

The Champagne Murder

Solve a Murder in an Evening with Friends

Below is the transcription of video files (Tracks 1 to 5) for The Champagne Murder at www.universitygames.com/mmpaudio.

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Track 1

To introduce myself, I am Austin McClue, the secret agent man, man. Now, I don't like to get heavy, but this is like heavy. Lord Michael Jagged, he was our host this evening, yeah? Well, he's dead. Just found him upstairs in his bedroom. He's definitely dead. Let me tell you everything has been dead for like an hour and he's lying on the floor right and he's got all his clothes on there's a bottle of champagne lying there spilled everywhere. It's not the bubbles that killed him because there's a glass on the table that's like bone dry, so what killed him, right?

So, I don't know. It's kind of freaky. Pretty suspicious don't you think? The windows on both side of the room are wide open but this is the second floor. No one could have got up there. I don't know what's happening, but I think you'll all just stay here while I look into things. Especially you, baby. I had a look into you. You can help me write inquiries any time!

I had a look through Lord Michael's papers and there's no suicide note. He's not the kind of cat who'd want to kill himself anyway. Oh, I did find a couple of carbon copies of some letters he'd written. I'll leave them with you until I get back. Missing you already baby!

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Track 2

Well, hello! Did you miss me baby? So, what have you found out? Well, you found out where everyone was when Lord Michael died.

Terrence Shrimp was playing billiards. Martin X and Wiggy confirm that.

Champagne Charlie Bunson and Babs Crayfish were upstairs in, uh, bed.

Mary-Jane Faithless faith, Kitty Killer and Tamara Fara-Bucktooth were in the drawing room... drawing presumably.

Brian Sewer went upstairs for a bath, but then it was later he was in the drawing room with the others when Lord Michael was killed.

Oh yeah, he was killed. We're definitely talking murder, baby. Lord Michael was poisoned and there's traces of the poison on the champagne cork. So, who'd want to kill someone in a house like this?

Champagne Charlie, you're a naughty boy, aren't you? Lord Michael was right behind you when you were being naughty, putting his money where your mouth was.

And Terrence Shrimp and Oliver Steed, you used to work for the two of them, so I guess that's why Lord Michael had you to him.

But why was he helping you, Wiggy baby? Why?

And you two, Mary-Jane Faithless and Tamara Fara-Bucktooth, you're just shameless, shameless! You just wanted to get your hands on his money! That's not swing, baby.

What about you, Brian Sewer? Turns out Lord Michael didn't want you on his newspaper. Gave you the old Chelsea boot, didn't he? Maybe you wanted to kill him before anyone found.

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Or maybe Kitty Killer here wanted to kill him for boosting the sales of her book. Hey, Kitty. Crazy name, baby. I never forget a Kitty. You could sink your claws into me sometime.

Look, I've got to split, baby. Oh, but before I go, I've got something I really want to show you. Oh, yeah. We've been investigating a guy called Dr. Doctor. You hear of him? I bet some of you have. He's not our murderer as he was in our custody at the time but I think you might be interested in what he told us when we were interrogating the cat. Be seeing you.

Interrogation transcript:

McClue: "So Doctor, tell me all about yourself."

Doctor (German accent): "Ja, my name is Dr. Doctor. I'm therapist. You know what this is? I heal the mind. I have many patients. Famous people. Powerful people."

McClue: "People like Lord Michael Jagged? Isn't he a patient of yours?"

Doctor: "This is confidential. I shall not have to answer this."

McClue: "Sure you can, baby. I'm interrogating you. And what about this letter you wrote him?"

Doctor: "What letter?"

McClue: "The letter you wrote last week. About Babs Crayfish? Isn't she a patient of yours, baby?"

Doctor: "Ja, miss Crayfish is a patient of mine. She consults me."

McClue: "So why were you writing to Jagged about her? You said, 'leave her alone.' Why'd you do that?"

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Doctor: "Lord Michael here is what you English call old gold. No? He can't keep his hands to himself."

McClue: "Ok, now I know. Yeah, you wanted her to yourself, you old fox."

Doctor: "Nein. This is incorrect! I'm therapist, not boyfriend! Boyfriend is Charlie Bunson. You know Bunson? He is not man to be on wrong side of."

McClue: "Now you're talking. So, you wrote to Jagged to warn him about Bunson. You two chaps go back a long way."

Doctor: "Ja, Lord Michael is an old friend. Many years I have known him. You take care of me, you hear? He is a powerful person. He will not like it when you hurt me."

McClue: "You got me all wrong. I am not going to hurt you. I couldn't hurt a fly."

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Hey Kitty Kitty, what have you been doing? Well, they are not like totally evil. They're crypto evil, quasi evil. Look, you need to learn to play by the rules, baby. You've been a very naughty girl. Behave!

So anyway, the way I see it, Lord Michael offered Babs Crayfish a career in the movies in return for, well, certain flavors. It wasn't her bag, so it just didn't happen. Maybe she got mad and then she got even.

Or maybe champagne Charlie helped her out.

And what about all these guys Lord Michael helped. Brian Sewer, Wiggy, Terrence Shrimp, Oliver Steed? What favors did they do for Lord Michael? What was their bag?

And hey, what about that Dr. Doctor? Crazy name, crazy guy. I thought he was just a shrink, but it turns out he's an evil mastermind. So, was Lord Michael his evil henchman? And who else was a part of this plan? I mean, Wiggy was his patient, and so was Babs Crayfish. So maybe Champagne Charlie Bunsen was on his side as well. And how far was Brian Sewer getting involved? He's definitely up to something.

And Tamara Fara-Bucktooth must have known something about Lord Michael's nefarious practices. Seems like there's half of London's criminal underworld here.

If that's not enough, we've also got an authentic American gangster as well with Martin X.

OK so this is what happened the bottle of champagne that Lord Michael opened fitted with a little device that I like to call a "widget." This widget released a cloud of poison gas that killed him. The only person clever enough and evil enough to have invented this widget is Dr. Doctor. Look, I've got to go. Oh, but I found another clue. Lord Michael used a dictaphone to make memos. I retrieved a couple of messages from him yesterday. Check them out, baby and I'll see you soonest.

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Lord Michael audio memo:

“A memo to myself. I must have a word with Terrence Shrimp tomorrow when he arrives for before dinner. I think he needs reminding how much he owes me. If it wasn't for me, he'd still be selling photos in plain brown wrappers in Soho. How dare he refuse me such a simple request.”

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Track 4:

Baby, I don't believe you. What a mess you've made of yourselves.

Look, this is the way I see it. Lord Michael is part of an evil team of masterminds with Dr. Doctor. They were going to release poison gas on the Underground unless the government paid them a hefty ransom. But anyway, they fell out with each other and became evil masterminds in their own right. Lord Michael blackmailed Terrence Shrimp and Oliver Steed to get them to work on his evil plans with his gas. Sone one of them might have wanted to kill him.

Meanwhile, Dr. Doctor was building up a new set of collaboratives. Martin X, he was involved. So was Champagne Charlie Bunson. They're both gangsters. Now, maybe that had to prove themselves by killing Lord Michael. Kind of a virility test, you know. I don't need that kind of thing, baby. I'm virile enough.

Anyway, then there were Dr. Doctor's patients, Babs Crayfish and Wiggy. Now, he may have hypnotized either of them to kill Lord Michael, because Wiggy hated her father. But Babs would have wanted to protect Champagne Charlie.

Mary-Jane Faithless and Tamara Fara-Bucktooth, they were just money hungry, baby. I'd recon they'd do anything, those two. Anything, anything you wanted. They you've got Brian Sewer and he's just nasty. Lord Michael sacked him, so he might have wanted his revenge, and he was working with Dr. Doctor as well. Then finally, you've got Kitty Killer. I don't know quite what to make of her. What do you want me to make of you, baby? She seems to know more about what's going on than even I do. So, it's over to you. What do you think happened here tonight?

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Track 5:

Let's cut to the chase, baby.

Lord Michael was killed by the widget in the champagne bottle. It released a poisonous gas so deadly that he died even before he could all out for help. But by the time I got there, by the time I found his body, there was no gas left because, like I said at the start, all the windows were open. So, someone had got into that room after Lord Michael been killed and had opened the windows to clear the air.

So, who was there? Who was the only one person who ain't got an alibi for the period between Lord Michael's death and finding the body? There is one person who helped Dr. Doctor with his research into the wine bottling and would have known about the widget. Who is the one person who's got the motive, the means and the opportunity?

Brian Sewer!!!

I'm sorry baby, but I'm going to have to arrest you for murdering Lord Michael Jagged. So, that's it. Good night and remember, crime is rarer than you think!