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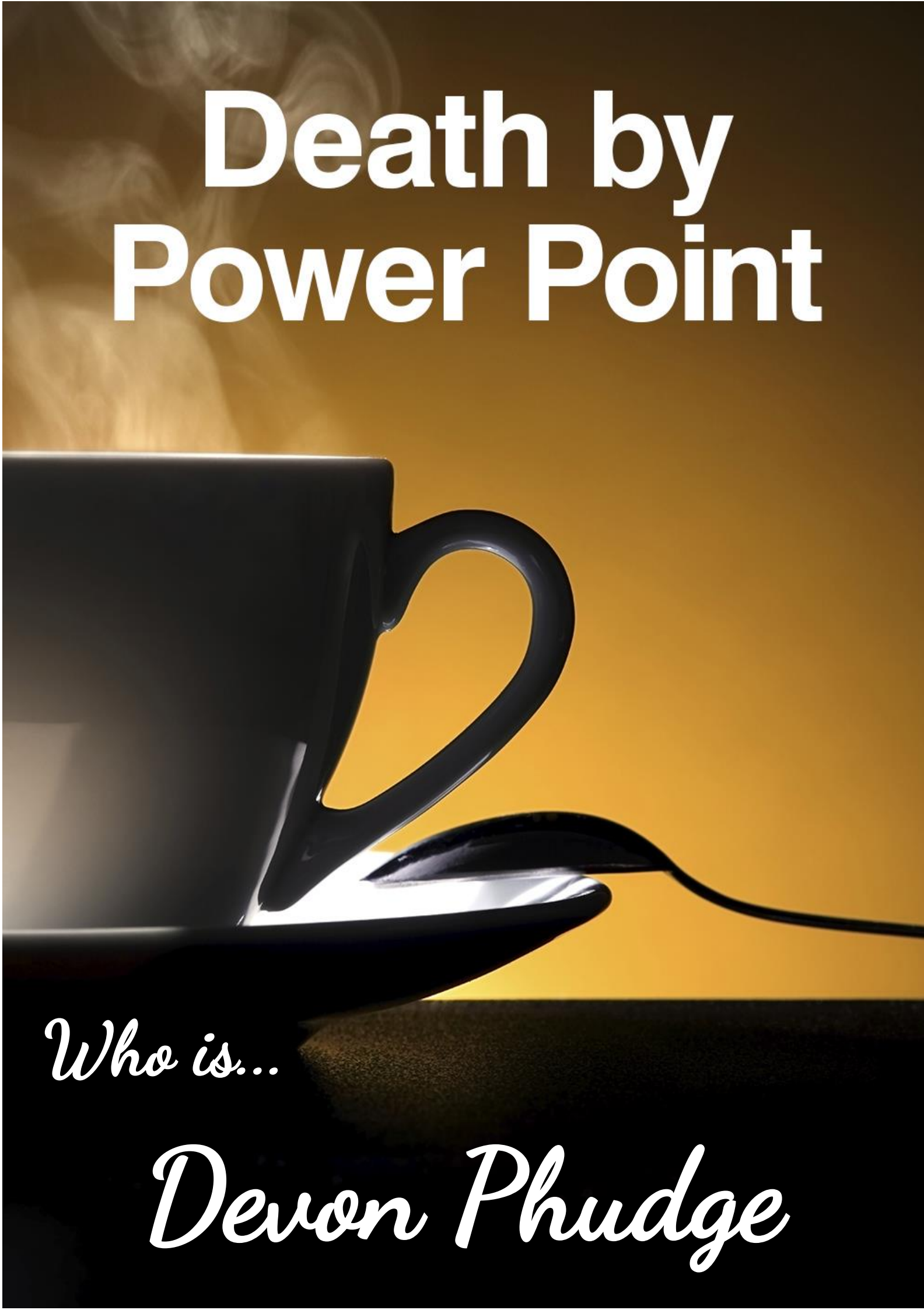


Who is...

Devon Phudge

Congratulations!

You are taking part in a murder mystery by Red Herring Games.

Firstly: Don't Panic!

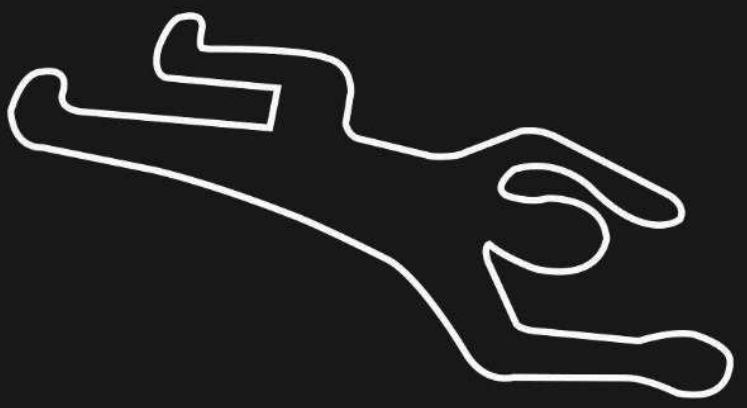
This booklet contains all the information you need to help you act your part throughout the murder mystery; background history, scripted dialogues, questions you should ask and scripted answers to questions you will be asked by the other guests.

You are encouraged to make the most of your part. Feel free to make up new lines and add to your back story or statements if you wish. However, make sure you always provide the information you need to within your answers. We have pre-scripted your statements to make things as simple for you as possible.

Make sure you listen to everyone else's questions and answers.

You won't be told if you're the killer – so feel free to guess yourself at the end – but don't tell anyone else you are! You must protest your innocence until the end!

Lastly: Have fun!



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Background Character Information

Keep this information to yourself, and use it to help you to act in character throughout the mystery:

You are a good manager and one of the more popular editors at the magazine.

You have a terrific sweet tooth, which you ensure everyone knows about. It means there's never a shortage of biscuits and confectionary in the office as PR agencies try to vie for your attention!

You've got a vacancy amongst the regular staff and are looking to promote someone. It's left you with a very big carrot to dangle and you aren't afraid to use it to get things done about the office… even if it's only fetching you another coffee!

Devon Phudge - Introductions

Use the following dialogue to introduce yourself to the other guests, speaking when indicated below.

Devon Phudge speaks after Francis Assisi using the following dialogue:

Let's hope you don't have time to find out either, Francis. I'm hoping all this unpleasantness will be over very quickly. We've got a deadline to meet for the magazine and we aren't going to do that drinking coffee and waiting for them to finish their enquiries. Sadly, I don't think saying, "I'm Devon Phudge, Senior Editor", to the inspector will hold any influence with him.

After you have heard from everyone, please continue reading and begin round 1.

Scripted Dialogue - Round 1

Francis Assisi I don't see why you can't just pull rank on the Inspector, Devon. You may not be in charge at the police station, but you ARE here. Can't you just order him to investigate someone else?

Robin Staplers I don't think it works that way, Francis. You have to be seen to be assisting the police or they do you for obstructing justice.

Devon Phudge I have every intention of providing as much assistance as possible, Robin. I have nothing to hide. And I hope neither of you do either.

Francis Assisi Oh, I have nothing Devon, nothing at all. Apart from that bar of chocolate in my top drawer… and that trial pack of new bars in the second one down.

Robin Staplers Francis! And you have the cheek to accuse me of stealing office stationery! They were supposed to be for Devon's review!

Francis Assisi I know! But Devon's been so worried about weight gain recently, I thought I'd simply remove the temptation.

Devon Phudge It's so nice to know you think I have no self-control, Francis.

Francis Assisi I was going to put them back into circulation once we'd got over that last set of new selection boxes. Honestly!

Robin Staplers Really. I'm sure we both believe you… Chocolate thief!

Devon Phudge That's enough, the pair of you! Oh my goodness. I've just thought. What on earth am I going to tell Phil's parents? It'll be me that has to write the letter.

Francis Assisi Just tell them what a lovely boy he was. Helped me out no end with spiders in the office.

Robin Staplers Just don't tell him the truth… that he was a smarmy git with his eye on my promotion.

Devon Phudge I'm sure I can come up with something. If not, I'm sure the editor in the obituaries section will help me out. Especially if I offer him some new chocolate bars. Please tell me you haven't eaten them all, Francis.

Francis Assisi I haven't had ANY of them! Except one. Or maybe two.

Robin Staplers You are a chocaholic, Francis!

Devon Phudge Never mind. Perhaps we should do what the inspector said and ask each other some questions.

Devon Phudge - First Round

Questions you should ask:

Robin, I thought you always dealt with the electrical reset after power cuts. Why was Phil in the cupboard?

Francis Assisi, when did Phil enter the building this morning? Did he walk past reception?

Answers you should give when asked the right questions.

When asked: Devon, when did the power go off yesterday? It must have been after I left work as I don't remember it. Was it off for long?

Say: I needed some help with my latest article. I'd been asked to research a new product released by Crime Time and wanted to know if the murder method suggested was plausible. He said he would find out for me and report back tomorrow.

When asked: Devon, I'm fairly sure you called Phil in to see you yesterday afternoon for something. What did you want him to do?

Say: It went off yesterday afternoon. It happens incredibly regularly in the office. The wiring is very old and you only need to be running the kettle, toaster and microwave at the same time and you can guarantee the power will drop out. There's a notice to that effect in the kitchen. One of the junior clerks is given the responsibility of resetting the switch each time. It wasn't off for any longer than usual, so no one realised anything untoward had happened. I guess Phil must've managed to reset the switch before he died.

Do not read further until instructed by your host.

Devon Phudge - Concluding Statement

Use the following dialogue to summarise your position, speaking when indicated below.

Devon Phudge speaks first using the following dialogue:

I don't know why you're both looking at me that way. I didn't send the man to his death in the electricity cupboard. If he wanted to earn brownie points by fixing the power outage himself, that was his own decision, not mine. And the murder method I asked him to check out for me was poisoning. I wanted to know if it was an instantaneous thing as the Crime Time people were maintaining. It was research he needed to do, not practical experimentation.

After you have heard from all the guests make a prediction as to who the murderer is and why.

Tell the others.

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