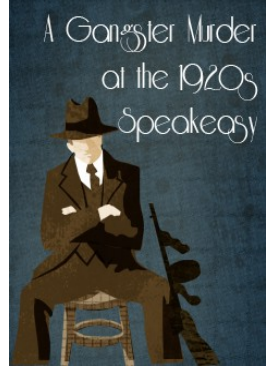




Suspect List



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A Gangster Murder
at the 1920s
Speakeasy

Fanny Birchwood

A new addition to the city, Fanny is young and wild, and has been since she was just a girl. All her life she looked forward to the days when she could be a grown up and do what she liked. Never one to embrace a corset, when she came of age and prohibition began, she was devastated. Naturally, when she heard of the secret gin joints opening in the city, she ran away from her rural home and sought out those in charge. Her commanding personality and joie de vivre ensured she always had the secret passwords to get into The Caterpillar Club. Having ingratiated herself into the speakeasy culture, Fanny is well-known by all who frequent The Caterpillar Club, and is never one to turn down a dance when given the opportunity to show off her Charleston.

CHARACTER COMPLEXITY RATING: 5



Hazel Turner

Saucy, sassy and full of spunk, Hazel is a regular at The Caterpillar Club. Her group of girls, which includes Fanny Birchwood, can be found most nights at the club, drinking, smoking and laughing far louder than any proper society girl should. Hazel loves Jazz music, especially when accompanied by moonshine, and rarely turns down the chance to dance. Because of this, she's quite popular among the male patrons, who are cuing up to dance with her. Because of her popularity, she is always given the secret password to The Caterpillar Club, and the party livens when she and her group of friends arrive.

CHARACTER COMPLEXITY RATING: 3





Marian Coleman

Wife of Charles "Lucky" Coleman, owner of The Caterpillar Club, Marian enjoys the high life. A woman with an appreciation for the finer things, Marian has been called a "gold digger" by many other women, as her taste toward men generally steers her toward the wealthy. Having come from a poor family, local businessman Charles Coleman was a good match for her, and since the on-set of prohibition, Marian's marital gamble has payed off; smuggling business is booming and so is her jewellery collection. Despite having no official role in the business dealings at The Caterpillar Club, Marian insists on accompanying her husband to the club each evening, in order to play "hostess" and ensure the regulars, and their thick wallets, return night after night.

CHARACTER COMPLEXITY RATING: 4



Mylena Star

Mylena is Mr. Foxx's personal secretary, and lives in a place called Sands Point, which is a full day away from this city by train. Mylena handles most of Mr. Foxx's communication, arranges meetings and even organizes the details for Mr. Foxx's lavish parties. She is distinguished and poised, clearly a young woman of good breeding. Mylena oozes glamour, and while many men have asked her to dance tonight at The Caterpillar Club, she remains "strictly business" in her dealings.

CHARACTER COMPLEXITY RATING: 3





June Jenkins

June is older than the other girls who hang out at The Half Moon Club. She is distinguished and elegant, and is considered a bit of a “high-hat” or a snob. She loves to dance, and is always on the look out for a man to partner her on the dance floor, as long as she deems them capable of partnering her, that is! While those of her ilk aren't usually found inside a dingy speakeasy, she returns night after night, causing some of the other regulars at The Caterpillar Club to wonder why she keeps coming back.

CHARACTER COMPLEXITY RATING: 3



Louisa Payne

One of the world's most famous silent film stars, Louisa's unique “flapper” look has defined how the progressive women of this generation now dress. She's glamorous, enchanting and both men and women alike feel privileged to be in her presence. In fact, her attendance at The Caterpillar Club has upped the quality of the clientele that come through Charles “Lucky” Coleman's doors each night, and some even come just to get a glimpse of – perchance a dance with – the ultimate ‘Flapper’. Louisa was also rumoured to be the victim, Bulletproof Bill Mahoney's girlfriend.

CHARACTER COMPLEXITY RATING: 4





Gert Cleaver

Rambunctious and fun-loving, Gert is a flapper who loves a good party! A regular at The Caterpillar Club, Gert recently ran away from home with her best friend, Fanny Birchwood, to escape Fanny's impending nuptials and find the "Speakeasy" rumoured to be in the big city. Ever since they arrived in the city, life has been a non-stop party, and the two are having the time of their lives. Gert loves dancing with men and, surprisingly, can hold her liquor better than any other woman at The Caterpillar Club!

CHARACTER COMPLEXITY RATING: 4



Viola Wunder

A stranger from out of town, Viola is a mystery to most at The Caterpillar Club. She carries herself with a confidence that most men don't even possess. She is a no-nonsense woman, who won't hesitate to stick a pistol in a man's ribs to show him who is boss. Despite this, and her clear aversion to dancing, she seems to be enjoying The Caterpillar Club, especially the spirits that flow in abundance; considering the amount of Canadian Whiskey she has put back tonight, clearly Viola's tolerance for 'the juice' is higher than most.

CHARACTER COMPLEXITY RATING: 3





Virginia Show

Hired by Charles "Lucky" Coleman personally, Virginia is one of the only waitresses at The Caterpillar Club. Because of this, she is notorious among the patrons for being the "juice master" and can carry a tray through a dance floor full of Charlestons without missing a beat. She is sharp-tongued, and who wouldn't be – night after night dealing with the flappers and men who frequent the club.

CHARACTER COMPLEXITY RATING: 4



Faye Fredrick

Faye Fredrick is a reporter for The Front Page, a widely-circulated tabloid that glamorizes celebrities and thrives on scandal. She's the best reporter at the paper, and loves to embellish stories to give her readers a thrill. Faye is known to do anything to get her story, and was even accused of taking pictures through a screen star's bedroom window once, although the allegations were never confirmed.

CHARACTER COMPLEXITY RATING: 4





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Leonara Lewis

Leonara managed to score herself a gig serving booze at The Caterpillar Club as soon as it opened, and since, the money, especially tips, have been rolling in! One of the few people Charles "Lucky" Coleman trusts, Leonara knows exactly what to do in a raid to make all the illegally smuggled liquor she serves suddenly disappear. Leonara is charismatic and loves to chat with the patrons but, while she is often asked, she never dances, and rarely comes out from behind the bar.

CHARACTER COMPLEXITY RATING: 3



Jinny Little

Jinny Little is not a woman to be trifled with. While she seems sweet and kind, Lucky Coleman has her positioned at the door of The Caterpillar Club for two reasons: first, to throw off the coppers in the case of a raid, because they would never expect a woman to be at the door of a speakeasy, and second, because she doesn't suffer any poor behaviour. She is strong and brash, and won't waste a second throwing a patron out of The Caterpillar Club if she thinks it necessary. When a knock comes on the door, it's Jinny who slides open the peep hole and receives the password. She sizes them up and, if she allows them in, they are then frisked and searched for weapons by Lucky's security guys, who are always close by the door. Jinny takes her job seriously, and doesn't let anything get past her as the first line of security at The Caterpillar Club.

CHARACTER COMPLEXITY RATING: 4





Stodgy “Bag ‘O Bricks” Turner

Stodgy Turner is a businessman, and since the on-set of prohibition, has been capitalizing off the city's thirst for alcohol. Having international connections from previous business dealings, Stodgy was one of the first in the city to begin importing illegal alcohol from Nova Scotia, Canada. While business is great, he is considered the second most profitable man in the city, after the victim, **. Unfortunately for him, because of the intense battle for control of organized crime in the city, this once straight-laced businessman has found himself in the thick of a war for control of smuggling, speakeasies and organized crime. It's a well-known fact that Stodgy can't swim... he claims that in water, he would sink like a bag of bricks, which is how he earned his nickname.

CHARACTER COMPLEXITY RATING: 4



Charles “Lucky” Coleman

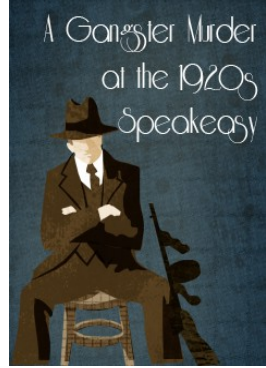
Local businessman Charles Coleman is a self-made man through and through. As he came of age he got into shipping, and over the subsequent years amassed a vast fortune from his shipping business. With the on-set of prohibition (and some of his major imports having been spirits), Charles turned his attention toward illegal smuggling. With one of the only smuggling operations in the city, opening a “speakeasy” was an obvious progression for him. Since, other smugglers have emerged, however Charles is still the biggest – at least for now. With the number of known gangsters who frequent his speakeasy, rumour has it that the race for control of the city's main smuggling ports is heating up. Charles gained his nickname, “Lucky” from the number of raids he has avoided, although he insists it's thanks to good information and a series of switches that, when flipped, turn the speakeasy into a regular looking dry card club.

CHARACTER COMPLEXITY RATING: 4





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Francis “Knuckles” Carbine

Francis “Knuckles” Carbine was known as the victim, Bill Mahoney's right-hand man and his personal security guard. Knuckles was never away from Bulletproof Bill's side, and was the main reason Bill had not been killed months ago. A hard, yet quiet man, Knuckles is rumoured to have killed a man with a single punch to the face, which earned him his nickname. A terrifying gangster, Knuckles refuses to carry a weapon, instead relying on his brute strength and instincts to get him out of any situation. Seemingly un-killable, Knuckles has been shot at least eight times and has lived, giving rise to the rumours that he is invincible. Knuckles is an intimidating man who always seems ready for a fight, and those who are smart steer clear of this brute.

CHARACTER COMPLEXITY RATING: 5



Mr. Foxx

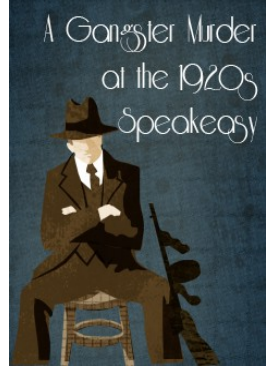
A smuggler from a place called Sands Point, Mr. Foxx is a legend in his own right. Elusive as he is wealthy, Mr. Foxx is rarely seen in person, but he throws the most raucous parties in his mansion, Lands End, the grandeur of which is renowned all over the nation. A brilliant businessman, Mr. Foxx is in town for reasons unknown, although it's safe to assume it has something to do with his own smuggling operation in Sands Point. Mr. Foxx is attending The Caterpillar Club with his personal secretary, Mylena Star, and the two are rarely apart.

CHARACTER COMPLEXITY RATING: 3





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Teddy “Winks” Strathmore

A member of Stodgy “Bag 'O Bricks” gang, Teddy is rarely called “Teddy” - most simply know him now as “Winks”. He earned his nickname because of the amount he winks... no one is sure if it's a nervous tick or if, thanks to the onset of prohibition and all of the code words he uses in the smuggling trade, he now just does it out of habit. Regardless, a conversation with Winks can be slightly confusing if one is not aware that he winks at random moments and for no particular reason. Winks earned his place in Bag 'O Bricks' gang because of his powers of negotiation and his flawless aim with any kind of firearm.

CHARACTER COMPLEXITY RATING: 4

