



Mystery
in a
BOX



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Can you solve the mystery?

Check out a Mystery in a Box and have a fun evening trying to solve the mystery. Comb through witness reports, examine evidence, solve puzzles, unlock hidden secrets, and eliminate suspects until you have solved the case.

Recommended for ages 13+, geared to adults

Requirements to Play:
Internet | QR Code Reader | Paper & Pencil

The Body Farm

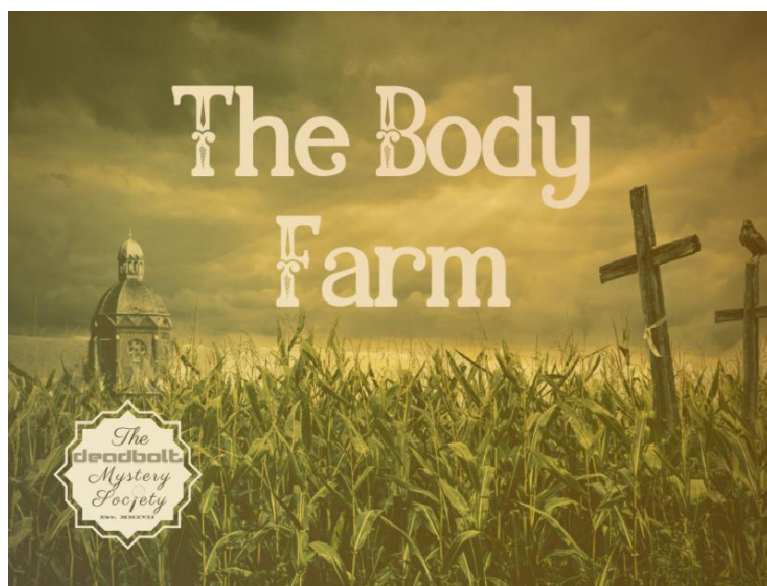
1930. The Great Depression is in full swing. The suicide rate is up. Hope is in short supply. Life is hard...

Some simply deal with the struggle. Others seek a way out. If the stories are to be believed, Jackson Montgomery suffered a psychotic break and buried his wife and three girls alive at various places on the farm in order to escape the responsibilities of being a husband and father in such a difficult time. He was never seen or heard from again. The newspapers dubbed him “The Gravedigger,” and before long the stories were enough to transform him into an urban legend who might return at any point to punish anyone foolish enough to trespass on his land.

Fast forward to modern day. When Museum Nocturnus, a cabinet of curiosities dedicated to all things odd and bizarre, decide to open a Gravedigger exhibit they enlist the help of the S.T.A.L.K. ghost hunting group and plan an excursion to the Montgomery farm to find out what really happened all those years ago. The museum group unexpectedly disappears while exploring the farm, and the S.T.A.L.K. group is left to piece together what happened. One of the only bits of evidence they have is a note nailed to the front door of the Montgomery house impossibly signed by The Gravedigger. It’s not possible that Jackson Montgomery has returned from the beyond to murder more innocents. But, if not him, then who? Is this someone’s idea of a joke? Or is it possible that someone else has taken up The Gravedigger’s mantle? Join the S.T.A.L.K. group and find out what really happened at a place that the locals call The Body Farm.

*Contains paranormal elements. May not be suitable for younger players.

Difficulty Level: 6/10



Copycat

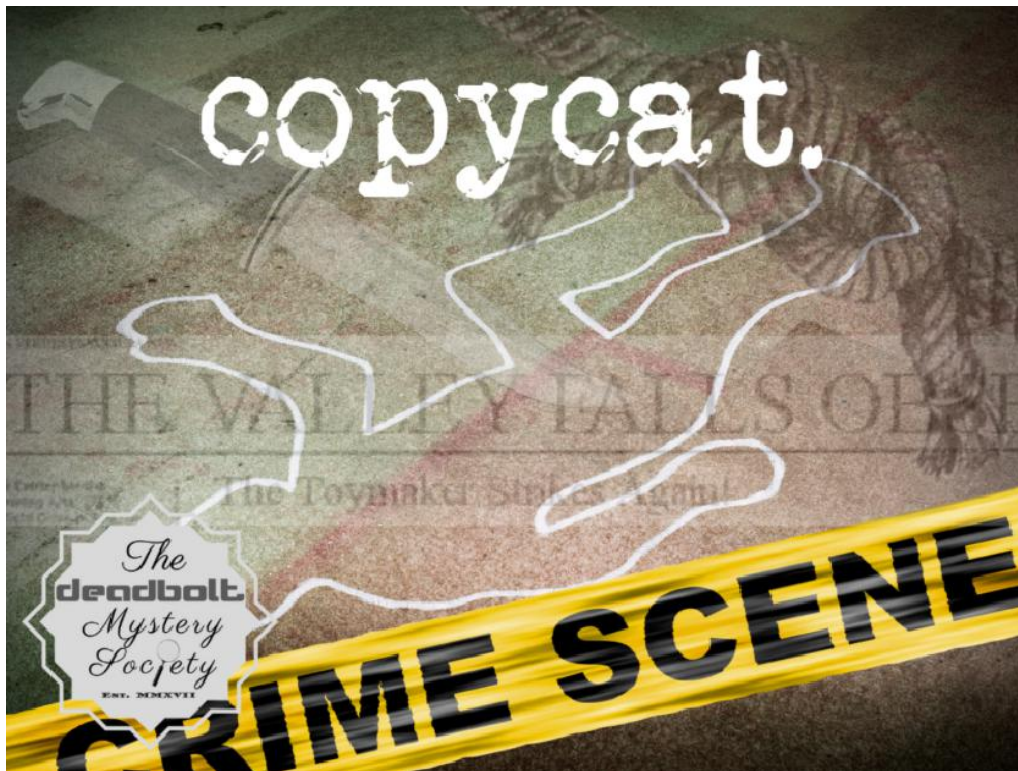
A new series of victims belonging to The Toymaker, The Seaside Strangler, and The Black Rock Butcher have been found. The only problem? Those maniacs are either incarcerated, institutionalized, or dead. That can only mean one thing: a copycat is on the loose!

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Difficulty Rating: 8/10



The Dark and Stormy Night

Rosemary Clark is one of the world's most popular and enduring cozy mystery novelists. For the past two years, however, she has lived as a recluse in her hilltop mansion, cutting off contact with friends, family, and the public at large. The reason for her withdrawal from the public eye has been a subject of much debate until earlier this week when Ms. Clark emerged to announce that she had been writing her final novel, entitled "The Dark and Stormy Night." To celebrate the completion of the book, Ms. Clark invited a small group of her closest friends and associates to Winterwood Manor with the tantalizing revelation that she had featured all of them as characters in the novel. Benjamin Baker, owner of The Will Street Detective Agency and your boss, is on the guest list because of years spent advising Ms. Clark on the finer details of being a private detective. After the guests arrive and dinner has been served, Rosemary reveals that she has spent the last two years leaving her estate in secret to investigate a very specific crime and that the novel contains hints about both the crime and the one who committed it. Poised to reveal more about the plot and the main players in her mystery, Rosemary has just taken a sip of her nightcap when the lights flicker suddenly and then go out for a period of approximately ten seconds. A scream rips through the night and then the lights come back on. Inexplicably, Rosemary is gone. All that's left where she was standing are a few spatters of blood. After a thorough search of the house, Rosemary is nowhere to be found, and while it's unclear whether any sort of crime has been committed, there is a definite feeling that something is wrong here. Benjamin immediately calls you to come and investigate, insisting that he can't be the one to question the other guests since he is just as much a suspect as they are. Now, you are here at Winterwood Manor tasked with solving the type of serpentine mystery that Rosemary Clark was known for. Determine what happened to Rosemary Clark, search through the clues of her final novel to determine the nature of the crime and the identity of the criminal she had been investigating, and solve the mystery of The Dark and Stormy Night.

Difficulty Level: 7/10



Howl at the Moon

Three recent deaths in Valley Falls have all the signs of animal attacks. However, the evidence about the sort of animal that could be responsible is inconclusive. Rumors abound that the murders might have been committed by a werewolf, given that they all occurred under the light of a full moon. The local authorities, however, aren't taking that seriously. The only connection that the three victims share is their love and patronage of a local watering hole called Ernie's Bar.

Can you determine who (or what) is responsible for the deaths of these three victims? Beware: this case may get a little hairy!

*This mystery is part of a Double Feature with The Ventriloquist.

Difficulty Rating: 6/10



Lair

Nightingale Lane is set off the main road and difficult to see from the highway. In other words, it's a perfect spot for secrets. When a courier for Coyote Parcel Service needs a signature for the envelope he is supposed to deliver to 148 Nightingale Lane, he peeks through the window in hopes of getting the owner's attention. What he sees is a room covered in blood-soaked plastic. Could there be a logical explanation for such a sinister sight? Is it possible that this isn't what it looks like? Or has he stumbled upon the lair of a madman who has managed to keep to the shadows and out of the public eye? Explore the house on Nightingale Lane and find out what's really been going on there.

Difficulty Level: 7/10



The Last Laugh

Fall is here, and The Wandering Monster Parade has come to town, bringing its variety show of teeth and claws to the town of Valley Falls. At about the same time, a strange clown has been showing up around town in various unusual places. Most people assume that the clown is a promotional tool used to help spread the word about the Monster Parade, and buzz for the event is high. That all changes when Savannah Pierce, reigning homecoming queen for the Valley Falls Druids, is found dead with smudges of greasepaint on her neck and cheeks. After repeated questioning, officials from the Monster Parade deny any knowledge of the clown and claim he isn't part of their organization. The Pierces, one of Valley Falls' wealthiest families, has hired you and the other members of The Will Street Detective Agency to locate the mysterious clown, uncover his identity, and find out what really happened to their daughter. Will you be able to solve the mystery of Savannah Pierce's murder before The Wandering Monster Parade leaves town...or will the fiend responsible get The Last Laugh?

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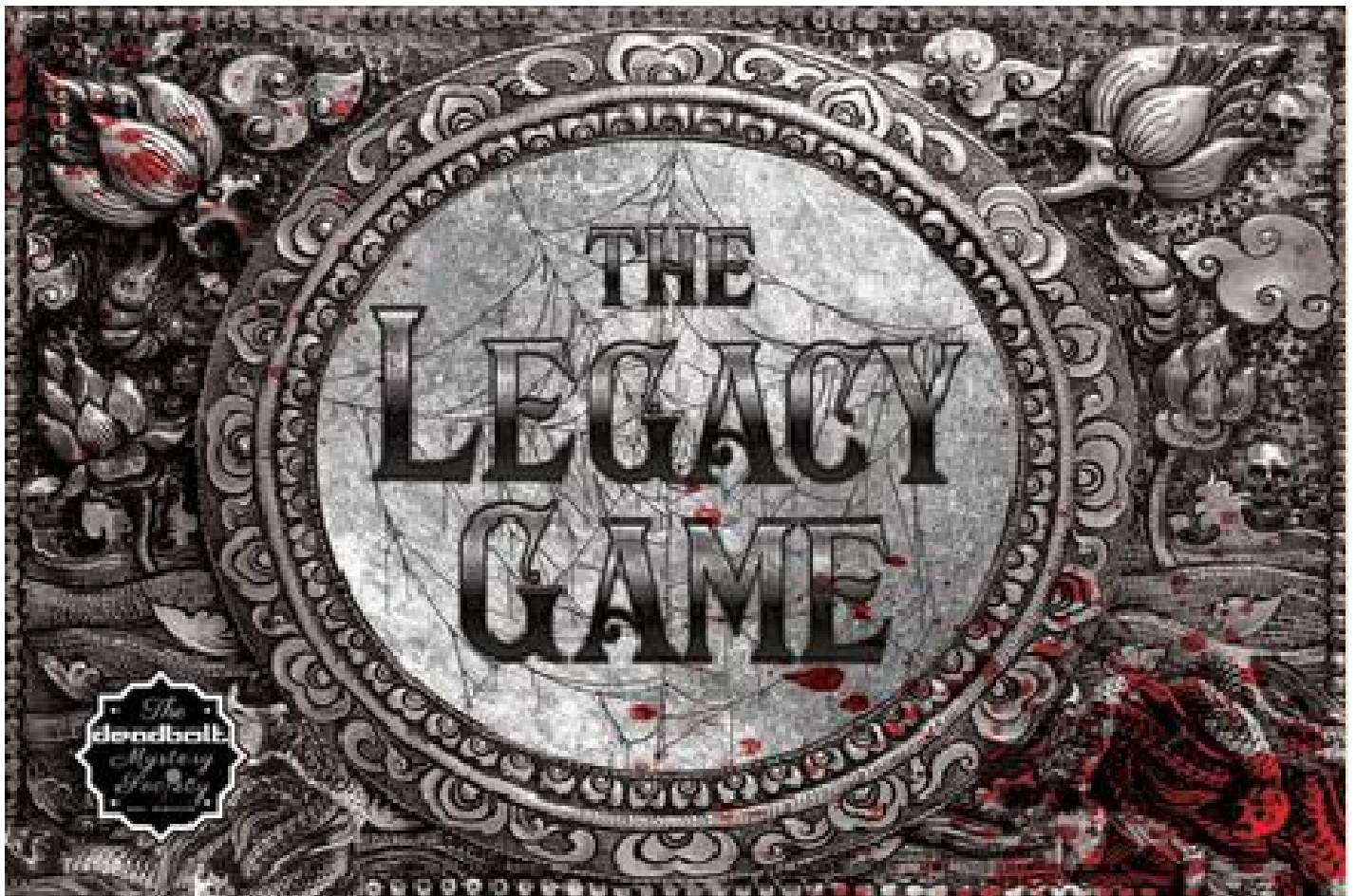
Difficulty Level: 7/10



The Legacy Game

Hillview Academy is the most elite private school in Valley Falls. Six of Hillview's finest receive a mysterious invitation in their locker to participate in something called The Legacy Game. The game will begin promptly at midnight in the local cemetery at the gravesite of Jefferson F. Pritchard, which the letter describes as one of Valley Falls' most infamous citizens. The invitation, sent from someone calling themselves The Headmaster, promises a life-changing reward for the winner. However, no one has ever heard of Jefferson F. Pritchard, and Hillview Academy doesn't have a headmaster. What is The Legacy Game, who is The Headmaster, and what is so special about a dead man that doesn't show up in any of the Valley Falls history books? Play The Legacy Game and find out!

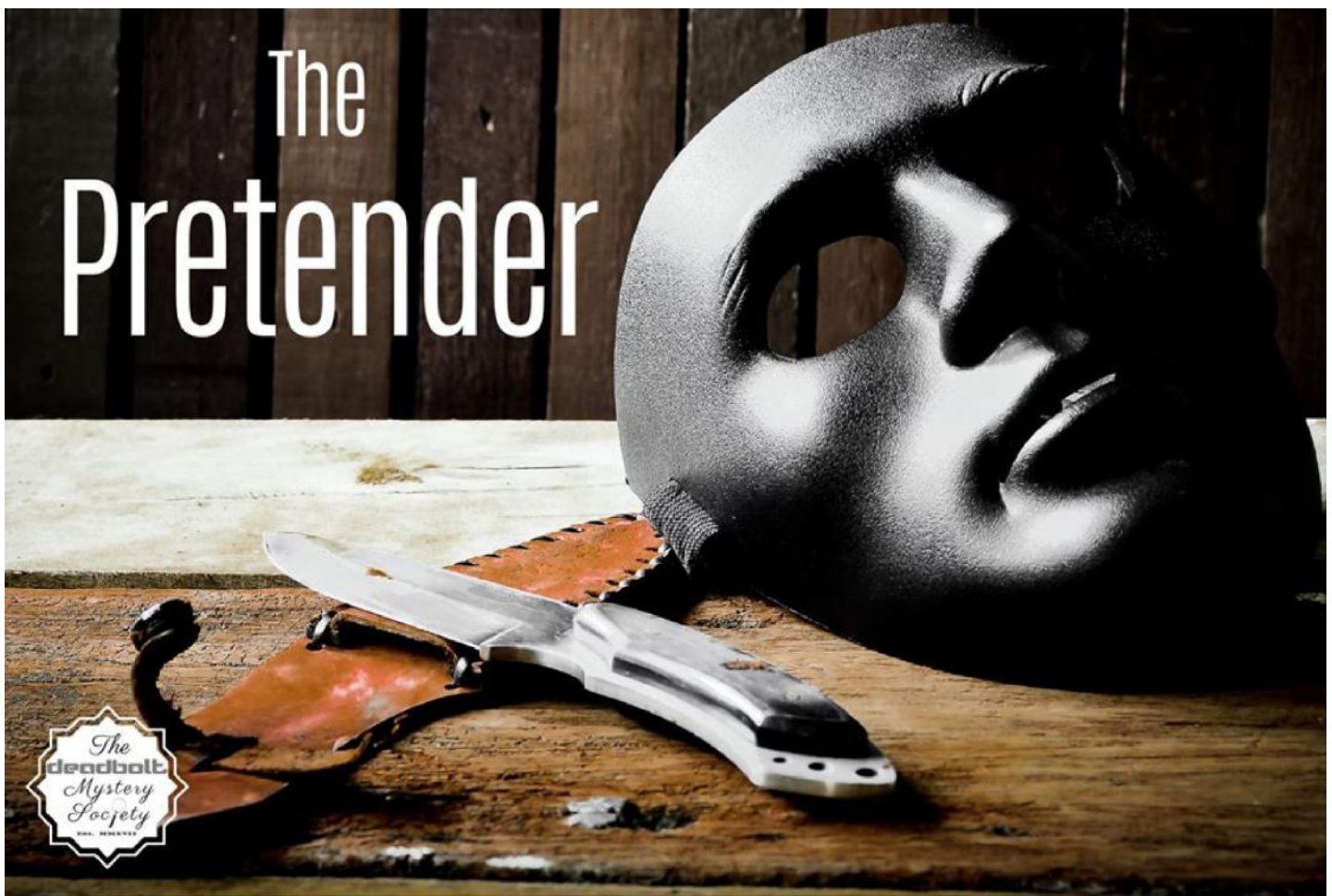
Difficulty Rating: 7/10



The Pretender

A group of die-hard fans have been given a chance to spend the weekend with their favorite horror author, Bradley Raymond. Only one of them is not at all what they seem. One of them is a twisted killer known only as The Pretender.

Difficulty Level: 8/10



Sanitarium

If only the padded walls could talk... Investigate the murder of Nurse Faith Edgarton at infamous Saturn Hills Asylum and discover which of the mentally deranged patients has a secret that lies at the center of it all.

Difficulty Level: 7/10



The Seaside Strangler

The Will Street Detective Agency has received a tip about The Seaside Strangler murders that has led you, a consulting detective, to nearby Gold Hook Island to investigate. The tiny island of Gold Hook is home to a mere 32 families and can only be reached by ferry. With a few eating establishments, stretches of uninhabited beachfront, and The Kingfisher hotel, Gold Hook is a quaint tourist getaway in temperate months and is mostly cut off from the mainland in the winter. After the National Weather Service announces that a nor'easter is headed their way, the residents of Gold Hook begin to evacuate the island using the small ferry that makes the two mile journey back and forth to the mainland. On its way back to pick up the last batch of residents, the ferry experiences a mechanical failure that renders it inoperable, leaving you and a few other people behind on the island to fend for themselves during the storm. Not long after the storm begins to hammer the coastline of Gold Hook, one of those left behind is found strangled with a length of strangely knotted rope, leading you to conclude that The Seaside Strangler is one of those who didn't make it back to the mainland. The police and Coast Guard are unavailable for the next twenty-four hours due to the extreme weather so help will not be coming any time soon. Leaving the island is not an option. Your only choice...determine who The Seaside Strangler is and close a case that the police have been unable to close.

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Difficulty Rating: 6.5/10



The Spider

Valley Falls has recently been hit by a wave of strange deaths. Five individuals have perished in accidents, yet a card with the image of a spider was found near each body. Were these more than mere accidents? Who is The Spider?

Investigate our newest case and find out!

Difficulty Rating: 6/10



The Toymaker

Late last year a series of grisly murders in the town of Valley Falls captivated the world. A handful of victims were abducted at various points throughout the month, killed in gruesome ways, decorated to resemble popular children's toys, and gift-wrapped for the police to find. Among those "toys" that were created and left for the authorities: a life-sized Jack in the Box that caused a spring-loaded victim to pop out of the top when the handle was cranked, a Nutcracker doll decorated with greasepaint and blood, a robot that was created from both human and mechanical parts, and a marionette whose movements could be controlled via a series of cables that were attached the victim's limbs. The gift cards attached to each one were all signed by someone calling themselves "The Toymaker."

Police were closing in on the culprit when The Toymaker stopped killing, causing the trail to grow cold. They have continued to pursue leads throughout the year, but they haven't had any real breakthroughs in a while. Earlier this week, a new "gift" arrived from the killer, and it is reasonable to assume that the murders will start anew. If the pattern holds, there is only a very finite amount of time to investigate before The Toymaker goes underground again. No doubt The Toymaker has more "toys" in mind to create so lives are at risk.

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The Unmarked Grave

S.T.A.L.K. is the premiere group of ghost hunters in Valley Falls. You will assume the role of Kristina Noble, a local paranormal investigator who comes from a long line of psychics and clairvoyants. You are being considered for a spot in the group because of your passion for the supernatural and your investigative skills. While on a weekend camping trip in Easthaven Forest, you and the members of S.T.A.L.K. stumble across an unmarked grave deep in the woods. Because opportunities like this don't happen every day, the group decides to try and use paranormal investigation techniques to determine the identity of the body and learn what happened. Investigate The Unmarked Grave and follow wherever the trail leads. But, be warned! Easthaven Forest is known for its multitude of secrets. Who knows what dark truths you will discover once you drag those into the light?

Difficulty Rating: NR

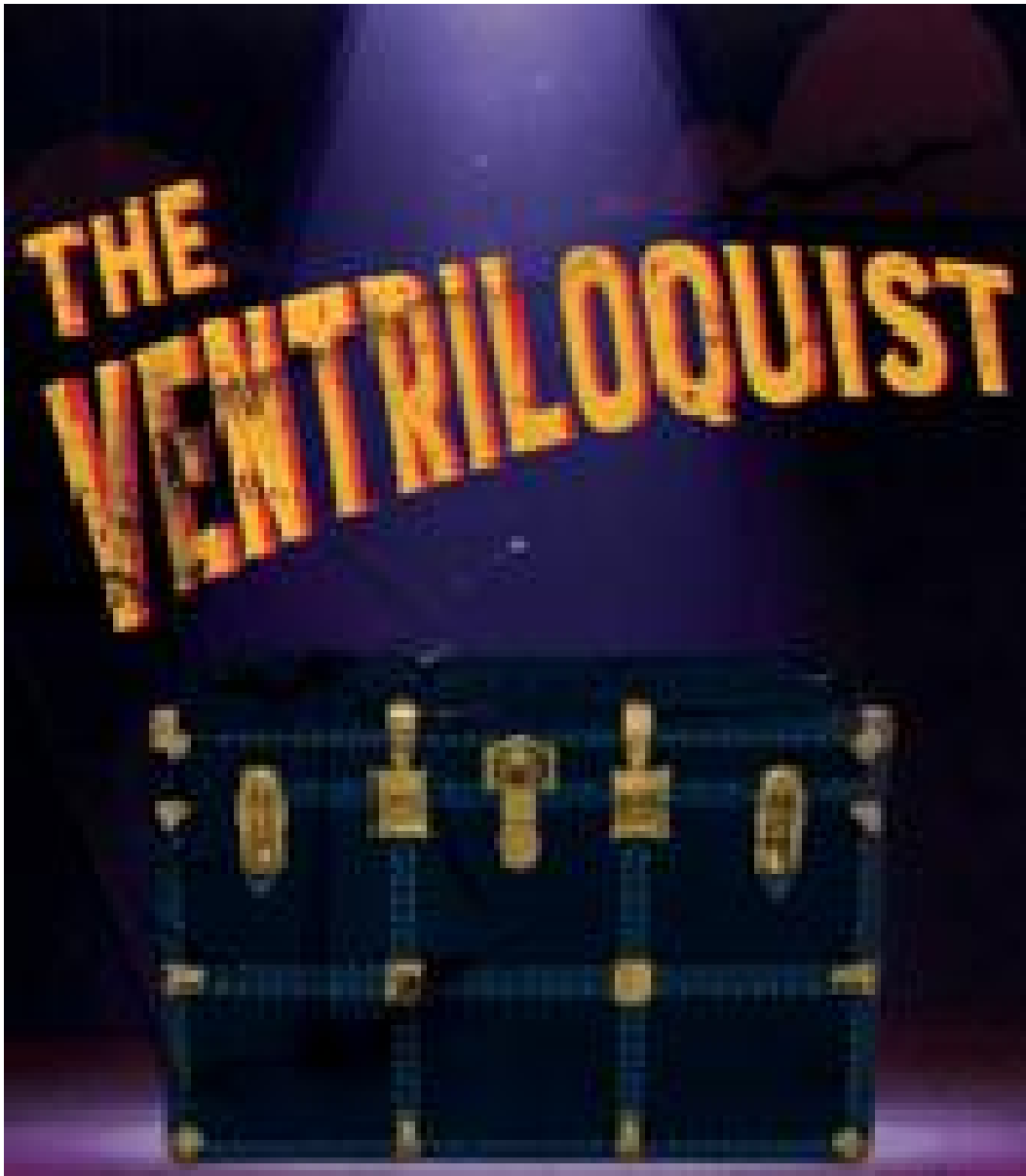


The Ventriloquist

The police are shocked when a man walks into the police station with a bomb strapped to his chest. The mystery deepens, however, when they discover that he is simply a puppet that has been manipulated and sent there by someone calling themselves The Ventriloquist. What is The Ventriloquist's message to the Valley Falls police, and why has he taken the entire police force hostage? Don't be a dummy. Investigate this case and find out!

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Difficulty Rating: 6/10



Wanted

The Black Rock Butcher was a serial killer who terrorized the saloon girls of Black Rock in the days when it was a burgeoning gold rush town. Because criminal investigation techniques hadn't yet been developed, the killer was never apprehended. New evidence has recently come to light indicating that The Butcher was actually the great-great-grandfather of the founder of The Will Street Detective Agency. In other words, your boss might be related to a notorious murderer. Unlike most cases, this one is now personal, and you have been tasked to clear the family name. Although the leads in this cold case all date back to the 1800's, you must follow each one and use all your skills as a detective to determine the true identity of The Black Rock Butcher.

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