

THE MCKAY KILLER

IT'S THURSDAY, AND TODAY IS YET ANOTHER COMPLETELY UNNECESSARY AND STARTLINGLY USELESS, YET STILL SOMEHOW MANDATORY, ART APPRECIATION CLASS IN THE MCKAY BUILDING. YOU WALK INTO THE DARK CLASSROOM TO FIND THE JARRING SCENE OF A BRUTAL MURDER. EVERYONE'S FAVORITE BUS DRIVER, MS.FRAZZLE, IS FOUND MURDERED ON THE SCENE. PAINT BRUSHES AND ART SUPPLIES ARE STREWN ABOUT THE ROOM, AND A THIN LAYER OF PAINT COATS THE BOTTOM OF YOUR SHOES AS YOU MOVE AROUND IN SHOCK. AT THAT MOMENT, SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY ENTER THE ROOM TO SEE YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS STANDING OVER THE DEAD BODY AND YOUR FOOTPRINTS ALL OVER THE ROOM. THEY LOOK AT YOU AND SHOUT "WHAT HAVE YOU DONE? HELP! POLICE! THEY'VE MURDERED MS. FRAZZLE!" IN THE DISTANCE YOU CAN HEAR SIRENS AND WHAT SOUNDS LIKE LOW, GUTTURAL LAUGHTER. A VOICE, PITCHED JUST SOFTLY ENOUGH THAT THE FACULTY CAN'T HEAR IT SAYS, "YOU ARE NEXT. RUN RUN LITTLE RABBITS..."



RULES

1. **HAVE EVERYONE IN YOUR GROUP PICK A CHARACTER CARD. THIS WILL BE WHO YOU PLAY THROUGHOUT THE GAME, SO CHOOSE WISELY AS YOU MUST ACT THEM OUT.**
2. **NEXT, HAVE THE PERSON TO YOUR RIGHT PICK A PERSONALITY OR TRAIT FOR YOU. THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO MESS WITH YOUR FRIENDS, AS YOU CAN PICK ANYTHING YOU WANT AND MAKE YOUR FRIENDS ACT OUT THE PERSONALITY. ONCE YOU HAVE YOUR CHARACTER AND PERSONALITY TRAIT, EVERYONE WILL SAY 2-3 THINGS ABOUT WHO THEY ARE PLAYING AS (TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THEIR CHARACTERS BIO AND THE PERSONALITY YOU RECEIVED)..**
3. **NOW THAT YOU HAVE ALL ESTABLISHED WHO YOU ARE, YOU CAN NOW EMBARK TOGETHER ACROSS THE CAMPUS TO FIND CLUES THAT WILL PROVE YOUR INNOCENCE. TO DO THIS, YOU WILL TRAVEL AS A GROUP THROUGH 15 ROOMS, STARTING AT THE MCKAY BUILDING, WHILE AVOIDING THE KILLER.**
4. **PLAYERS WILL TAKE TURNS (CLOCKWISE IN A CIRCLE) PICKING WHICH ADJACENT ROOM THEY WILL ENTER AND ONCE THEY DO, THEY WILL BE FACED WITH A TRAP LEFT BY THE MURDERER (WHICH IS DECIDED BY USING THE 20 SIDED DIE TO FIND WHICH EVENT IS THERE) THAT MUST BE DEALT WITH. FOR EVERY NEW ROOM, PLAYERS WILL ALSO ALTERNATE BETWEEN EVENT SHEETS, MAKING IT SO THEY HAVE A REDUCED CHANCE OF REPEATING ROOMS.**

5. THE PERSON WHO CHOOSES TO ENTER THE ROOM IS THE FOCUS CHARACTER FOR THE ROUND. THE FOCUS CHARACTER MUST DESCRIBE HOW THE GROUP IS GOING TO NAVIGATE THE TRAP.
6. THE OTHER PLAYERS ARE TASKED WITH DESCRIBING THE ROOM AND THE TRAP AND MAKING SURE THE PERSON ACTING OUT THE TRAP DOES NOT BREAK CHARACTER (ACTING IN CONFLICT TO THEIR PERSONALITY, CHARACTER OR TRAIT CARDS), THEY MUST TELL THE OTHER PLAYERS HOW THE PLAN WENT WRONG AND HOW IT HARMED THE GROUP. ALL THE ROOMS AND TRAPS ARE PURPOSEFULLY LEFT OPEN ENDED TO ALLOW FOR PLAYER CREATIVITY.
7. AFTER THE NON-FOCUS CHARACTERS HAVE DESCRIBED THE ROOM THE FOCUS CHARACTER MUST BEGIN EXPLAINING HOW EVERYONE MANAGED TO GET OUT, ALL THESE TRAPS ARE SET TO KILL IN ONLY FIVE SECONDS. THIS MEANS THE FOCUS CAN'T TAKE MORE THAN 5 SECONDS TO COME UP WITH A PLAN, OR ELSE THE TEAM MUST BE HARMED BY THE TRAP FOR INACTIVITY.
8. PLAYERS MUST ALSO BE AWARE OF THE MOVEMENTS THEY MAKE, AS THE MURDERER WILL BE FOLLOWING ONE SPACE BEHIND AT ALL TIMES. THE MURDERER'S PIECE WILL STAND AS A PLACEHOLDER THE PLAYERS CANNOT MOVE TO THAT SPACE ON THE CURRENT TURN, AND HE WILL ALWAYS FOLLOW THE SAME PATH THE PLAYERS ARE TAKING, AS HE IS STALKING THEM THROUGH THE SCHOOL.
9. EVEN IF PLAYERS DIE THEY CAN STILL TAKE PART IN THE NARRATIVE. WHILE THEY MAY NOT BE THE FOCUS AND ACTIVELY CONTROL THE GAME, THEY CAN STILL DESCRIBE THE TRAPS AND THE ROOM, AS WELL AS POINTING OUT WHEN THE FOCUS HAS FAILED.

10. AFTER TRAVELING THROUGH 15 ROOMS AND MAKING IT TO THE OTHER END OF THE BOARD, PLAYERS WILL ROLL A SIX SIDED DIE WITH A NEW EVENT SHEET CALLED THE "KILLER EVENT SHEET" FOR THE LAST ROOM, WHICH WILL DETERMINE HOW THEY WILL FIGHT THE KILLER.

PLAYERS MUST USE THEIR WIT TO TRY AND SURVIVE, FOR THEY WILL BE BEATEN, BLOODY, AND SOME MAY NOT HAVE SURVIVE THE JOURNEY, BUT THE KILLER MUST BE STOPPED. THE ONLY LIMITS TO YOUR SURVIVABILITY IS YOUR OWN IMAGINATION, SO GOOD LUCK!

Characters

- Jock - "Crossfit? You mean weightlifting for douchebags."

This whole running away from a serial killer thing is gonna suck because yesterday was Leg Day. It's okay though, you're pretty sure you can just grab the pasty little killer and head-lock him all the way to the campus police station if comes to that. Still though... Leg Day, man.

- Nerd - "Excuse me, but I prefer the phrase Intellectual Badass."

This school is lucky to have you on the case. A crazy killer leaving sneaky traps and clues all over the campus? Hell, this is just like a LARP. And if that felonious murderer attempts to put his hands on you, that's an opportunity to try out your Vulcan neck pinch while you vituperate him in Elvish.

- Artist "This blood spatter over here looks like a Jackson Pollock."

Art imitates life imitates art. Look, just because finishing your Bachelor's only qualifies you to start work on your Master's, that doesn't mean Art is a useless degree. Art includes all aspects of life, and as a result you have the most varied education of anyone because you have to know so many things about so many ... HAHAHAHA Sorry, I just couldn't get through the whole thing with a straight face.

- Cheerleader - "A good cheerleader is measured not by the height of her jumps, but by the span of her spirit." (Unknown).

“Oh, I *totally* agree with that! Wait, what was it again?” (Every Cheerleader Ever)

Ignore that short-skirt bubble-head nonsense. You just want to be happy and spread that joy around to everyone else. No matter how bad things might get, you can always be counted on to have a ready smile and a word of encouragement. Being optimistic doesn't have to mean you're naive.

- Pothead - “If weed is a plant and plants are life, wouldn't smoking weed mean you're getting high on life?” (Stoner Philosopher)

Hey man, maybe if you figure out who this killer guy is everyone will finally chill out and we can all get stoned like stalagmites and listen to some Marley and get some cheetos. Oh and some sour cream and onion chips with some dip, man, some beef jerky, some peanut butter, Haagen-Dazs ice-cream bars, some popcorn...

- Student Body President - “Party on Saturday night? Sure, I'll be there, I have a 15 minute opening in my agenda between dinner and the Council meeting...”

Not to worry, you can find time in your schedule to solve these murders in between editing the newspaper, volunteering at the animal shelter, running track, interning at the law firm, leading the SGA, working as a research assistant for Professor Tobin, and founding that orphanage in Somalia.

- Boy Scout - “There's nothing wrong with doing things right.”

People think being a good Scout is all about helping old ladies across the street and getting Merit Badges for making baskets and stuff. What they don't know is that you really spend most of your time playing with knives and guns and lighting everything that will burn on fire. BUT... You use your skills for good, to serve and help people.

- Vegan - “Why did the chicken cross the road?”

“Because it's a sentient being with intentions and preferences of its own.”

As a vegan, you know that all living beings have a right to exist and achieve their dreams and goals. All life is precious because they have a soul and everyone knows anything with a soul should not be eaten! You must protect the innocent living creatures of the world from being consumed because it is against nature. This does not apply to humans, of course.

Personality/Trait

- Idiot - In any given situation, you'll be the first to make the stupidest decision possible. This doesn't mean you have a death-wish, it just means that short of jumping into traffic you'll likely pick the worst solution possible to every problem.
- Obese - Being large makes some things easier (like being easy to find in a crowd), but it makes many things harder (like running, jumping and diving out of the way of fast moving cars). You are, however, harder to kidnap. So you have that going for you.
- Scared - Yeah, there is NO FRICKING WAY you're going out there to confront this maniac. Let some big-shot muscle-head go ahead and get his face eaten or get stung to death by killer bees. Not you, buddy, no way in hell.
- Too Brave (risky) - The phrase "Hold my beer and watch this!" pretty much defines your life.
- Anger Issues - For some reason, everything just kind of pisses you off lately. People, classes, kittens. Especially kittens.
- Apathetic - We're all slowly dying anyway. Who cares?
- Cautious - Never look back unless you're planning to go that way. Look ahead, don't leap into trouble.
- Prankster - You can really appreciate a good joke, even if it's scary and potentially fatal.
- Aggressive Activist - WHAT DO WE WANT?! It doesn't matter what your passion is, you'll find a way to shove it down everyone's throat.
- Paranoid - If everyone else knew what you know, they'd be concerned too!
- Debbie Downer - You're even more depressing than that Sarah McLachlan ASPCA commercial.
- Gullible - They say that pronouncing "gullible" slowly makes it sound like the word "oranges" but you tried it all day yesterday and it really doesn't.
- Pretentious - When given an option, always choose to pronounce foreign words correctly and sound pretentious, rather than pronounce the incorrectly and sound like an idiot. Being talented is not a crime, damn it.

EVENT SHEET #1

1. **RED ROOM OF RAKES** - NOT SURE WHY IT BEING RED MATTERS, BUT WATCH YOUR STEP OR ELSE YOU ARE GETTING A RAKE HANDLE IN YOUR FACE.
2. **RUBBERBAND BALL TRAP** - THIS IS JUST LIKE INDIANA JONES!... EXCEPT WITH RUBBER BANDS
3. **GLUE TRAP** - WHERE DOES A PERSON EVEN BUY A GIANT VAT OF GLUE TO DUMP ON PEOPLE?
4. **FLOOR IS LAVA** - YOU STUMBLE INTO A GAME OF 'THE FLOOR IS LAVA', YOU'RE NOT SURE IT'S REAL OR NOT, BUT IT'S BEST NOT TO TAKE ANY CHANCES.
5. **CHEM-LAB SPILL** - WE'RE UP TO OUR ANKLES IN DANGEROUS LIQUID SCIENCE.
6. **LIFE DRAINING LECTURE** - YOU SHOULD HAVE JUST STAYED HOME AND DOWNLOADED THE POWERPOINT.
7. **GIANT ALBINO RAT** - SOMETHING ABOUT ITS PALE SKIN AND BLOOD RED EYES SCREAMS "UNFRIENDLY".
8. **RUNNING WITH SCISSORHANDS** - WTF???
9. **DEADLY DODGEBALL** - WHO THOUGHT IT WAS A GOOD IDEA TO USE ROCKS?! THAT'S A BOLD STRATEGY, COTTON...
10. **THE KILLER QUESTION** - DO YOU RIDE THE BUS OR PACK A LUNCH?
11. **STAGE FRIGHT TO DEATH** - EVERYONE'S WATCHING YOU, NO PRESSURE THOUGH.
12. **BUSY HALLWAY** - IT'S LIKE THESE PEOPLE HAVE NEVER WALKED STRAIGHT IN THEIR LIVES!
13. **CAUSTIC CLEANING SUPPLIES** - THE JANITOR'S SPECIAL RAT KILLER AND AIR FRESHENER
14. **FANTASY FOOTBALL TRYOUTS** - WHAT COULD BE MORE FUN THAN A ROOM FULL OF OVERWEIGHT GUYS TALKING ABOUT SPORTS?

15. **CRAZY DRUNKEN FRAT PARTY - WATCH OUT OF FLYING BEER BOTTLES.**
16. **BEEES!?! - STOP READING YOU IDIOT, THERE'S A TON OF BEEES!**
17. **CHEM-LAB MONSTER - WHY THE HELL IS IT WEARING GOGGLES AND RUBBER GLOVES?**
18. **HAZING - I'M STARTING TO THINK THESE GUYS AREN'T MY REAL FRIENDS...**
19. **THE NAKED RUN - I DON'T THINK I NEED TO EXPLAIN WHY YOU DON'T WANT TO BE HERE...**
20. **FALLING ICICLES - HOW DEADLY, AND IN MAY!**

EVENT SHEET #2

1. **CHEM-LAB EXPLOSION - HAS SCIENCE GONE TOO FAR? I HOPE WE LAST LONG ENOUGH TO FIND OUT.**
2. **TIPPING VENDING MACHINES - I KNOW YOU WANT THE CANDY BAR, BUT BE CAREFUL!**
3. **FALLING TREE - TIMBERRRRRRR!**
4. **HIPPOS? - 3000 PEOPLE ARE KILLED BY HIPPOS PER YEAR. SERIOUSLY.**
5. **TEXTING DRIVER - SUP? LOL INORITE! LOL WHATEVS. LOL**
6. **THAT KID WHO SELLS CUTCO KNIVES - EVER NEED TO CUT THROUGH A BRICK, A SHOE, AND THEN SLICE A TOMATO REAL THIN?**
7. **TEACHERS ON STRIKE - THE STRONGEST FORCE KNOWN TO MAN, TEACHERS WITH SWORDS AND BATTLEAXES...**
8. **THE "DRILL INSTRUCTOR" - THIS COACH NEEDS TO CALM DOWN BEFORE THE VEINS IN HIS NECK BURST.**
9. **WRONG LOCKER ROOM - CAN I BORROW YOUR TOWEL, MISS? MY CAR JUST HIT A WATER BUFFALO...**
10. **BLIND SOCCER PLAYERS - IT'S JUST YELLOW CARDS AND RED BLOOD EVERYWHERE!**
11. **CELLPHONE ZOMBIES - A MINDLESS HORDE OF STUDENTS TOO SELF-INVOLVED TO AVOID TRAMPLING YOU, OH THE HUMANITY!**

12. THE HAUNTED CLASSROOM - THE CHALKBOARD IS COVERED IN DRAWINGS OF SPOOOOOKY GHOOOOOSTS
13. EAGLE CARRYING A TURTLE - AH, THE MURDEROUS BEAUTY OF NATURE.
14. THE ABSENT KID - "HEY CAN YOU CATCH ME UP ON EVERYTHING I MISSED?"
15. THE GIRL WHO TALKS WITH HASHTAGS - #OHGODPLEASESTOPTALKING
16. HALL OF DORM PRANKS - NOTHING IS SAFE, TOUCH NOTHING.
17. ORNERY BEES - NOT YOUR AVERAGE BEES. THESE BEES ARE DOWNRIGHT ORNERY
18. VENUS FLY TRAPS - THEY HUNGER FOR MAN FLESH! (NO, NOT LIKE THAT)
19. RUB SOME BACON ON IT - GOOD LUCK COMING UP WITH SOMETHING FOR THIS
20. LONG LUNCH LINE - SO, THIS IS HOW IT ENDS? DYING OF HUNGER AND NOT A PRETZEL IN SIGHT.

THE KILLER SHEET

1. YOU FINISH COLLECTING ALL THE EVIDENCE AND PIECE TOGETHER THAT THE KILLER IS NONE OTHER THAN DR. RUTABAGA, THE CAMPUS NURSE! SHE GOT TIRED OF HEALING INJURIES AND STARTED TO MAKE THEM INSTEAD. SHE BURSTS INTO THE ROOM HOLDING A BONESAW AND A HANDFUL OF SYRINGES TO FINISH WHAT SHE STARTED...
2. YOU FINISH COLLECTING ALL THE EVIDENCE AND PIECE TOGETHER THAT THE KILLER IS NONE OTHER THAN OLD MAN JENKINS! A FORMER EXTRA ON THE LIVE ACTION SCOOBY DOO MOVIE, JENKINS CLEARLY NEVER LOST HIS LUST FOR THE LIMELIGHT AND RESORTED TO KILLING TO GET HIS FOLLOWING. HE BURSTS INTO THE ROOM HOLDING A RAZOR SHARP ROLL OF FILM AND LOCKS EYES WITH YOU...
3. YOU FINISH COLLECTING ALL THE EVIDENCE AND PIECE TOGETHER THAT THE KILLER IS NONE OTHER THAN BARBARA, THE GROUCHY LUNCH LADY! BARBARA IS SICK OF FEEDING SELF-ENTITLED BRATS AND DECIDED TO TAKE HER ANGER OUT ON THE MOST ENTITLED OF THEM ALL, THE ART STUDENTS. BARBARA CHARGES INTO

THE ROOM HOLDING A LADLE AND A POT OF HER DEADLY MYSTERY MEAT, READY TO GIVE YOU YOUR LAST DESSERTS...

4. YOU FINISH COLLECTING ALL THE EVIDENCE AND PIECE TOGETHER THAT THE KILLER IS NONE OTHER THAN MR SCHITSUKA, THE TENURED MATH PROFESSOR! IF NOT FOR HIS TENURE, MR. SCHITSUKA WOULD HAVE BEEN KICKED OUT YEARS AGO FOR HIS UNHAPPY DEMEANOR, AND WHAT APPEARS TO BE A KNACK FOR KILLING. HE CHARGES INTO THE ROOM WITH HIS CALCULATOR AND A RAZOR SHARP PROTRACTOR TO DIVIDE YOU BY ZERO...
5. YOU FINISH COLLECTING ALL THE EVIDENCE AND PIECE TOGETHER THAT THE KILLER IS NONE OTHER THAN ROY D. ROGERS, THE FOOTBALL COACH! ROY ALWAYS HAD ANGER ISSUES IN THE PAST, BUT NO ONE EVER SUSPECTED HIM OF MURDER, UNTIL NOW. THE COACH BURSTS INTO THE ROOM IN FULL FOOTBALL GEAR AND EATING SOME STRANGE PILLS THAT SEEMS TO BE MAKING HIS MUSCLES BULGE...
6. YOU FINISH COLLECTING ALL THE EVIDENCE AND PIECE TOGETHER THAT THE KILLER IS NONE OTHER THAN LOU TENNANT, A CAMPUS POLICE OFFICER! LOU IS TIRED OF TELLING STUDENTS THAT THEY CAN'T PARK ON THE STRIPED LINES IN PARKING LOT, HOW ELSE CAN HE GET HIS POINT ACROSS WITHOUT DOING SOMETHING DRASTIC, LIKE MURDER. HE BURSTS INTO THE ROOM WITH A TASER AND A PRETTY SICK PAIR OF SUNGLASSES TO GIVE YOU YOUR LAST TICKET...