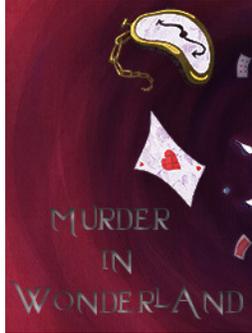




MURDER
IN
WONDERLAND

SUSPECT LIST



ALICE

The famous explorer of Wonderland, Alice fell down the rabbit hole while chasing the White Rabbit and ended up in a nonsensical world that defies description. Mild-mannered and proper, Alice is easily frustrated with the mad ravings of the residents of Wonderland, and claimed to only want to return home, which is why it is so strange that she has embarked on a second visit to Wonderland! While easily offended herself, Alice can't help but continue offending those she meets in Wonderland, and is constantly scolded for her insolence. Add this to the scoldings she gives herself and Alice is a little girl who is constantly in trouble! Alice wears a blue dress.

LORINA

Alice's older sister Lorina is firm, but nurturing to her little sister. A girl who appreciates the conventions of society, Lorina believes that all girls should be tempered and focused – a stark contrast to her little sister, whose imagination is always running wild. In spite of her propriety, Lorina does seem to take amusement from her sister's silliness from time to time. She is soft-spoken, yet caring and wise.

THE DUCHESS

Contrary to her haggard illustration in the book, The Duchess is actually quite young and beautiful. Second in line for the throne of Wonderland, The Duchess lives in a humble house with her house maid, and often has tea and plays croquet with the Queen of Hearts. As such, she is doomed to execution at least once each week, but always seems to manage to find a way off the chopping block. With her cat, The Cheshire Cat at her side, The Duchess is a mysterious resident of Wonderland.



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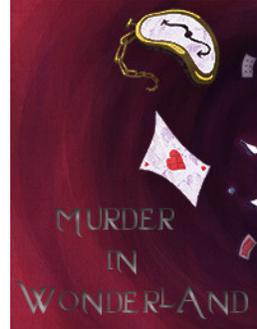


THE QUEEN OF HEARTS

The so-called villain of Wonderland, The Queen of Hearts is famous for her penchant for ordering the beheading of all she meets. Even the slightest infraction can lead to a death sentence with the Queen in power, and if it not for her slightly more level-headed husband, the King of Hearts, there would scarce be any residents left in Wonderland to behead! A fan of croquet and tarts, this member of the monarchy is quick-tempered, but this wasn't always the case; she is called the Queen of Hearts because once she was the kindest person in Wonderland. Some speculate that power has gone to her head. Regardless, an invitation from the Queen of Hearts to the palace for a croquet match is a death sentence - to decline the invitation means beheading, to win the match results in beheading, and to make a mistake during the match also leads to beheading. The Queen of Hearts is a fan of yelling, and barks out orders to all around her, whether they make sense or not.

THE COOK

Chef to The Duchess, The Cook, as she is known in Alice's recount of her adventures in Wonderland, is a strange character indeed. Her rage tantrums, with no regard for the safety of those around her, stood out even in a land full of mad people as being incredibly crazy. No wonder she was such an unreliable witness at the Knave's trial! She speaks in riddles, and makes her hatred for The Duchess known via projectile kitchenware. In spite of her madness, she is a fantastic cook - although tends to rely heavily on pepper as a main ingredient.



THE RED QUEEN

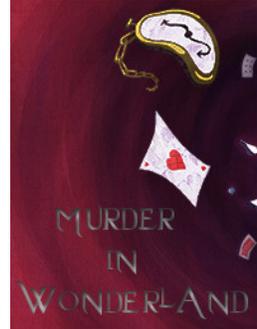
Not to be confused with The Queen of Hearts, the Red Queen, who Alice encountered during her second adventure in the land on the other side of her looking glass. The Red Queen rules a land near Wonderland, in which the residents play a life-sized game of chess. She is cold, calm, formal and strict – not to mention one of the fastest runners in all the realms.

THE PIGEON

Not an actual pigeon, The Pigeon is known as such because of her abilities to fly, thanks to a set of mechanical wings she created for herself many years ago. Ever since, she has lived in the forest at the top of trees. Alice encountered her near The Caterpillar's mushroom, and The Pigeon mistook her for a serpent. Because of her ability to fly, The Pigeon is often paid to take parcels and messages from creature to creature in Wonderland... but only when she wants to. This resident of Wonderland is condescending, and when she does descend from the skies or tree tops, considers it her misfortune to have to “suffer the fools” of Wonderland.

THE HANDMAIDEN

Personal assistant to the Queen of Hearts, the Queen's Handmaiden assists in all the Queen's day-to-day activities. Working for the Queen of Hearts is a dangerous job, and the Queen orders The Handmaiden beheaded at least once each day. Unlike everyone else in Wonderland though, The Handmaiden has received a standing pardon from the King of Hearts, so each time she is ordered beheaded, The Queen's orders are ignored. The King had to implement this rule, as there was no one left in Wonderland to take the job... everyone else had been executed! The Handmaiden is shifty and sly, and abuses her pardon, sneaking away from the castle and her duties whenever she has the chance.



THE CHESHIRE CAT

"Would you please tell me," Alice asked The Duchess upon their meeting in Wonderland, "why your cat smiles like that?" The Duchess replied, "It's a Cheshire-Cat, and that's why." The truth is, no one quite knows what makes the Cheshire Cat grin, but his wide, bright smile suggests he knows more than he lets on. Like a cat with a mouse, he seems to enjoy toying with the residents of Wonderland, appearing and disappearing at will - and sometimes only with part of his body in tact! With the ability to levitate and disappear, it would seem the Cheshire Cat has some magic at his disposal. He speaks in long, drawn-out words and forms riddles, yet considering the other residents of Wonderland, The Cheshire Cat seems the sanest one in the land.

THE HATTER

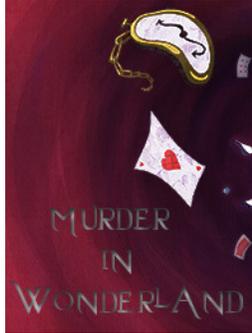
Once just known as "The Hatter", this humble yet eccentric hat maker ran a shop selling hats to the residents of Wonderland. While he still does business, recently his days are spent in a perpetual tea party he and his other crazy friends can't seem to escape - except, of course, when summoned by the Queen of Hearts, and even then, the tea party goes mobile. Aloof and nonsensical, the Hatter speaks in riddles, and after spending a bit of time with him, his mad ramblings actually begin to make sense. The Hatter wears a top hat with a tag attached marking the size of the hat, 10/6, which is for sale.

THE WHITE RABBIT

The White Rabbit, wearing a waist coat and pocket watch, is famous for being late. Thanks to the powers of his magical pocket watch, this busy little rabbit is able to transcend Wonderland and roam freely in an alternate dimension called "the real world" - though his motivation for doing so is a mystery. Nervous and easily confused, the White Rabbit is the one who originally led Alice down the Rabbit Hole and into Wonderland as he raced to be on time for The Duchess - though the reason for his hurry was never clear. The rabbit wears a waistcoat and gloves and carries his magic pocket watch and a fan.



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THE KING OF HEARTS

A man of few words, the King of Hearts has recently taken the throne of Wonderland alongside his wife, the Queen of Hearts. The two of them were recently appointed the new monarchy of Wonderland, after the abrupt departure of the previous queen. The King is mild-mannered, and since his wife has become obsessed with ordering the beheading of the residents of Wonderland, usually can't get a word in even if he had something to say! A diplomatic man, the King of Hearts is dedicated to restoring Wonderland to its previous glory. He is the judge for the Knave of Heart's trial, but mainly spends his time trying to stop his wife from beheading all the witnesses.

THE KNAVE

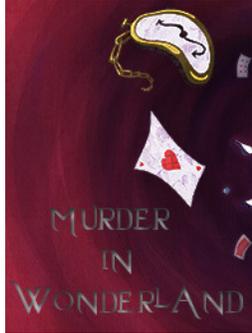
The Knave of Hearts, as he is known in Alice's re-telling of her adventures in Wonderland, has been on trial for stealing the Queen of Hearts' tarts for as long as many in Wonderland can remember. The trial began during Alice's first trip to Wonderland, and had continued right up until her return. The Knave has taken his trial in stride, and patiently waits for the trial to come to a close. He maintains his innocence to this day, and even testified that there were no tarts (save the ones in the courtroom) to steal in the first place. Before he was brought to trial, he was one of the king's most trusted advisors, and in spite of the mania around his trial, remains loyal to his king and Wonderland as a whole.

THE FOOTMAN

The Queen of Hearts' Footman works in the castle and delivers correspondence on behalf of the Queen of Hearts to the people and creatures of Wonderland. Under the previous queen's reign, he delivered important messages of the utmost secrecy, but now that the King and Queen of Hearts are in control of Wonderland, he usually finds himself delivering invitations for croquet matches with the Queen of Hearts – matches that will no doubt end in her opponent being sentenced to beheading. The Footman is formal and proper, proud to be of service to the monarchy of Wonderland.



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BILL THE LIZARD

Bill the Lizard is referred to as such not because he's a flesh-and-blood lizard, but because he has a reputation around Wonderland for being a bit of a shady character. A juror in the Knave of Hearts' trial, Bill has spent many months in the jury box, trying to determine whether the Knave of Hearts is, indeed, guilty of stealing the Queen of Hearts' tarts. A slightly skittish creature, Bill has been coming and going from the trial at will, and no one seems to notice when he disappears or when he returns.

THE MARCH HARE

There is an old saying, that someone can be "Mad as a March Hare" and the March Hare is, indeed, mad! He is gruff and to-the-point, stating what he believes to be obvious whenever he feels the need. His terse mannerisms are quite different from what would be considered proper social behaviour, and because of the company he keeps by spending his days around a garden table with the Mad Hatter and a narcoleptic dormouse, he has earned the reputation of being one of the craziest residents of Wonderland.