

Character Name	Description	Assistant	Guest	Question	No	Answer	Introduction
1 Jules Bond	An International Man of Mystery. Visits many foreign parts, and meets many interesting people - sometimes very briefly.	Molly Mahone	Jonathan Barron	Why were you watching the Baroness's home?	1	I was trying to find out what happened to the Baron?	The name is Bond, Jules Bond. In the course of my work, I have met many of you. Some of you understand the nature of my business. For those of you who do not, let me explain. I am frequently employed to check the provenance of valuable artefacts from around the world - and sometimes even people. That is to say, I find out their past history. I work for many people and everybody pays me. Most recently I have been working for the Baroness.
2 Bruce Danunder	Australian surfer and private investigator. Bruce has performed various commissions for the late Baroness.	Bertha Broadbotham	Tommy Travis	Do you know what happened to the Baroness's son?	2	Yes, but I'm not going to tell you!	G'day Cobbers and Shiele's. My name is Bruce Danunder and just for you who don't travel much, I'm an Aussie. Strewth. Tie me Kangaroo down. I've been invited to this gathering 'cos I've been helping out her Ladyship with a few interesting problems of a private nature. Whenever I get a few minutes, I chuck another prawn on the Barbie, and go surfing. Any of you girls called Barbie? No? Well, just surfing today them.
4 Arfur Dailly	A shifty character, who knows many people. Arfur has a finger in many business pies.	Meg Mystic	Conner Sexton	Who did you buy the Egyptian artefacts from?	2	From Professor Nutty McNut!	Most of you know me. I'm Arfer - Arfer Dailly. You wanna get good gear quick, I'm yer man. Or at least I know a man who can. Always gotta see yer wad first, o'course, 'cos I ain't a trusting kinda geezer. I've been flogging gear to her Ladyship for quite a while now. But all the stuff what I deal in is blindin' and fully autenticated by me close associates. So, I never, ever does any dodgy deals.
5 Mulch the Gardener	Mulch was the late Baroness' gardener for many years. Reputed never to have left the estate.	Lucy Lastic	Joshua Owen	Who did you see sneaking around in the grounds?	2	Dollar Moss	Me name's Mulch. I'm the gardener hearabouts. Been 'ere longer than I can remember. Never goes nowhere - never wants to. I does all me Ladyship's digging, sometimes I does 'er burying 'n'all, har, har - just my little joke you understand. But I sees everyf'n what's goin' on - the good, the bad and the ugly. Nuffin gets past me.
6 Samantha Snoop	Local reporter for the Daily Herald newspapers. Usually covers church fetes, but fancies herself as a great investigator.	Pinky Beasts	Micheala Etchells	Are the late Baroness's precious collection of ancient and precious artefacts real or fake?	2	Some of them are fake - perhaps all of them!	My name's Samatha Snoop. I know this because it's written on my press pass. I'm a brilliant investigator for the "Daily Herald". But they keep on making me report on Church fetes, coffee mornings, and birthday parties. Yukt! I've been investigating away for ages now, trying to find out just what's been going on at the Manor. And I'm very close to discovering everything. Oh, yes, I am!
7 Classy Galore	International hairdresser and beautician. Personal stylist to the late Baroness.	Molly Mahone	Danielle Wildbore	Why did you want the fake clock?	2	I wanted to get Basil Bossy to swap it for the real clock	Hi, I'm Classy - Classy Galore. I often get my profile in high-profile magazines. I used to dress the Baroness's hair - hairdressing's my speciality - and gave her the most fabulous facials. You can see my hairdressing and facial skills in this photograph of the Baroness. Doesn't she look absolutely fabulous? Being fabulous is my speciality, too! Don't you agree?
10 Rt. Hon Phoebe "Hammy" Hamilton	Hammy is a Tomboy of the first order. Very sporting. Frequently found at parties.	Meg Mystic	Jennifer Chatfield	Why was the Baroness murdered?	2	Because she was close to finding out what had happened to her long lost son.	Well, hello everybody. Isn't this a super party. Everyone who is anyone is here! Super! I'm the Right Honourable Phoebe Hamilton. My chums call me "Hammy", - sometimes they call me "Dishonourable Hammy", because of all my party antics. I always go to the most super parties - they are always super because I'm there. Isn't that super!

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12	Mata Hairie	Describes herself as a retired exotic dancer. Seems to travel a lot, and knows lots of people.	Bertha Broadbotham	Emily Moran	Who rescued you from certain death?	1 The Baron.	Well hello. I am Mata Hairie. I am an exotic dancer, now retired. In my younger days, I danced exotically with my exotic snake, in many exotic locations, all over the world. I have met many exotic persons, fed upon much exotic food, and saw many exotic scenes.
14	Dr. Sue Diggett	A famous archaeologist and explorer of mysterious and ancient tombs and temples.	Molly Mahone	Harriett Greenwood	Are the Egyptian artefacts real or fake?	2 They all all fake!	Hi. I'm Doctor Sue Diggitt. I have been interested in ancient Egypt all my life. I am quite sure that I am the reincarnation of an Egyptian princess. I have explored the whole of ancient Egypt, from the Pyramids in Giza to the Temples in Luxor. I have swum in the Nile, and not been eaten by crocodiles. So, I must be a real Egyptian princess.
15	Princess Stella of Moldovia	The Princess is 42nd in line to throne of Moldavia and always reminds people how royal she is.	Pinky Beasts	Kerry Boyle	Is the French clock real or fake?	2 Real	I am Princess Stella of Moldovia, 42nd in line to the throne, after all my uncles, and aunts and cousins. I am a Royal princess - I will graciously allow you to call me Your Royal Highness. Princesses are always gracious. Don't be too familiar with me. Even gracious princesses do not like familiarity.
16	Jeff Setter	Jeff is a male model - the new face of Cavlin Klaim, but still has spots.	Alice Hairband	Keifer Slynn	Has Lucky Spurs got cards hidden in his sleeves?	2 Yes. He cheats at cards!	Good afternoon. My name, sorry, is this my good side? Ah. My name is Jeff Setter. I'm the new face of Cavlin Klaim, so I'm sure you all recognise me from the pages of those glossy magazines. Spot cream is so important for a man these days, don't you think? Of course, if the spot cream actually works, I won't have a job any more. So it will be back to the casting couch for me.
18	T. J. "Lucky" Spurs	Lucky is a Poker player and gambler. He has plitted his wits and luck against the late Baroness.	Lucy Lastic	Chris Bell	Does the Baroness pay her gambling debts?	2 Not always. She died owing me a lot of money.	Howdy folks. I'm T.J. Spurs, T.J. "Lucky" Spurs. Everybody calls me Lucky, on account of the fact that always lucky! It's a gift, a miracle. I hail from the US of A, and I've been on this side of the Pond for a few years now. I've been catching every poker table from Halifax to Bradford. Whenever you're in a gambler's mood, I'm your man. Just call for T.J. "Lucky" Spurs.
19	Clarissa Bradshaw	Clarissa is a sophisticated New York socialite. She has travelled extensively. An old friend of the late Baroness and a frequent guest at the manor.	Bertha Broadbotham	Tamara Harris	Have you ever tried to buy the Baroness's clock?	2 Yes, but the Baroness always refused!	Hi, there My name is Clarissa Bradshaw. I come from New York - Manhattan, to be precise. There again, just to look at me, you'd know that. I'm a very old friend of the Baroness. I've been a guest at the Manor many times. Even though I've travelled throughout Europe, Africa and Asia, but I've always made time for my old friend of the Baroness Arabella. Such a sad loss.
20	Ian Beasts	Son of Amy Beasts. Adventurer and explorer. Well read and well-travelled.	Molly Mahone	Sebastian Hopkins	Who has travelled widely in Africa, apart from you?	2 Gabrielle Le Fee	Hi, I'm Ian Beasts. I'm a well known explorer. I've been everywhere, from jungles to deserts, tombs to dungeons. I've been white-water rafting, and been seasick on all of the seven seas. And now I've come back to visit my dear old mum, who I've not seen for ages. Ahhh...

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21	Rt. Hon. Alexander Snootipants	Alex is a world famous photographer. Artistic and temperamental. Has been photographing the late Baroness's house and grounds for years.	Pinky Beasts	Rory McKee	Did you find anything lost in the grounds?	2 Yes. An African artefact that looked like a Hippo.	Hello, everybody. Just let me take your photograph - um, um... I'm the Right Honourable Alexander Snootipants. Oh, yes, what a perfect shot, smile for the camera. Say cheese. I'm a renown photographer -I've taken pictures of everything and everyone - even the lovely Baroness. You can see some of my work here. I really like to get into the subject I'm photographing, to study it from every angle, close-up, far away, even upside down.
22	Mr. Basil Bossy	Postmaster General. Struts around as if he was a real General.	Alice Hairband	Ben Roberts	Have you ever tampered with the Royal Mail, or stolen a parcel?	2 No, most certainly not!	Good afternoon to you all. My name is Mister Basil Bossy. I have worked for the Royal Mail all my life. I started as a humble postman, and worked my way up. I am now the Postmaster General, and I am in charge of delivering the Royal Mail hereabouts. I've even got a long service medal, which I polish every night before going to bed. The Royal Mail is vital. It must all always get through, though it may rain or shine. The Royal Mail must be delivered, be there frost, or snow, or ice, or even sunshine.
23	Gabrielle Le Fee	Gabrielle is a famous ballet dancer. She has travelled and performed all over the world.	Meg Mystic	Emily Marshall	Who knows what happened to the Baroness's son?	2 Lucrecia Diva	Darings, let me introduce myself, I am The amazing Gabrielle Le Fee! I am an amazing ballet dancer of the highest calibre. The most amazing ballet dancer of the century. I have danced my way across the world, not once, not twice, but three times... amazing! But with my amazing talent, what else could I do? My public just adore me!!
24	Madame Foo Foo	Madame is a famous French fashion designer. She has frequently designed clothes for the late Baroness.	Lucy Lastic	Heather Bowmer	Who knows that the Baroness has a son?	2 Georgy Porgy	Ooo La La. I am Madame Foo Foo, the famous French fashion designer. Chanel, pah - my designs are much more stylish. De la Chox - pah. My designs have much more style. Armani - pah. My designs have far more style. I have designed stylist clothes for the baroness - just look at her photographs. Such style!
25	Mr. Georgy Porgy	Mr. Porgy is the Headmaster of a posh public school (Rishworth?).	Bertha Broadbotham	James Sexton	Does the Baroness have a son?	2 Yes, but he was kidnapped a baby.	Good afternoon, boys and girls - oh, and parents too. Got to keep the parents happy you know - that's wher ethe money is. I am Mister Porgy - Georgy to my close chums. Yes, that's right - Georgy Porgy. And I do like pie. I am headmaster of that posh public school Heathfield. I am of the old school, and I believe that children should be beaten regularly.
26	George Timepiece	George is an eccentric antiques dealer, specialising in clocks and watches.	Molly Mahone	Samuel Rawnsley	Have you ever made fake copies of any antique clocks or watches?	2 Yes, but only twice.	Tick, tock. Tick, tock. There's always a clock in my head. George Timepiece is the name. Tick, tock. Tick, tock. I have been dealing in antique clocks and watches for many years, and I have never found one I could not fix. Sometimes you just have to talk to them. Tick, tock. Tick, tock.
27	Professor J. J. "Nutty" McNut	Professor McNut is a famously mad scientist. Seems to have developed a crazy laugh in recent years. Has been seen visiting the Baroness late at night.	Alice Hairband	William Jessop	Why did you visit the Baroness?	2 To make sure that the fake Egyptian artefacts were still fooling her.	Har, Har. Who me? I'm Professor J.J. McNut. Har, har, that's Professor Nutty McNut. I'm a professor, har, har. I do secret, har, har, sorry, I mean "hush, hush" stuff. Har, har. I have made some crazy discoveries, har, har, and invented some cracking stuff. Har har. You'd never believe the stuff I can do. No one ever belevies I can do stuff like that! Har, har, HAR.

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28	Jerry Moneybags	Eastend dealer and stockbroker. He had been known to advise the late Baroness on investments and money matters.	Pinky Beasts	Jack Halliwell	Do you fully understand the Stock Market?	2 What's a Stock Market?	Wotcha. Me name's Jerry Moneybags. I've got loads money. I've been trading ever since I was a boy - started in a market in the East End of London. I've worked me way up to Todmorden Flea Market, then Oldham Market, before discovering me full potential in the Stock Market. If you've got money to invest, I'm your man.
30	Dollar Moss	An American racing car driver. Dollar has been a frequent visitor to the home of the late Baroness.	Lucy Lastic	Tyler Slynn	Did you steal anything from the Manor?	2 Yes, but I was asked to do it by the Baroness.	Vrrrrm, vrrrrm. I'm Dollar Moss, champion racing driver from the US. Since I was a kid, I raced everything: motorbikes, gokarts, formula 1 cars - even a giant tortoise once. Racing is an expensive business - vrrrrm, vrrrrm - the cars cost a lot of money. When I was a kid I used to carve my own trophies - now I just win them - vrrm, vrrm.
31	Vincenzo Vincente	An Italian Playboy and member of the international yachting club.	Bertha Broadbotham	Sam Chadwick	Have you lost money at card games?	2 Yes. I suspect Lucky Spurs of cheating!	Chaow, Bellos. Hare are you all? I am Vincenzo Vincente. The fabulous Italian playboy you've all been reading so much about in your fabulous glossy magazines and on the fabulous Sky TV channels. Everybody in Italy and everywhere I go with my yacht thinks I'm just fabulous. And I am fabulous.
33	Lydia Lite	Lydia is a successful nightclub singer. Always in great demand.	Lucy Lastic	Lucy Farrat	Was the Baroness's husband really a Baron?	2 No!	Good morning. Yes, it is indeed morning to me. I'm Lydia Lite, and the night is my day, and the day is my night. I'm not usually up as early as this, but I've made a supreme effort. I am a singer in the most wonderful little nightclub in world-renown Bacup. Being so close, I could just get here in time, even though the night is my day, and the day is my night..
34	Trinny Haddock	A renowned celebrity chef. Famous for her fish dishes and prawn cocktails.	Bertha Broadbotham	Rebecca Bishop	Do you do all your own cooking?	2 No, none of it!	Hello everybody. I'm Trinny Haddock. You will have seen my TV Cookery programme, which I do all by myself. My programme's so good, much better than the Two Far Ladies - personally, I think they need to diet. And that Naked Chef chappie - well, he really should keep his clothes on! Today, we're going to be having a splendid spread, which I prepared earlier, all by myself. I always prepare everything all by myself
35	Lucrecia Diva	The latest catwalk model and face of Chanel. Beautiful and glamorous. Has modelled clothes for the late Baroness.	Alice Hairband	Eleanor Capuano	Who has been buying you diamonds?	2 Bruce Danunder. But he doesn't buy me anything any more.	Good afternoon. I am a world famous model, the new face of Chanel. I am the new body of Armani. I am the new legs of Pretty Polly. I am Lucrecia Diva. I am Italian, I am Russian. I am all things to all people. Modelling jewellery is my favourite. I just love diamonds. I have a passion for them. Diamonds are a girl's best friend, don't you know.
36	Ivory Tinkle	A world famous concert pianist. Ivory has been giving private lessons to the late Baroness.	Meg Mystic	Vanessa Owen	Where did you learn to play the piano?	2 In a sleazy nightclub.	Hello. My name is Ivory Tinkle. I play the piano in packed concert halls all over the world, from the Albert Hall in London to the Sydney Opera House in Australia. My audiences love me - everyone enjoys my piano recitals. I also give private piano lessons to the rich and famous. I was the Baroness's friend - her best friend, her confidante, in who she confided everything. Well, almost everything.

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Freddie Farr starts the reading of the will	Freddie Farr	We are gathered here this afternoon to read the last will and testament of the Baroness Arabella Rummun. She died recently under tragic and mysterious circumstances. The police haven't been able to find out what happened. Perhaps we will also find out what will happen to all these wonderful artefacts that the baroness has collected over the years.	
Interrupts the reading of the will	Samantha Snoop	This is Samantha Snoop, Daily Herald. My sources say there is some thing funny going on at the Manor. Are these artefact real? My sources say that they're fakes!	Shouts out and interrupts Farr - PROMPT
	Freddie Farr	Fakes - of course not. How could they possibly be fakes.	
	Samantha Snoop	I stole - I mean found - a report that said that the Baroness was a fraud, and that her taste in artefacts was rubbish!	
	Freddie Farr	Does anyone think they're fakes?	
	All	Fakes, fakes, fakes!	
	Freddie Farr	Nonsense. The late Baroness has had these wonderful items for years. But, we had better make sure. I believe we have in the room an expert on Egyptian artefacts. Doctor Sue Diggett!	
Dr. Diggett comes forward and inspects the artefacts carefully.	Dr. Sue Diggett	I've inspected these artefacts before, when I visited the Baroness. I'm sorry to say that all of the Egyptian artefacts are fake and therefore completely worthless.	
	Freddie Farr	You knew about these Egyptian artefacts?	
	Dr. Sue Diggett	I knew they were fake, but I didn't tell anyone. I didn't want to upset the Baroness. Oh, I wish I had told her this before!	
	Freddie Farr	But where did the fake Egyptian artefacts come from? Does anyone know?	
	All	Arfer Dailly sold them	
	Freddie Farr	Mr. Arfer Dailly, the well-known businessman. Did you sell these things to the Baroness?	
Arfer Dailly steps forward.	Arfer Dailly	I admits that I sold that Egyptian stuff to the Baroness. But I bought it all in good faith! Me gear's always good. Ask anyone!	

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	Freddie Farr	But who knows who sold the fake artefacts to Arfer Dailly? Does anyone know?	
	All/Arfer	Professor Nutty McNut!	
	Freddie Farr	Professor McNut. Do come forward.	
Arfer Dailly bought the Egyptian artefacts from Prof McNut.	Professor Nutty McNut	Har, har, har. Yes, Yes, I did it, it was me. It's my secret process for making fake Egyptian artefacts seem just like the real thing. I fooled Arfer Dailly. I nearly fooled you all. Har, har HAR!	
	Freddie Farr	But why did you do it?	
	Professor Nutty McNut	I needed the money for my secret experiments. I only got a few quid for them, anyway. Arfur Dailly must have thought I was stupid, or something.	
What about the other artefacts? Check on each kind of artefacts.	Freddie Farr	Oh my goodness. And I thought these wonderful pieces were completely genuine and extremely valuable! I think we must check on all the other items in the collection. Does anyone think anything else is fake?	
	All	What about the clock?	
	Freddie Farr	The clock - who knows about clocks? Ah, I know - we'll ask Princess Stella.	
Checking the Antique French Clock	Princess Stella of Moldovia	Your Royal Highness. Would you care to step forward? Let me inspect the clock. I have lots of clocks just like this in my gracious palaces back home in Moldavia.	
	Freddie Farr	Please look closely, your Royal Highness, and tell us all whether the clock is real.	
Inspects the clock closely	Princess Stella of Moldovia	Oh yes, this is the genuine article. A gracious example of a seventeenth century French clock, in very good condition. Absolutely priceless.	
	Freddie Farr	Well, I wonder if anyone would be interested in buying the clock? I believe Ms. Bradshaw was interested.	
Offer to buy clock.	Clarissa Bradshaw	It's a marvelous clock. I've been after it for years, but the Baroness wouldn't sell it to me. If one of you inherits the clock in the Baroness's will - well, just let me say that I'll offer you a lot of money for it.	

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Clock is actually real!	Freddie Farr	So the clock is completely genuine. And worth a lot of money, I'm sure. Someone is going to be very rich!	
	Freddie Farr	Perhaps we should hear from the person who sold the clock to the Baroness. Miss Classy Galore?	
Hear from the seller of the clock	Classy Galore	Let me have a look. Yes, it's true - I sold this clock to the Baroness years ago. One of my gentlemen friends left it with me, before he went off polar-bear hunting. He never did come back (giggles)	
	Freddie Farr	But is this the real clock?	
Checks clock closely. Seems surprised	Classy Galore	Yes, it's the real thing all right.	
	Freddie Farr	Well that seems conclusive them. But we have another expert in clocks in the room - Mister George Timepiece. Mr. Timepiece - could you cast your eyes over this?	
Inspects clock closely	George Timepiece	Well, well, there's a thing, tick, tock. I know this clock - the Baroness sent it to me to be cleaned and repaired a few years ago.	
	George Timepiece	And then a strange thing happened - not one, but two people paid me to make copies of the clock. And I did - they were excellent copies, could have fooled anyone, tick, tock. But this is the real thing, TICK, TOCK.	
What happened to the fake clocks?	Freddie Farr	What's going on here? What happened to the fake clocks. And who asked you to make them?	
First fake clock was sent to Madame Foo Foo.	George Timepiece	Well, I guess you should all know. Madame Foo Foo paid me to make a copy, tick, tock. I was supposed to send the fake clock back to the Baroness, and give the real one to her. But I fooled her. She's got a fake clock, and I sent the real one back in the post, TICK, TOCK.	
	Madame Foo Foo	What? That can't be possible. You mean to tell me that the clock I have in my stylish home is fake? How could you play a trick like that on me, after all we have meant to each other? You have no style! Boo, hoo, hoo...	
	Freddie Farr	Well, I guess Madame Foo Foo bought a fake clock, and that's what she got! But what about the second clock?	

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Second fake clock was given to Classy Galore	George Timepiece	I gave it to Miss Classy Galore, tickety, tock! I don't know what she wanted it for, tick, tock.	
	Freddie Farr	Well, he's ticking along nicely. Does anyone know what Miss Galore wanted the clock for? Does anyone at all know?	
	All	She wanted to get Basil Bossy to swap it for the real clock.	
	Freddie Farr	Really? I'm sure that can't be true. Let's ask Miss Galore.	
	Classy Galore	Well, yes, if you must know. I've always wanted that clock. I just love the way it tinkles. Now I'm not sure which one is which!	
	Freddie Farr	But did Basil Bossy do it? Let's ask Mr. Bossy	
The PostMaster General.	Basil Bossy	Miss Classy Galore approached me to intercept the Royal Mail, and swap the real clock for the fake one. But I couldn't do it - not after working for the Post Office for all these years. So, the clock that Mister Timepiece sent is the one that the Baroness received.	
	Classy Galore	Oh, no! How could you? And after all the things I did for you. Boo, hoo, hoo...	
	Freddie Farr	Well, it seems that Miss Galore also paid for a fake clock, and that's what she got, too. Now we know all the other artefacts are real, can we get on with the reading of the Will? Or does anyone think that there is a problem with any of the other artefacts?	
	All	But what about the African artefacts? Are they real or fake?	
African artefacts	Freddie Farr	Has anyone here travelled in Africa?	
	All	Gabrielle Le Fee	
	Freddie Farr	Perhaps Miss Gabrielle Le Fee may be able to help? Could you pirotte over here, please?	
	Gabrielle Le Fee	I have travelled widely and performed amazingly in Africa. My amazing dancing is extremely popular everywhere. And I have picked up amazing souveneer from everywhere I've been.	
Holds up Hippo	Freddie Farr	How about this one (Hippo)?	

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Gabrielle Le Fee comes forward and inspects the African artefacts closely. Picks out one item (Hippo bookend).	Gabrielle Le Fee	This one is not real. This Hippo is definitely a fake - look, you can see the marks where someone has carved it with a blunt knife! And the Patina is too dark to be real. Amazing that anyone could ever have thought it genuine	
	Freddie Farr	Oh, no, not again. Does anyone know what might have happened? Did anyone see a thief sneaking around?	
Dollar spotted by Mulch the Gardener.	All	Mulch the Gardener saw someone sneaking around in the grounds	
	Freddie Farr	Mr Mulch. Do you have something to tell us?	
	Mulch the Gardener	Well, I was just potting some pansies, and I sees this bloke sneaking about. I sees it was Dollar Moss. And 'e was carrying somefin' in his hand.	
Stolen by Dollar Moss	Freddie Farr	Well, well. Mr. Dollar Moss! Is there something you would like to tell us?	
Asked to by the Baroness to sell it, and keep part of the proceeds of the sale. Also, whittled a replica	Dollar Moss	OK, OK, I admit it. I did steal the Hippo. And I carved a copy too!	
	Freddie Farr	But why did you do it?	
	Dollar Moss	The Baroness asked me to! She asked me to steal the Hippo, and leave the copy I carved. I was then supposed to sell the real Hippo, and give half the money to her. She said she needed the money desperately. Such a lovely woman. So beautiful.	
Photo of Baroness?	Freddie Farr	Yes, I can see that.	
Needed the money to pay gambling debts	All	But why did the Baroness need the money? Does anyone know? She lost all her money to T.J. "Lucky" Spurs	
	Freddie Farr	Mr. T. J. Spurs! Have you been playing cards with the late Baroness?	
	Lucky Spurs	Call me Lucky. Lucky by name, lucky by nature. I always seem to win. Yes, I won against the Baroness in many games of cards. She still owes me the money.	

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Freddie Farr	I don't think gambling debts can be paid out of a person's will. So you won't be getting money here today! Is there anyone else here who has lost money to Mr. Spurs? Vincenzo Vincente, and Jeff Setter	
All		
Freddie Farr	Perhaps Vincenzo Vincente would like to make a statement?	
Vincenzo Vincente	Well, ah, I've been pitting my fabulous wits and luck against Mr. Spurs. He always seems to win. It's uncanny. I suspect he cheats! Against me, the fabulous Vincenzo. So what has Mr. Spurs got to say to that? That's not true. Always play fair, that's me. Lucky by name, Lucky by nature. And what about Jeff Setter. Do you have anything to add? I've seen Mr. so-called Lucky Spurs cheating at cards! I caught him at it redhanded. I bet he's got a Ace or two up his sleeves right this very minute! Well, let's see... Well that proves it I'm sure we can leave Mr. Jeff Setter and Mr. Vincenzo Vincente to "sort out" Lucky Spurs later on!	Italian Accent? Pulls cards from Lucky Spurs clothing Mindors?
Freddie Farr	But back to the Baroness's will. Surely the Baroness was very wealthy? What happened to all her money? Perhaps we should hear from the Baroness's personal financial advisor, Mr. Jerry Moneybags. Mr. Moneybags, could you step forward, please?	
Jerry Moneybags	I have been the Baroness's personal financial advisor for many years. But investments can go down as well as up, and at the moment they are going down. So the Baroness has been losing money. Mr. Moneybags - what do you know about the Stock Market.	
Freddie Farr	Well, it's a market for Stocks. It's all a complete mystery to me - I just buy things I fancy, and sometimes I get lucky!	

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	Freddie Farr	So you don't know about markets and futures then? No wonder that the Baroness has been losing money!	
	Freddie Farr	But we still don't know what happened to the real African Hippo? Does anyone know? Perhaps Mr. Mulch can help?	
	Mulch the Gardener	I chased Dollar Moss. But he was too fast for me. He got away, 'e did. But I sees him drop something in the grounds. Couldn't find it when I looks, though.	
Dropped the artefact somewhere in the grounds. But managed to escape from Mulch's pursuit!	Freddie Farr	So, I wonder what happened to the dropped Hippo? This is the real one, I think. Does anyone know?	
	All	Alex Snootipants found it!	
Artefact found by Alex Snootipants, while taking photographs in the Manor grounds	Freddie Farr	The Honorable Alexander Snootipants, indeed. Did you find the African artefact?	
Hidden somewhere inside the Manor	Alex Snootipants	Well, you know, I was just taking a few artistic photographs in the grounds, when I saw a very strange man rush past, chased by that madman gardener. The strange man dropped something right in front of me, and I picked it up. I took it into the Manor.	
	Freddie Farr	And then what did you do with it?	
	Alex Snootipants	Ah, well, you know, I was so distracted by the subject of my artistic photographs that I've completely forgotten where I put it!	
	Freddie Farr	So how can we find out where the real Hippo went? Has anyone been watching the house?	
	All	Jules Bond!	
	Freddie Farr	Mr. Bond. So good of you to join us this afternoon. Is there anything you can tell us?	
Observed by Jules Bond	Jules Bond	I am a member of a secret organisation. I could tell you it's name, but then I'd have to kill you. Sufficient to say that I have been watching the Manor and grounds.	
	Freddie Farr	But why were you watching the Manor.	

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	Jules Bond	I can't tell you that. You won't get any information out of me!	
	Freddie Farr	Does anyone know what Mr. Bond has been up to? What has he been watching the Manor?	
	All	He's trying to find out what happened to the Baron!	
	Freddie Farr	So, Mr. Bond, did you find out what happened?	
	Jules Bond	No, I never found out. It's a mystery!	
	Freddie Farr	But if Mr. Bond can't find out what happened, will we ever know? Unless, the Baron's old friends can help? Do we have any old friends of the Baron here?	
	All	How about Lydia Lite?	
	Freddie Farr	Miss Lite? Would you care to step forward? Anything you'd like to tell us?	
"Baron" Gustav was on a secret mission.	Lydia Lite	Gustav and I were old friends, from when I was first singing in the nightclub. We spend our nights together, because the night is my day, and the day is my night. He wasn't really a Baron you know. I was just a cover story. He was really a spy, and was on a secret mission here in England.	
	Freddie Farr	Gosh, A spy. What happened to him?	
	Lydia Lite	I don't know. I knew he had met and married Arabella - she wasn't really a Baroness, you know Then he was supposed to go on another secret mission. I never heard of him again, in the night or in the day.	
	All	Ahh.....	
	Freddie Farr	So does anyone know what happened to the so-called Baron?	
	All	The Baron rescued Mata Hairie	
	Freddie Farr	Miss Mata Hairie? Could you tell us you part of this story?	
Rescued Mata Hairie	Mata Hairie	A long time ago, I was a spy, as well as an exotic dancer. I'm retired now, of course. And I was on a secret mission, with Gustav Rummun, who you know as the Baron. He was so exotic!	
	Freddie Farr	What happened?	
	Mata Hairie	We were being chased by enemy agents across a narrow bridge. I slipped and nearly fell. Gustav rescued me from certain death. He's my hero. But then he fell - to his certain death!	

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	Freddie Farr	What a sad story. So the Baron wasn't really a Baron, but he was a genuine hero!	
	All	Ahhhh...	
	Freddie Farr	But we still haven't found out what happened to the real African Hippo! Can Jules Bond tell us anything about that?	
	Jules Bond	OK, just this once. I saw Alex Snootipants bring the real Hippo into the Conservatory. He put it down behind a chair.	
	Freddie Farr	Ahh. Good job someone around here knows what's going on. Mr. Ian Beasts. You've done lots of exploring in jungles - could you find the real African Hippo in the Conservatory? If you find it, bring it straight here!	
Ian Beasts finds the Hippo			
	Freddie Farr	Thank you. Gosh, look. There's something stuck to the bottom of the Hippo! Perhaps it's a CLUE?	
	Ian Beasts	"Check the Backgammon." I play backgammon. It's my favourite game. And I play chess, that's my favourite game too. And I play hockey. Actually, thinking about it, that's my favourite. Of course, I play rugby - that's really my favourite game. I've got many favorite games.	
Real Hippo has a clue (secret message) attached to it - look under the backgammon set	Freddie Farr	What can that mean? There's only one backgammon set in the Manor.	
	Ian Beasts	OK, so where's the backgammon set?	
	Freddie Farr	Go have a look, then.	
Finds birth certificate for Ian			
	Ian Beasts	It's a birth certificate. "Born to Arabella Rummun, 23rd November 1974, a son." There's no name, though.	
	Freddie Farr	A son? I didn't know that the Baroness had a son. I've never seen any son at the manor! Did anyone know that the Baroness has a son?	
	All	Mr. Georgy Porgy	

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Freddie Farr	Mr. Porgy. Headmaster, would you care to step forward?	
Georgy Porgy	Yes, I would like to make a statement. The Baroness confided in me that she had a child years ago. But he was kidnapped years ago - I don't know who by.	
Freddie Farr	Is that all you can tell us?	
Georgy Porgy	I once heard someone say that the Baroness's long lost son was at my school! But I have never been able to find out who it is.	
Freddie Farr	So, does anyone know what happened to the Baroness's son?	
All	Lucrecia Diva	
Freddie Farr	Miss Diva. Do you want to say something?	
Lucrecia Diva	Yeah, I know what happened. But you're better off asking Bruce Danunder. He's been looking for the Baroness's son for years.	
Freddie Farr	Do go on.	
Lucrecia Diva	The Baroness has been paying Bruce Danunder to find the lost son for years and years. He used to buy me jewelry and diamonds with the money - but he doesn't like me any more!	
Freddie Farr	Mr. Danunder! Can you shed any light	
Bruce Danunder	G'day. Well, it's like this. The old Baroness has pots of money, and I thought she wouldn't mind me getting a few quid now and then.	
Freddie Farr	But you never found the long lost son?	
Bruce Danunder	Oh, yeah Mate, I did. Took all of two days. But I never told the Battleaxe - I mean Baroness. She would have stopped paying me!	
Freddie Farr	Well, that's disgraceful.. The feast you can do is tell us who the son is, right now.	
Bruce Danunder	Oh, all right. It's him - Ian Beasts. He's the Baroness's son.	
All	Ohhh....	
Pinky Beasts	No, no, that's not right. He's my son!	Screams
Freddie Farr	Well, here's a to-do. How are we to find out whether Ian Beasts is really the Baroness's son. I know, we'll ask the Baroness's oldest friend - Miss Ivory Tinkle.	

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Knew the Baroness when they were both dancers in a night club.	Ivory Tinkle	It's true. I've known the Baroness for ever and ever - since she worked as a waitress in a nightclub, where I used to play the piano. And I know that the Baroness did have a son, and that he was kidnapped as a baby.	
	Freddie Farr	But how can we tell whether young Ian here is the Baroness's son or not?	
	Ivory Tinkle	The Baroness once confided in me. She said her son had a red birthmark in the shape of a heart on his arm.	
	Freddie Farr	Ah, indeed. And does Ian Beasts have such a birthmark?	
	Ian Beasts	Yes, here it is.	
Kidnapped Ian Beasts as a baby	Freddie Farr	So, Pinky Beasts. What do you have to say for yourself?	
	Pinky Beasts	(Sobs) Yes, I did steal Ian away when he was just a baby. I couldn't bear the thought of that beautiful infant being brought up in a place without books and music. I thought I could give him a much better upbringing.	
	Freddie Farr	So, Ian Beasts is really the son of the Baroness?	
	Pinky Beasts	Yes, yes, it is true. (sobs)	
	Freddie Farr	But why did the Baroness die in such mysterious circumstances? Does anyone here know why the Baroness was killed?	
	All	Rt. Hon Phoebe "Hammy" Hamilton	
	Hammy Hamilton	Super! I think I have worked it out. Pinky Beasts realised that the late Baroness was close to finding out where her son was. So, someone had to murder the her before that happened, to keep it secret.	
	Freddie Farr	So who was it? Who killed the Baroness.	
Pinky Beasts is revealed as the murderer of the Baroness.	Hammy Hamilton	It was her, Pinky Beasts. She must have done it. So dishonourable!	
	Pinky Beasts	(Sobs) Oh, woe is me. I confess, I murdered the Baroness. She would have taken my son away from me.	
	Freddie Farr	Inspector! Arrest that woman!	

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Arrested by Inspector Herring	Inspector Herring	Come along now, my girl. Let's have you down at the station. We need to ask you a few questions.	
	Freddie Farr	Well, finally, can we have a look at the will? Well, I won't bore you by reading out all the legal jargon. Basically it says that the bulk of the Baroness's fortune will go to her long-lost son, if he can be found	
	All	Hoorah	
	Freddie Farr	Just as well we've found out that Ian is the son - otherwise, all of the Baroness's money would have gone to a cat's home!	
	All	Ohhh...	
	Freddie Farr	Perhaps Ms. Clarrisa Bradshaw would like to renew her offer to buy the clock?	
Offers to buy clock for lots of money	Clarrisa Bradshaw	Oh, yes, I'll certainly buy the clock. I've got my checkbook here somewhere.	
	Freddie Farr	It seem that Ian will be very rich after all. There's a section in the Will here. It seems that there is enough of the Baroness's estate left to give everyone attending enough for a drink!	
The food suppliers	Freddie Farr	Finally, it just falls to me to thank Miss Trinny Haddock, the world famous chef, preparing the wonderful food we have enjoyed this afternoon. I understand that Trinny has been supplying meals to the Baroness for years and years.	
	Trinny Haddock	Well, actually I have a secret, too. I never cook anything at all really - it all comes from Sainsbury's! That's the only way I could possibly do it. That's why I have to work all by myself!	Trinny may need to leave the party early - move earlier??

Note: if one character is not available (does not come to the party), then Farr will read out a letter from the missing character.

Order of Events

Time	Event	Script
3.30pm	Cocktails	Drinks served in the bar
3.45pm	Setting the Scene (Freddie Farr)	Gathered here today to hear the last will and testament of Baroness Arabell Rummun. Famous collection of heirlooms and artefacts collected from around the globe. Be sure to inspect the artefacts closely - one of you may be lucky enough to inherit them all!
4.00pm	Introduction from each Guest and Organisers	Each guest called up in order (with musical accompaniment), and asked to introduce themselves. Lounge/dining room?
4.15pm	Approach other guests, find answers to some questions.	"Some of you may have secrets. Don't let anyone find them out!"
4.30pm	Tea	Party food, drinks and chocolate fountain. Served in the bar.
4.45pm	Reading of the Will	
5.15pm	Denouement	
5.30pm	Guests depart	Each guest gets a party bag, as mentioned in the will.

Character Name	Description	Dress Code	Played By	Introduction
Baroness Arabella Rummun	Recently passed away under suspicious circumstances.		(dead)	
Freddie Farr	Solicitor and legal advisor to the late Baroness. Present to read the will and ensure fair play.		Trevor	Good afternoon everyone. I am Freddie Farr, Barister at Law. We are here to hear the last will and testament of Baroness Arabella Rummun. I was the late Baroness's legal advisor, and I will be conducting the proceedings today. As you will know, the Baroness passed away recently under very mysterious circumstances. The police are baffled. No one seems to know what happened. We also have an opportunity to inspect the Baroness's famous collection of heirlooms and artefacts collected from around the globe. Be sure to inspect the artefacts closely - one of you may be lucky enough to inherit them all! The late Baroness's servants and staff are all here. I would like them to introduce them to you. These people are here to help you when we read the will, so please make sure you know who they are.
Pinky Beasts	Music teacher at the local school. Mother to Ian.		Tas	
Meg Mystic	Clairvoyant - or at least thinks she is.	Long flowing clothes	Pat	
Lucy Lastic	From Liverpool - upstairs maid	Maid's outfit	Julie	
Bertha Broadbotham	Local Pub landlady. Supplied the drinks for the event. Engaged to make sure that the guests are well catered for.		Vicky	
Detective Inspector Herring	Not so much the pride of Scotland Yard, as the despair of the local Nick. Everything smells a bit fishy to him.		Bob	
Molly Mahone	Downstairs Maid		Liz	
Alice Hairband	Housekeeper to the late Baroness.		Caroline	
Freddie Farr				Everyone here knew the Baroness. But I don't think you all know each other. I have a guest list here. So, I think it is best if I call up each of you in turn to introduce yourselves. Everyone has an introduction, so please come forward when I call out your name.

Item	Description	Real?
17th Century French Clock	antique clock	
M'ing Dynasty Vase		
Egyptian mummy case		
18th century Dutch Silver Box		
Chinese painted faces		
Gold crown		
Gold headdress (Egyptian)		
Egyptian Pyramid		
"Girl havin' a kip" Genuine Picasso		
African Death Mask	"Abstract, innit?"	
Pet Panther/Lioness		

Introduce each item
 Believed that the Baroness left a secret message before she died. Sending clues to her friends and acquaintances?
 Fortune Cookies?
 chocolate money?

Real or not? Seller? Buyer?

Sebastian Hopkins	y
Kerry Boyle	
Ben	y
Thomas Hirst	y
Samuel Rawnsley	y
Harriet	
Jennifer	
Hannah	
Tommy	y
Jack	y
Adam	y
Emily Mo	
Emily Ma	
Danielle	
Jonathon	y
Tam	
Charlotte	
Kiefer	y
Tyler	y
Becky	
Michaela	
Rory	y
Heather	
Reegan	
Rebecca	
Eleanor	
Chris	y
Lucy	
Liam	y
Will	y
Joshua	y
Nessa	
Conner	y
James	y
Sam Chadwick	y