me – Cast List

#### **Professors**

- Professor Rosenthorn: a slightly reclusive economics professor
- Doctor Barnes: an abrasive physics professor
- Doctor Aberhart: a dramatic music professor
- Professor Thompson: an eccentric mathematics professor

#### Administrators

- Master Harris: the Master of Maudlin College
- Jamie Carthart: an academic scholarship administrator
- Chris Morrison: an athletic scholarship administrator
- Jan von Capp: a research grant administrator
- Alex Tanner: Jan's assistant

#### **Graduate Students**

- Margaret Ravenscroft: a postgraduate student in mathematics and academic scholarship recipient
- Jennifer Sable: a postgraduate student in physics

#### Undergraduates

- Alicia Schleitwiler: an undergraduate academic scholarship recipient
- Daniel Mason: an undergraduate
- Genevieve Lyle: an undergraduate, coxswain of the rowing team
- Jonathan Calder: an undergraduate and athletic scholarship recipient, captain
  of the rowing team
- Nathan Saunders: an undergraduate
- Sam Davidson: an undergraduate
- **Simon Feverfew:** an undergraduate and athletic scholarship recipient, star of the rowing team

