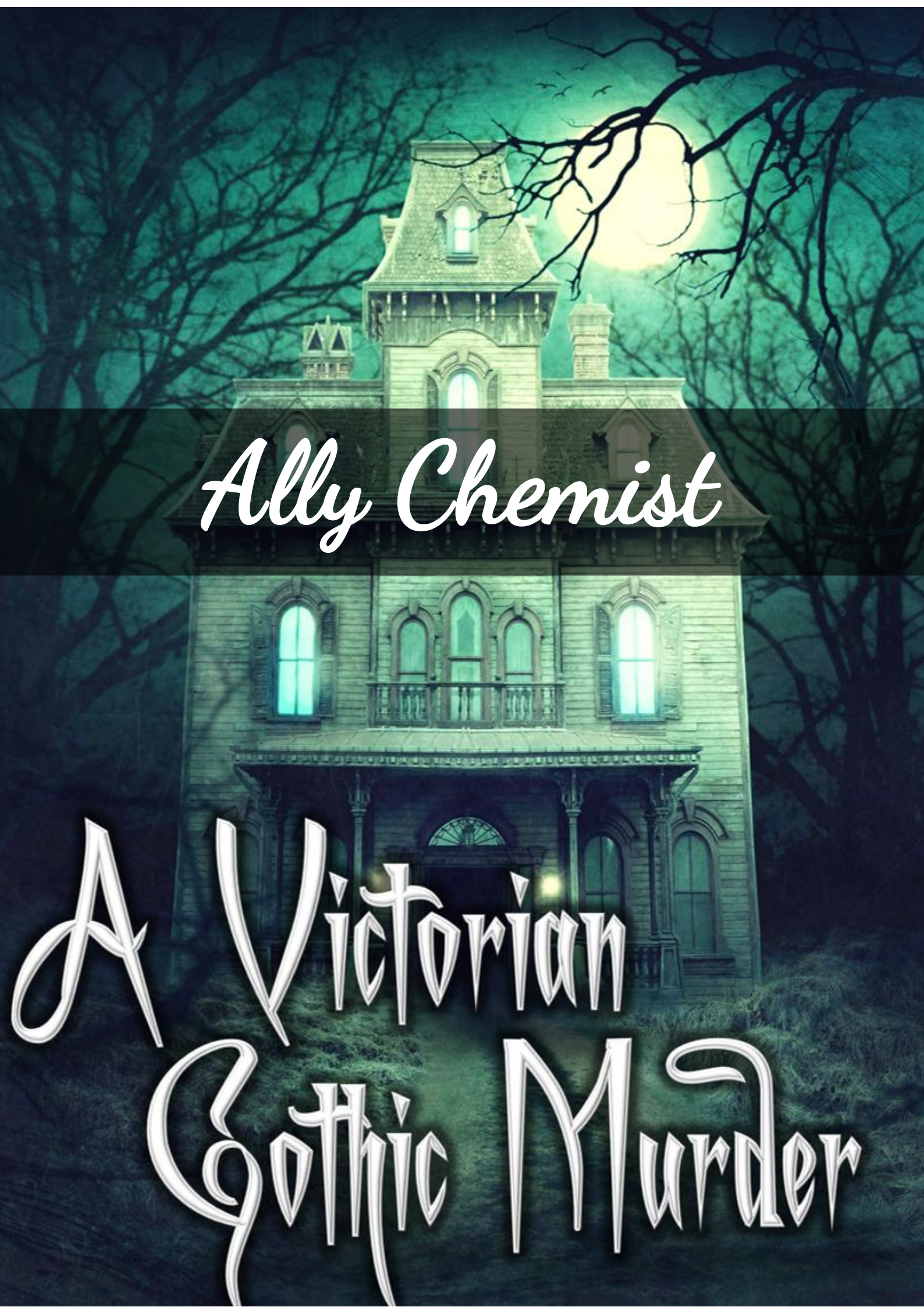

Ally Chemist
A Victorian Gothic Murder

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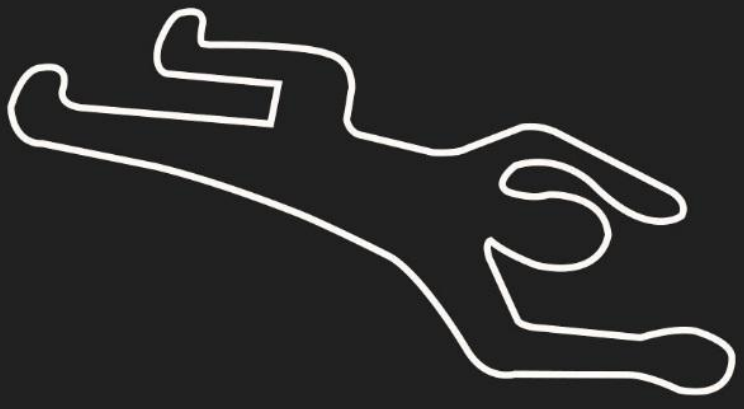
This booklet contains all the information you need to help you act your part throughout the murder mystery; background history, scripted dialogues, questions you should ask and scripted answers to questions you will be asked by the other guests.

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!



Ally Chemist

Background Character Information

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

You spent your childhood in Scotland, so speak with a Scottish accent. Your speech is peppered with a lot of 'och aye the noo's' when you get excited, which is often!

You are very enthusiastic and are constantly amazed by the world around you. Everything seems wonderful to you, possibly as a result of some of the strange chemical compounds you test on yourself. This also makes you rather gullible and you are especially susceptible to Charlotte Tun's strange pronouncements, believing everything she says, however outlandish.

You have a real passion for chemistry and like to analyse the chemical make-up of everything around you. Pick things up and proclaim the scientific formulae for them as a long series of letters and numbers. You even describe your food in chemical terms (the longer the sequence of numbers and letters you recite the better) and love to describe, or maybe even demonstrate, some of your more exciting experiments.

Ally Chemist - Introduction

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

Ally Chemist speaks after Charlotte Tun using the following dialogue:

Och! Vibrations! That is so exciting! I must admit I feel shaken to the core myself and can already feel my hands quivering. Or maybe that's just the new wee chemical elixir I tried out earlier? I'm Ally Chemist, a very talented apothecary even if I do say so myself. I dinna know much about sudden death, but give me a dram of C66H111N15O21 to analyse and I'll show you some bad blood right enough!

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

Scripted Dialogue - Round 1

Hal Atdee-Moon L-l-let's sort out this horrible death problem quickly. The stress of it all is making me j-j-jittery.

Ally Chemist I'm a bit jittery too, but that's probably due to a wee reaction to one of my new potions rather than the corpse in the parlour.

Lotta Blood Perhaps we could all do with some of that potion. How do you suppose Sleaze died? Would there have been blood?

Drew Blood To bleed or not to bleed, that is the question**.** Possibly rivers of blood - maybe an ocean of blood! Sleaze was quite large.

Frankie Stein But not larger than life and dead as a dodo now. All spark of life gone, according to the inspector.

Charlotte Tun No doubt Sleaze will now be enjoying the afterlife. I feel his spirit in the air around us.

Ally Chemist There's definitely something in the air around us and it smells contagious to me.

Hal Atdee-Moon It smells like it's coming from your p-p-pocket!

Frankie Stein I think we should try to get down to the bare bones of this mystery.

Charlotte Tun Yes, let's all stick to the subject, shall we?

Ally Chemist Well let's get on with it! I think I feel one of my turns coming on.

Drew Blood Then let us sit upon the ground and tell sad stories of the bloody death of Sleaze.

Lotta Blood Ooh, you don't half talk nice sometimes. Makes me go all weak at the knees!

Hal Atdee-Moon Wash your mouth out with soap, girl! Such blasphemy! Such a fine set of, er, attributes. Such temptation! Oh, p-p-please forgive me. Don't know what came over me.

Charlotte Tun Wait! Someone's trying to get through! (SLIGHT PAUSE) No, I'm feeling a bit washed out by the thought of Sleaze's blood.

Frankie Stein But we don't yet know if blood was involved. Or even if one of us was involved. We should cut the chatter and ask each other some questions.

Ally Chemist - First Round

Questions you should ask:

Charlotte Tun, have you ever held any seances in this inn? Did Ebenezer Sleaze ever take part?

Hal Atdee-Moon, you look fairly well-travelled. Have you stayed at this inn before and did you know Sleaze?

Answers you should give when asked the right questions.

When asked: Ally Chemist, have you ever visited this inn before? Did you know Ebenezer Sleaze?

Say: Och aye, I've stayed here many a time. It's not very bonny, but it's in a good location on the London to Edinburgh road. I knew Sleaze from my visits, but I didna like him - he was nae to be trusted. Always sneaking around the place. Last time I was here I saw him leaving my room just as I was climbing the stairs after supper. I didna think much of it until I got to Edinburgh and realised that some of my papers were missing - the ones with the formulae that will make my fortune! I had discovered how to turn base metals into gold! It was so exciting!

When asked: Ally, what does your new elixir do?

Say: That's for me to know and you to guess at! Anyway, it's nae perfected yet. Let's just say it will grow hairs on your chest!

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Scripted Dialogue - Round 2

Frankie Stein So Sleaze was murdered! I would have gone out on a limb and said this would turn out to be a case of suicide.

Ally Chemist Och, it just goes to show how so-called jumped-up scientists can make the wrong connections, Frankie.

Lotta Blood There must have been so much blood! All oozing over that cloak or shawl thing. That'll never clean up.

Drew Blood Out, damn spot, out I say! Don't concern yourself with matters of laundry, my love.

Hal Atdee-Moon N-n-no, there are more serious matters to worry about. All that succulent flesh lying around in there for one thing...

Charlotte Tun Sleaze was more than just a body. His soul will now be at peace.

Frankie Stein In pieces, more like. I expect Sleaze's soul is a bit shattered, like his body. I'm feeling a bit shattered myself.

Lotta Blood Talking of being shattered, this inspector sounds a bit of a clumsy fool, don't you think? More likely to crack his head open than crack this case.

Frankie Stein He just needs time to flesh out all the clues.

Ally Chemist Which is exactly what we should be doing! What are we waiting for?

Hal Atdee-Moon Don't you intimidate me! Wait 'til I get my hands on you!

Lotta Blood Ooh, cheeky! Bet you'd love to get your hands on me!

Drew Blood Lotta! Really! We're married, remember?

Charlotte Tun I think we can all see that she is nothing but a mere strumpet.

Frankie Stein Ear trumpet? Is that some kind of new musical instrument?

Ally Chemist They say ignorance is bliss, so you must be very happy, Frankie.

Hal Atdee-Moon Which is more than I am! Where's the service? I need a drink! Er, if that's okay with everyone?

Drew Blood There's no one here to serve us, remember? I think that we can probably just help ourselves.

Charlotte Tun Surely we should be helping each other to solve this awful murder, although I'm afraid I'm not of much use. I just can't get through to his spirit.

Ally Chemist There's a reason for that, and I think most of us know exactly what it is! That said, you are correct about helping each other. Perhaps a few more wee questions might help us get closer to uncovering the culprit.

Ally Chemist - Second Round

Questions you should ask:

Lotta Blood, did your husband know about your past friendship with Sleaze?

Drew, how often do you need to feed?

Answers you should give when asked the right questions.

When asked: Ally Chemist, you must have been devastated to have lost your formulae. Did you come back to the inn today to look for your missing papers?

Say: Aye, and I admit that I had a good search through Sleaze's parlour early this afternoon. Must have been around three o'clock, just after my wee brew of tea, when there was no one about. I didna find my papers, but I did find his gun. Gave me a severe case of the heebie-jeebies right enough! When I was a wee smudge, I accidentally shot myself in the foot while hunting haggis on the moors. I've nae been able to stand the sight of a gun since - guns turn my blood to H2O.

When asked: Ally, was there anything else missing from your room, apart from the papers?

Say: Not that I noticed, no. I'd even left a wee pile of coins on the table next to the bed and they was still there.

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Scripted Dialogue - Round 3

Frankie Stein I'm not easily shocked, but my blood is fizzing having heard what strange company is assembled here tonight.

Ally Chemist Aye. A werewolf, vampires and who knows what other creatures of the night. Not to mention a murderer. I'd love to get a few wee samples!

Lotta Blood We didn't ask to become creatures of the night, that is just our misfortune. However, someone here *chose* to commit murder.

Charlotte Tun My heart bleeds for you - or perhaps not! I wonder, was poor Sleaze made to bleed for any of you, you bloodsucking fiends?

Drew Blood Well, if that is the question, it's a very facile one. The inspector has not mentioned finding any teeth marks on the body.

Hal Atdee-Moon Exactly. Complete lunacy to suggest that any b-b-biting was involved.

Ally Chemist Biting or no biting, I, for one, am a wee bit uncomfortable amongst the guests in this inn. No wonder Sleaze always stank of garlic.

Charlotte Tun That's it! Garlic! I did wonder if it might be a phantom smell, but no - definitely garlic!

Frankie Stein Someone here has certainly bitten off more than they can chew by slaughtering Sleaze, but I just can't work out which of you animals did it?

Drew Blood There's certainly quite a lot for us to get our teeth into here.

Hal Atdee-Moon And I have exceptionally beautiful, sharp teeth. Have you noticed?

Lotta Blood You could give me a little nibble anytime, Hal!

Ally Chemist Och, please! Can't we just concentrate on concluding the sad tale of Sleaze's death?

Hal Atdee-Moon And quickly please. I'm beginning to feel a little p-p-peckish and some of you are looking quite tasty.

Charlotte Tun Please try to control yourself, Hal. The spirits are angry and confused enough without another victim joining them.

Drew Blood Then whoever it is should confess or suffer eternal damnation!

Ally Chemist - Third Round

Questions you should ask:

Lotta, did your relationship with Sleaze actually continue until more recently? Did you visit him this afternoon?

Drew, did you see your wife, Lotta, this afternoon?

Answers you should give when asked the right questions.

When asked: Ally Chemist, did you go back to the parlour to confront Sleaze later on this afternoon?

Say: Nay, I wanted to avoid the man. I didna want him to know that I was looking for the papers. I was glad to get out without him seeing me.

When asked: Ally Chemist, did you see anyone else go into the parlour this afternoon?

Say: Nay, I went back to my room after my search. I did hear two men shouting downstairs later on. I must have dropped off for a wee while after that and then, about quarter to five, something woke me up. I suppose now that we know Sleaze was shot, the noise could have been a gunshot.

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Ally Chemist - Concluding Statement

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

Ally Chemist speaks first using the following dialogue:

Och, Sleaze's death hasn't got me any closer to finding my lost formulae. I'm not sorry that the sneaky rat is dead but it hasna helped me much. I still need to find those equations that will turn CU and SN into AU. Charlotte, could you contact him on the other side and ask him who his murderer was? And where my papers are?

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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