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The Berwick Gases

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Just a week apart from each other, the Berwick twins were found dead in their bedrooms...and all signs point to homicide.

First it was Beatrice, murdered while hosting a cocktail party at her mansion. Seven days later came Berenice's demise after summoning the same six awkward guests that her sister had invited. Had she learned nothing from Mr. Walton's fate and dared to seek out her twin's killer on her own?

The police have proven incapable of finding the culprits and now risk facing the court of public opinion. That is why the chief inspector has desperately requested the help of the two most highly reputed investigators in the business. Obviously, you are one of them. The other one is the person currently on your mind, the one you've had an ongoing rivalry with for years.

Two murders occurred in almost identical crime scenes, surrounded by indistinguishable circumstances, with the same exact suspects and with two victims that were like two peas in a pod. Of course, it is now time to find the culprits and to seek justice, but this might also be the best chance to settle, once and for all, who the best detective is.

The challenge is clear: you will each take on one of the cases and whoever solves theirs first, wins. Will you settle for second place?

Awkward guests 2: The Berwick Cases is a game of dice, mystery and deduction that offers you the challenge of not only solving the homicide of one of the Berwick twins... but also of orchestrating the murder of the other one. In each of the cases you will lead a different role.

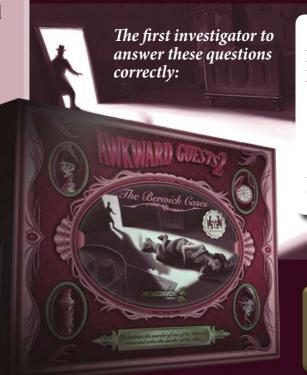


In one case you will be the mastermind that ORCHESTRATES the murder of one of the twins,



while in the other case, you will be the investigator that tries to SOLVE the murder of the other twin.

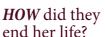
GAME DESCRIPTION



WHO killed
Beatrice/Berenice
Berwick?



WHY did they do it?



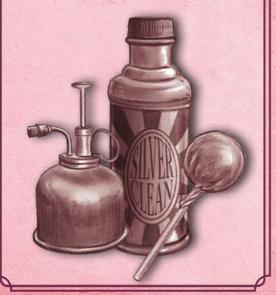


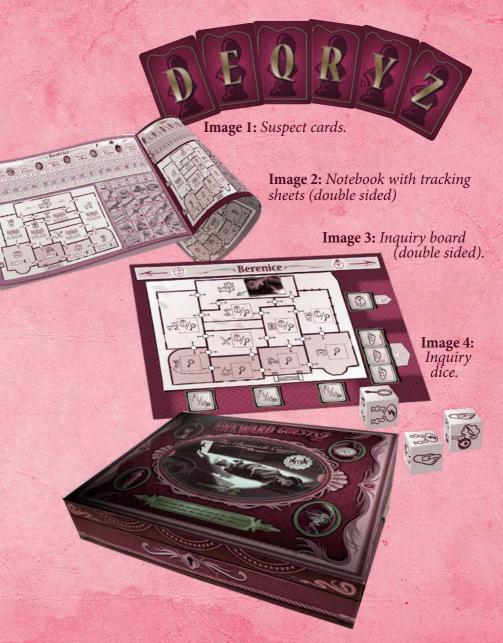
wins the game.





This rulebook.
3 inquiry dice.
6 suspect cards.
1 notebook with tracking sheets (double sided).
1 inquiry board (double sided).
2 screens to prevent "awkward glances".
60 game cards, divided into two sets,
one for each case.









evidence



testimonies



interrogations







Image 6: Game cards of the **Berenice** case



Image 7: Game cards of the **Beatrice** case

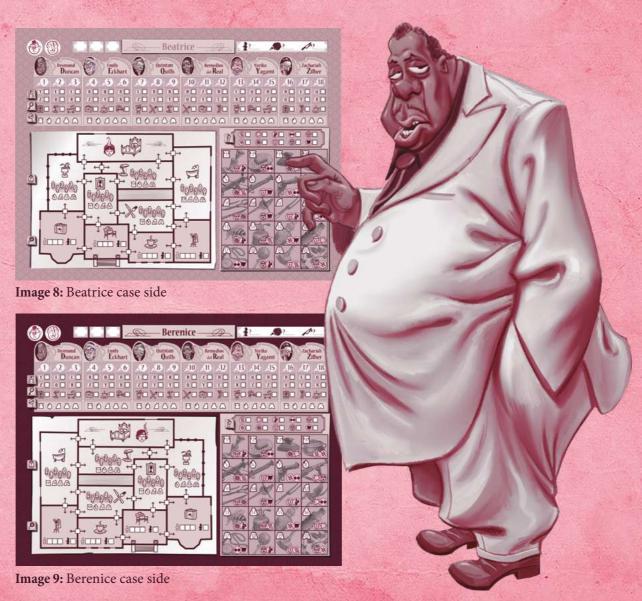




Images 8 and 9: tracking sheet

Each side of the AWKWARD GUESTS 2: The Berwick Cases tracking sheet represents one of the murder cases of the Berwick sisters: Beatrice and Berenice.

Both cases have exactly the same elements except for the blueprints of the mansions, which are mirror images of each other. Let's look at one of the two sides in detail.



Role Area to mark your role in this case:



mastermind or investigator.

These checkboxes are used to keep track of your failed attempts to solve this case.

This header specifies what case this side of the board corresponds to.

Solution Area to write the solution for this case: Killer, motive, and weapon.

Suspects Area to register information about their motives and their favorite types of weapons.

Quinton Zachariah Desmond Emily Remedios Yoriko Eckhart Quills del Real Yagami Zilber 10 -12 15 16 18 6 D 🗌 Z TY 0 - Y -0 - Y -80000 80000 80000 0000

Map of the mansion to jot down the information provided by the help and the alibi rooms used by the suspects.

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Forensics Area to keep track of information regarding the crime weapon.



Motive identifier number.

The symbols with numbers on them represent the suspect's possible *motives* for murdering the Berwick Sisters.

These are the evidence boxes. They indicate whether or not the evidence associated with a motive has been found. Evidence of motive #10 can be found in the dining room.



Suspects Area

Name of the guest.

These are the *testimony* boxes. They indicate whether or not testimonies associated with a certain motive have been made. For example, Desmond Duncan could testify against Remedios del Real by declaring that she had motive #12 to commit the crime.

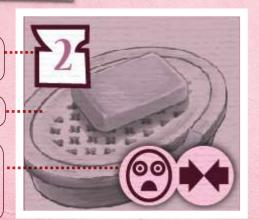
These are the *favorite type of weapon* boxes. They indicate a suspect's favorite type of weapon (the only weapon they would use if they committed the murder).

Forensics Area

Weapon type and identifier number

Illustration of the weapon

These are the *signs* the weapon leaves on the corpse when used.



Signs

Strong

H

Burn marks



Heavy bleeding



Cyanosis or bruises



Oily substance



Defensive wounds



Signs of a fight



Rictus grin



Attacked from behind



Torn clothing

Types of weapons

3

Blunt



Firearms



Blades



Poisons



Suffocating

Blueprint of the mansion

Each *room* has a distinctive symbol assigned to it.

Crime scene room



Bedroom

Walk-in rooms



Greenhouse



Gallery



Dining room



Study



Starting rooms



Guest house



Porch



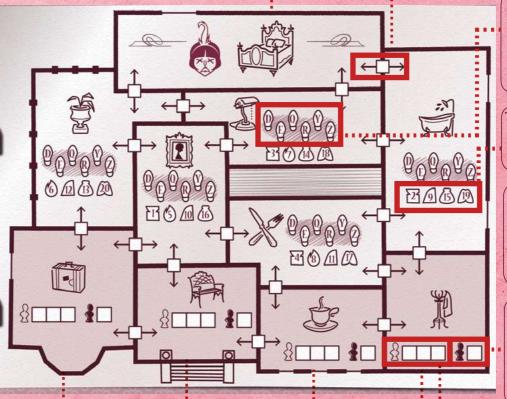
P Tea Room



Vestibule

The *bedroom* is the *Crime scene*, the room where both Beatrice and Berenice were killed.

These *connections* are the *possible paths* the killer could have taken to cross from one room to another.



These *footprints* with the suspects' initials are crossed out during the game to mark what suspects *did not pass* through that room.

They are only present in walk-in rooms.

These numbers represent the weapons found in the room.
To identify them, see the Forensics Area.

A suspect's *alibi room* is where they say they were at the time of the murdere. For the murderer, it is the room from which they began their journey to the bedroom.

This is the murderer's alibi box.

When orchestrating the murder, this is where you will write the murderer's initial to identify it as their alibi room.

These are the starting rooms. They are the only ones that the suspects can identify as their *alibi rooms*.

These are the *suspects' alibi boxes*.

During the investigation, this is where you will write the initials of the suspects who say they were in that room at the time of the murder

GAME OBJECTIVE

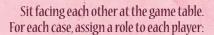
The goal of the game is to solve the murder orchestrated by your opponent before they solve the one you orchestrated for them. The solution must answer the following questions correctly:

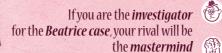
WHO killed Beatrice/ Berenice Berwick?

WHAT WAS THE MOTIVE?

WHICH WEAPON was used to end their life?

GAME SETUP





It will be the other way around for the *Berenice case*; you will be the *mastermind* and they will be the *investigator*.

Place the Inquiry board between the two of you face up, showing the side of the Beatrice case. Place it so the arrows point to the player with the correct role

Leave the suspect cards next to the inquiry board.

Take a screen and one tracking sheet each. You will also need pencils to write with. Place your tracking sheets showing the side of the case of which you are each investigators.



In the Role Area, circle the Investigator box.



Take the "I resolve" and I'll keep investigating cards that correspond to each of your cases.

Then flip over your tracking sheet. Circle the mastermind box in the Role Area on this side of the sheet.



On this side you are going to orchestrate the crime that your rival will try to solve. Victory will depend on your deduction skills and also on how well you design your rival's challenge.

Take the connection and forensic sign decks that correspond to each of your cases.

Let the game begin!



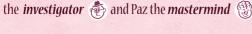
Paz and Ron are going to play a game of AWKWARD GUESTS 2: The Berwick Cases.

The first thing they have to do is assign the roles for each case.

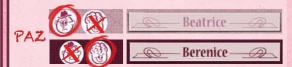
This is how they do it:

In the Beatrice case, Paz will be the *investigator* and Ron the *mastermind* (3).

Then in the Berenice case. Ron will be



This is how the Role Areas in the tracking sheets look now:



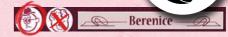


The inquiry board is then placed between them, with the Beatrice case side facing up as shown below:



In the Berenice case, the roles are switched and the sheets and board are flipped to the other side.



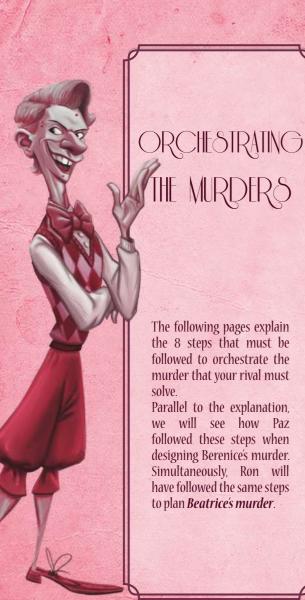












1. Choose a **MURDERER** from among the 6 suspects

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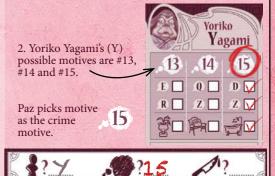
Write their initial in the designated space in the *Solution Area*.

1. Paz chooses Yoriko Yagami (Y) as the MURDERER.



2. Choose the **CRIME MOTIVE** among the 3 possible options available for that suspect.

Use a checkmark \checkmark to verify the two testimony boxes and the evidence box that belong to that crime motive.



3. Designate one of the starting rooms as the murderer's **ALIBI ROOM**.





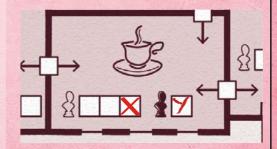




This is the room they will say they were in at the time of the murder. Write the murderer's initial in that room's *murderer's alibi box* and cross out one of the suspects' alibi boxes. No more than 3 suspects can be placed in the same room (2 if the killer claims to be in it).

3. Paz designates the tea room as the murderer's (Yoriko Yagami (Y)) alibi room.

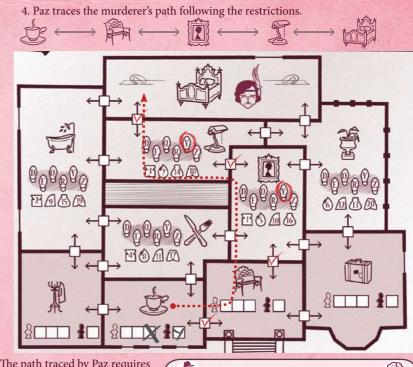




- Trace the PATH followed by the murderer starting from their alibi room and ending in the bedroom (the crime scene). The path must fulfill these conditions:
 - · It MUST use EXACTLY 4 connections.
 - It CANNOT pass through the same room twice.

Check \checkmark the boxes of the connections used by the murderer to get to the crime scene and circle \bigcirc their footprint in the walk-in rooms they have crossed.

Then, take that case's connection deck and return the 4 cards (face down) that correspond to the connections used by your killer to the game box. They will not be used in the game. Shuffle the rest and place them face down next to the inquiry board on your rival's side of the table.



The path traced by Paz requires removing these cards from the game:





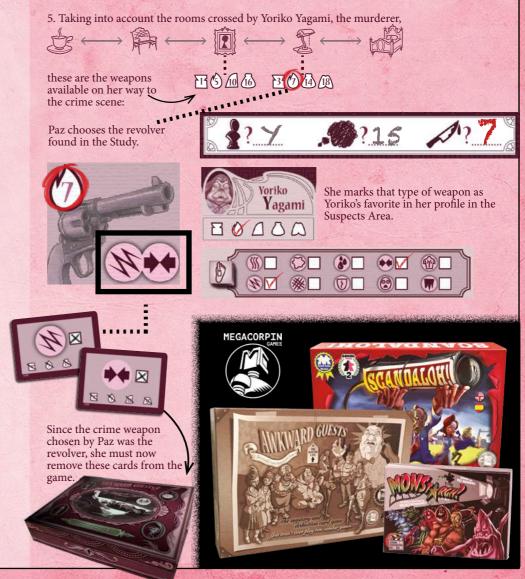
Paz then shuffles the rest of the cards and places them next to the inquiry board on her rival's side of the table. **5** • Choose the **CRIME WEAPON** among those available in the rooms crossed by the murderer on their path to the crime scene.

Write the identifier number of the chosen crime weapon in the space designated for it in the *Solution Area*.

In the *Suspects Area*, in the killer's profile, mark \checkmark that type of weapon as their favorite

Find the crime weapon in the *Forensics Area* and circle its identifier number. Then draw a checkmark inside the boxes of the two signs it leaves on the corpse.

Then, take the *deck of forensic* sign cards of the case you are orchestrating and, remove the 2 cards that correspond to the signs left by your crime weapon. Place them face down inside the game box, they will not be used in the game. Shuffle the rest and place them face down next to the inquiry board, on your rival's side of the table.



The murder has been committed all you have to do now is follow the remaining steps to complete the crime scene to create a challenge worthy of your rival:

- **6.** Add false clues to mislead your rival. Mark 5 testimony and 3 evidence boxes related to motives different from the actual crime motive If you like, you can mark boxes from the other 2 motives available in the murderer's profile.
- **7** Assign a favorite type of weapon to each of the innocent suspects. A suspect may have the same favorite type of weapon as other suspects (including the killer).
- **8.** Assign a starting room to each of the innocent suspects to show where they were at the time of the murder and write their initial in an empty alibi box.









IMPORTANT: It is not allowed to place more than 3 suspects in the same room (2 if the killer claims to be inside).

50 30 6. Paz marks 8 false clues to mislead Ron



IMPORTANT: No suspect, including the murderer, can have more than one motive fully checkmarked (2 testimonies and 1 evidence).



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7. Paz assigns a favorite type of weapon to all the other innocent suspects.

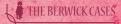


8. Paz distributes the innocent suspects among the 4 starting rooms.



All set to go! You have now finished orchestrating the murders. Double check everything because from this moment on, it is *strictly* forbidden to make any modifications. You'll find a summarized help guide of this whole process on the player screens.

IMPORTANT: Once you have finished orchestrating the murder, all remaining boxes without a checkmark $\sqrt{}$ are considered crossed out Place both of your tracking sheets with the Beatrice case facing up and you are now ready to start the game rounds.



THE ROUND SEQUENCE

Once both murders have been planned out, the investigations begin. These are played out over an undetermined number of rounds until one *investigator* (or both) solves their case. Each round consists of the following phases:

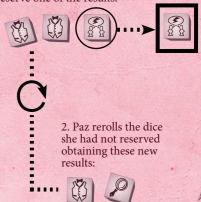
- Investigation phase of the Beatrice case.
- Investigation phase of the Berenice case.
- · Resolution Phase.

INVESTIGATION PHASES

The investigation phases for both cases are carried out similarly. In each investigation phase the *investigator takes action while the mastermind provides them with information*. At the beginning of any investigation phase, it is ESSENTIAL that the inquiry board and the tracking sheets all show the side of the case being investigated. As the *investigator*, you must perform the following actions:

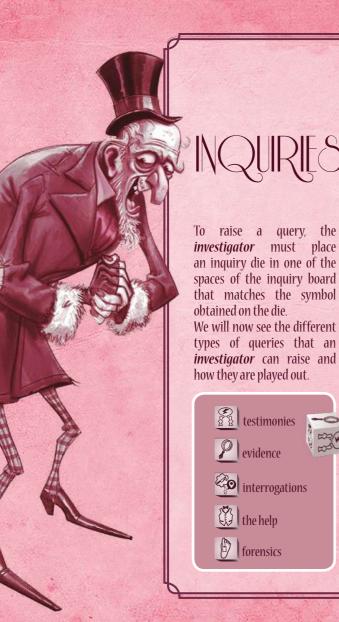
- **1.** Roll the 3 inquiry dice and reserve, if you like, the ones with results that interest you.
- 2. (Optional) Re-roll all the dice you did not reserve. You may do this only once.
- **3.** (Optional) Discard an inquiry die to modify the result of another die.
- **4.** Raise queries.
 With the results obtained in the roll, the investigator will formulate up to 3 queries. To do this, they must place the dice on spaces of the inquiry board that match the results obtained (see section "Inquiries" further down).
- **5.** Solving queries. The investigator chooses the order in which the queries are resolved and writes the information obtained on their tracking sheet. When required to intervene, the mastermind must always share TRUTHFUL information about the murder they orchestrated.
- **6.** Flip over the inquiry board and the tracking sheets. Once the queries are resolved, the dice are set aside and the inquiry board and tracking sheets are flipped over, ready for the investigation phase of the other case.

1. Paz has obtained these results after rolling the inquiry dice and decides to reserve one of the results:



3. Paz has 3 available dice to use, but decides to discard one of them in order to change the result of another. This leaves her with 2 available dice.







TESTIMONIES

The *investigator* in addition to placing the die on a space, also picks 2 suspect cards that they have not yet used in any other query of that turn.

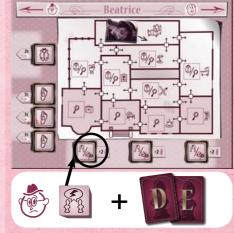
How are they useful?

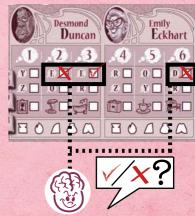
They reveal if the chosen suspects have testified against each other regarding any of their motives.

How is it played out?

The *mastermind*

will reveal whether or not the chosen suspects have testified against each other: meaning, which of the boxes under their motives that show each other's initials have a checkmark and which ones do not. If there is more than one box with the other suspect's initial, the *mastermind* is obliged to reveal the information in each one of those boxes





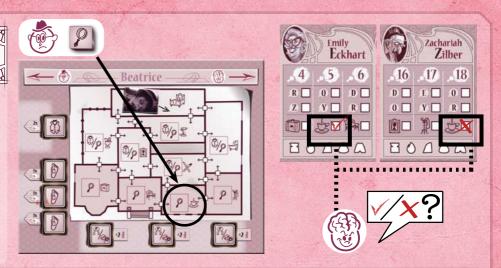


How are they useful?

They reveal if there was evidence found in the chosen room, related to specific motives.

How is it played out?

After the *investigator* places the die in a room, the *mastermind* will reveal whether or not evidence was found in that room associated to any of the suspects' motives. In other words, which of the evidence boxes with a matching icon have a checkmark and which ones do not.



O INTERROGATIONS

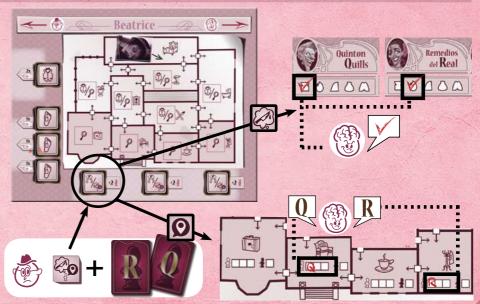
The *investigator* in addition to placing the die on a space, also picks 2 suspect cards that they have not yet used in any other query of that turn.

How are they useful?

They reveal the chosen suspects' favorite type of weapon or alibi rooms.

How is it played out?

The *investigator* chooses between favorite type of weapon or alibi room and the *mastermind* will reveal that information for both suspects.





How are they useful?

They reveal information regarding where the suspects have moved around inside the mansion.

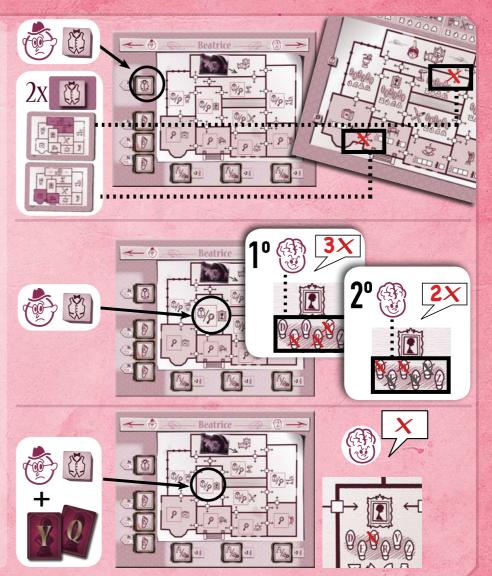
How is it played out?

It depends on the space where the *investigator* places the die:

- If the *investigator* places it in the connections space, they draw, face down, 2x of the case they are investigating and cross out those corresponding connections on their tracking sheet.
- If they place the die in a room, the *mastermind* will *then reveal the names of 3 suspects who did not pass through that room*. The second time this result is used in the same room, the *mastermind* will reveal the names of 2 other suspects who did not pass through that room. This result CANNOT be used more than 2 times in the same room.

Optional rule:

The *investigator* in addition to placing the die on a space, may also play 2 suspect cards that they have not yet used in any other query of that turn so the *mastermind* reveals which of them did not pass through that room. The cards of suspects that have already been determined to have not passed through that room cannot be used.



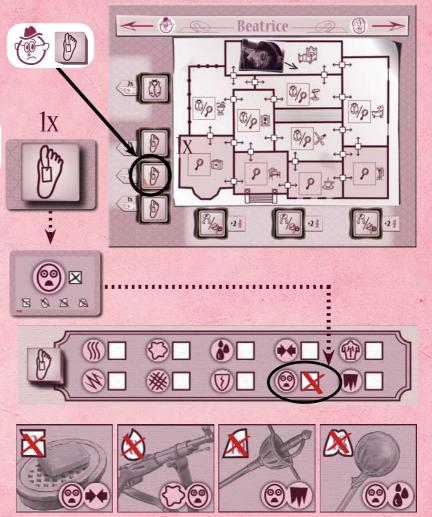


How are they useful?

They reveal signs that were NOT found on the corpse and therefore help rule out weapons that are not the murder weapon.

How is it played out?

The *investigator* secretly draws Ix of the case they are investigating and discards all the weapons associated with the sign shown on the card.



RESOLUTION PHASE

At this phase of the game you will decide whether to solve the case orchestrated by your rival or continue investigating. Throughout the game, each *investigator* will have only 3 attempts to solve the murder. If a player fails to solve the case on their third attempt, they automatically lose the game.

During this phase, you will both take your "I resolve" and "I'll keep investigating" cards, and secretly choose the one that matches your intentions before simultaneously revealing them to each other.

· If you both decide to continue investigating, start a new round as described earlier.

• If at least one of you decides to resolve, that player (or players) must write their hypothesis in the *Solution Area* of their tracking sheet. This is composed of: MURDERER'S INITIAL, MOTIVE IDENTIFIER NUMBER AND WEAPON IDENTIFIER NUMBER. They will then reveal their hypothesis to their opponent.

• If all 3 pieces of information are correct, and ONLY then, will the mastermind say: "The case has been solved." The player acting as the investigator wins and the game ends. If both players resolve correctly during the same resolution phase, the one who has used the least attempts wins. If they have both used the same number of attempts, whoever drew the least number of cards (adding connection and forensic signs) wins. If they both drew the same number of cards, whoever can reveal the correct path followed by the murderer wins. If the tie still persists, both players share the victory.

• Every time a player fails to solve, they must cross out one of the failed attempt boxes on their tracking sheet. When they cross out the third box, they automatically lose the game.

• In any other case, the *mastermind* will say: "Keep investigating!", without providing any additional information. Then start a new round as described earlier.

What's the penalty for answering incorrectly when trying to resolve?

If both investigators try to solve and both fail, they will both cross out a failed attempt box on the investigator side of their tracking sheets.

only one of the attempts investigators to resolve and fails, only they will cross out a failed attempt box on the investigator side of their tracking sheet. Their rival will then immediately receive a bonus query in which they will roll 3 inquiry dice and ONLY USE THE RESULT OF ONE of them. After that, they will be given the option to try to solve their case. If they take it and fail, they will cross out a failed attempt box on the investigator side of their tracking sheet.

After no one resolves correctly, start a new round.







Ancestral affront:

Mr. Duncan had never gotten over the ridicule his ancestor had suffered from one of the Berwick sisters' ancestors.

Compromised honor:

Senator Duncan's political career was in jeopardy because of a certain piece of information held by the Berwick sisters.

Psychedelic migraines:

Mr. Duncan never forgave the Berwick sisters for providing his wife with illegal medication.



Emily Eckhart

Profitable kidnapping:

One of Mrs. Eckhart's sons was "retained" by the Berwicks in order to extort her.

Convicted witness:

Mrs. Eckhart held a grudge against the Berwicks for testifying against her during a trial.

Congregation threat:

Yoriko

Y agami

Mrs. Eckhart was irritated by the Berwick's lack of contributions to her fundraisers.



Avenged pets:

Mr. Ouills blamed the Berwicks for the disappearance of his kittens.

Gastronomic outrage:

The Berwicks' had had the audacity to make culinary changes to Mr. Quill's favorite dish.

Wounded heart:

Mr. Quills was spiteful towards the Berwicks because of his unrequited love towards them.



Zachariah

Zilber

Remedios del Real

Culinary espionage:

Ms. del Real accused the Berwicks of stealing her secret recipes to write a book.

Perverse blackmail:

Ms. del Real was suspicious that the Berwicks had leaked compromising photos of her.

Lethal jealousy:

Ms. del Real couldn't stand seeing the Berwicks wooed by other suitors.

Narcotic competition:

Mrs. Yagami had lost the monopoly over "recreational medicine" because of the Berwicks.

14) Insurmountable debt:

Mrs. Yagami claimed payment from the Berwicks over many of her artistic creations.

Compromising sect:

Mrs. Yagami wanted to punish the Berwicks for leaving her collective meditation group.

Sickening completism:

Mr. Zilber obsessed over a collection piece in the Berwicks' possession.

Crushed pride:

Mr. Zilber did not tolerate how the Berwicks constantly mocked him.

Fatal property:

Mr. Zilber longed to get ahold of some real estate that belonged to his deceased wife, aunt of the Berwicks.

Signs



Strong odor



Heavy bleeding



Oily substance



Signs of a fight



Attack from behind



Burn marks



Cyanosis or bruises



Defensive wounds



Rictus grin



Torn clothing

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Types of weapons



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Poisons



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Vestibule