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“The Hunt”

Meet and mingle version
for 6 to 18 guests

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The Overview

A worker in the laundry that washes the linen from a nursing home found a letter amongst the dirty sheets. The letter described where the person had hidden each part of their vast fortune.

The fortune included cash, gold bars, a famous original artwork, the title deed to a building, a precious jewel, a very old violin, and a very valuable coin.

Some investigations have been made at the nursing home and, from the handwriting it appears that the letter was left in the sheets of the recently deceased Sasha Thomas.

We are now in the home of Sasha Thomas. Your job is to un-riddle the clues and to find the treasures.

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6 Pirate Participants (Optional but you need some)

Captain Jack – I am from Britain and I have spent my whole life on various pirate ships. Although I am a thief, I am a kind one. **Dress suggestion:** Wear a patch over one eye and other traditional pirate gear and talk in a British accent, if possible.

Captain Blood – I was orphaned as a child and thus had to learn how to fend for myself. When I'm not pirating, I'm usually stealing or robbing people. Because of the cold exterior I've had to build over the years, I've earned my nickname. **Dress suggestion:** Wear traditional pirate gear and don a plastic sword. Maybe smear tomato sauce on your clothes.

Captain Pugwash – I got this nickname because I am a scaredy-cat. I jump at the dark, when I think I've seen a mouse, etc. Because I am so afraid, I do not wear a patch over my eye as other pirates do. **Dress suggestion:** Sport pirate gear and carry a magnifying glass to see any bugs or mice. Carry a fly squatter.

Captain Gunpowder – Women love me, as I'm very smooth with words and moves. I know karate. However, I'm not that smart and have been known to give the wrong sailing directions. **Dress suggestion:** Wear loose clothes so you can move easily and show off your karate moves. Don a pirate hat as well.

Captain Clegg – I am the nerd of the bunch. I am very good with math and science. I help navigate our course across the oceans. **Dress suggestion:** Wear a fake nose, mustache and eyeglasses. Carry a calculator and wear a pocket protector, if you like.

Captain Bully – I am the creepy pirate that other pirates fear. I use my big belly to boss my way about. Because I have been picked on in the past, I can be mean to other pirates. **Dress suggestion:** Wear a pillow under your stomach to appear fatter. Wear ugly shoes and clothes as well as a patch over one eye.

6 Fairy Participants (Optional but you need some)

Breena – I am a Fir Darrig fairy, which means I like to play practical jokes on others. I am very creative in how I do this, but the other fairies find me annoying, if not frightening. *Dress suggestions: Wear black stockings/leggings and a skirt that is jagged or torn on the outside.*

Fay – I am a dryad fairy which means I like to dwell in trees. I am also a nature lover at heart and very protective of it. I am also very inspirational to humans. *Dress suggestions: Wear a “peace” necklace and/or earrings. Also wear jewelry and clothes that are nature-colored. See if you can make a crown or halo out of tree leaves and wear it and sandals.*

Woody – I am a brownie fairy, which means I tend to attach myself to humans and human-households, generally for their own good. *Dress suggestions: Wear all brown.*

Mab – I am a Gwyllion – a type of Scottish water-fairy. I like to sit near mountains and silently watch passers-by, sometimes misleading them. *Dress suggestions: Wear an ankle-length skirt and a shawl. If you want, you can have a tartan skirt and/or a curly red-haired wig.*

Marigold – I am a knocker – a golden mine fairy. I am friendly to miners and I knock to tell them where gold ore can be found. *Dress suggestions: Wear gold/yellow colored clothes.*

Gelsey – I am a leprechaun. I am especially, though not solely, active on St. Patrick’s day. I run fast. *Dress suggestions: Wear as much green as possible, as well as a hat, preferably green. Carry some gold coins, or gold covered chocolate coins.*

6 Experts (Optional but recommended)

Art Hoffer – I am Sasha’s lawyer. My parents were penny pinchers growing up, because they watched their parents struggle during the Great Depression. Therefore, I developed a fascination with both wealth and poverty. As a lawyer, I am quite well off, and I like to make sure others know it. Rich clients such as Sasha are the mainstay of my business. *Dress suggestions: Wear expensive and fancy clothes. Carry a wad of money in your pocket and have it peeking out.*

Corrie McDougal – I am a gem expert. I am from Scotland and thus have a thick accent. I earned a B.Sc. in geology with a minor in fine arts from Edinburgh University and a Graduate Gemologist Diploma from Idar-Oberstein in Germany. I am a member of many jewelry, geology and historical societies. I especially like stones that have been formed in exquisite shapes. *Dress suggestions: Wear a brooch and a tartan kilt. If possible carry a magnifying glass. Bring some cheap gemstones if you can.*

Drew Cohen – I am a building expert. As a young child, I loved building with Lincoln logs. This love never subsided. After becoming an architect; I went to law school, becoming a consultant on building construction and defects. I have also studied history extensively. I am especially interested in period architecture. I have a terrible time stopping myself from noticing the building faults, even when I am out walking. *Dress suggestions: Dress in a suit. Carry a briefcase. If possible carry a model of a building.*

Marty Bloom – I am an art appraiser, advisor, and writer. I also personally resell the valuable art I collect. I have written columns for magazines over the years regarding the collection of art. I have also acted as a consultant for art museums around the U.S. However, my knowledge of art covers up the fact that I wish someone would pay me something for the art I create in my spare time to show they appreciate it. *Dress suggestions: Wear an apron over your clothes that have been scattered with paint. Also don a beret and carry a paint palette or color chart. And/or carry art books.*

Name Tags

Mel Gerber – I am a violin expert. I am from the New England area of the United States. As a teenager, I apprenticed with a Italian neighbor who taught me the craft of violin making. I later went to college to study music and history, eventually becoming a consultant to musical instrument designers. I have given lectures on violins extensively throughout the world. The highlight of my career was serving as a craftsmanship judge for the Violin Society of America competitions. *Dress suggestions: If possible carry a violin or violin case. If not carry a pitchfork or similar and/or a small woodworking tool of some kind.*

Avery Smidt – I am a coin expert. I am from Berlin in Germany and have been fascinated by coins ever since I was a child and used to collect them from neighbors. I eventually went on to study math and to subsequently learn the science of numismatics (the study of money). Today I have my own coin valuation firm and keep an updated website regarding coin collection around the globe. I keep my skills in coin grading by using the strike (imprinting) method as well as by examining a coin's surface. *Dress suggestions: Wear eyeglasses and a pocket protector if you can. Carry a calculator and a magnifying glass. Carry some coins.*

The Pirate Participants (all are optional)

Captain Jack

Captain Blood

Captain Pugwash

Captain Gunpowder

Captain Clegg

Captain Bully

Gelsey

The Fairy Participants (all are optional)

Breena

Fay

Woody

Mab

Marigold

Experts (all are optional)

**Art Hoffer
Lawyer**

**Corrie McDougal
Gem Expert**

**Drew Cohen
Building Expert**

Marty Bloom
Art Expert

Mel Gerber
Violin Expert

Avery Smidt
Coin Expert

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These are the:

Clues

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*Clue page for the participants or experts
Print as many copies as you need.
Staple a copy of their name tag here*

What I know

Staple their questions and/or answers here

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Special Item A: Sasha Thomas' Letter

To be read out by Sasha's the host.

1. I am now going to read out each section of Sasha's letter. Here is the first part: “Welcome to my house. Once you get to know me better, you will find out things about me that will help you to work out where I have hidden my Will”. (Host, see *Special Items B and C.*) Some of you have questions and some of you have been given answers or a mixture of both. Your job is to find the person with the answer to your question or vice versa. There is a prize for the first two who find each other. Please do not start searching the house until you have mingled for half an hour or so.

After they have mingled, Sasha says if they don't know where to look, give them this hint: “Royalty”. (Host, see “*The Answers*” section at the back of this kit.)

What I need to do

- 1 Talk to everyone, not just the experts and tell them what you know and find out what they know.

2. This will help you to find where Sasha hid some cash: “Water, water, every where, Nor any drop to drink”. This is a line from the Samuel Taylor Coleridge poem “The Rime of the Ancient Mariner”. If necessary, write this down. “But, what you are looking for is not hidden in water”. (Host, see “The Answers” section at the back of this kit.)
3. This clue will help you find where Sasha hid his gold bars: “Everything but the..... (dot, dot, dot)” Or “You won’t drown, but you might (dot, dot, dot). If necessary, write this down. (Host, see “The Answers” section at the back of this kit.)
4. I am handing out *Special Item D*. Read it carefully. This will help you work out which original artwork Sasha owned. (*If there is an art expert present, you may ask him or her to read the report to the group.*) The clue is written at the top of the report: “What makes this painting different from the others is not related to the artist being from The Netherlands.” (Host, see “The Answers” section at the back of this kit.)

Give whoever works this out this additional clue to find where the artwork is hidden: "Paintings get hung but not in this". Tell them to write this down. If they can't work it out, the others can help them. Later on, if they need a hint, say “Think about where you hang other things”. (Host, see “The Answers” section at the back of this kit.)

Plus another 4 questions in the real version.

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Special Item B:

Meet and Mingle Questions and Answers

Give each participant or expert either one question or an answer (or more). During the party, they must find the person with the matching question or answer. You may like to give a prize to the first people who find their match.

No.	Question...	Answer...
1.	What was one invention of Sasha’s that wasn’t popular?	Sasha invented an alarm clock that bangs a person on the head to wake them up.
2.	What was one of Sasha’s first inventions? It could have caused people to drown.	Earlier in his career Sasha created a ferris wheel that partly went underwater. This was taken off the market after several riders became stuck underwater.

No.	Question...	Answer...
3.	What was Sasha's most important invention?	Sasha invented a machine for older people or those injured/ill that allows one to bite down and a tube will place more food either in their stomach or their mouth, depending on what type it is. This was Sasha's main invention.
4.	I heard Sasha's family was somehow involved with slavery in the U.S. Can you tell me more about this?	Sasha's English ancestors made money by shipping slaves from Africa to the US.
5.	What were Sasha's favorite munchies growing up?	Sasha's had a favorite secret snack; it was squid balls and black rice cake.
6.	Did Sasha have any brothers and sisters?	Sasha had a brother and sister.
7.	What was Sasha's favorite book?	Sasha liked to read many things, but his all-time favorite books are "The Where's Waldo?" collection. He also really liked mysteries, especially by such authors as Mary Higgins Clark and Stephen King, to name a couple.

No.	Question...	Answer...
8.	How did Sasha promote his inventions?	Sasha was a bit shy about talking with strangers, but as he needed to promote his inventions, he really didn't have a choice. He was on television several times promoting them on infomercials, and even went on tour on one occasion promoting his main invention, the on-demand feeding tube.
9.	Why didn't Sasha leave all his money to his children?	Sasha was no longer speaking to either of them, and besides, he wanted to create a way that he would be remembered after his death.
10.	What did Sasha spend his money on after he started earning it?	Sasha was careful to spend as little as possible of his money as it rolled in from his inventions. He even went for periods of time eating only oatmeal heated on his radiator.
11.	What was Sasha's odd dinner ritual?	Sasha preferred to eat dessert before dinner "meal" food.
12.	What item did Sasha spend two days and nights looking around his home for?	Sasha once spent two days and nights searching his home for a 32 cent stamp he misplaced.

No.	Question...	Answer...
13.	Find out what disposophobia and how it relates to Sasha.	Sasha had a fear of getting rid of items, even useless ones, from his house.
14.	What happened when Sasha once got pulled over for speeding?	Sasha once got pulled over for speeding when he was late for an invention show. He was driving without any shoes, because he said his feet were overheated.
15.	Was Sasha ever married?	Sasha was married for a few years to his good childhood friend.
16.	Did Sasha have any children?	Sasha's wife, Kim, gave birth to two children, but Sasha no longer keeps in touch with them.
17.	As a child, what did Sasha want to be when he "grew up"?	Sasha dreamed of performing in the circus as a child.
18.	What happened to Sasha's children?	Sasha's son, Lucas, went on to become a surfer and owns a surf shop near a Delaware, USA beach. Sasha's daughter, Marie became an acrobat in a traveling circus.
19.	Why did Sasha not keep in touch with his son, Lucas?	Sasha got in a fight with his son Lucas over his career choice. Lucas became a professional surfer. Sasha thought he should have chosen a career path that would earn more money.

No.	Question...	Answer...
20.	How wealthy was the family Sasha grew up in?	Sasha's parents were both quite poor; indeed, his mother did not make much money working as a tattoo artist, and his father only barely covered his expenses as a farmer.
21.	Who was Sasha's closest friend growing up? What was their relationship?	Sasha was close with a girl named Kim growing up. He and Kim hung out all the time, even eventually marrying for a few years.
22.	Describe Sasha's first date with Kim – the woman who later became his wife.	On Sasha's first date with Kim, he picked her up borrowing a friend's car. He accidentally ran a red light and he received a huge fine.
23.	Why did Sasha not keep in touch with his daughter, Marie?	Sasha threatened to stop speaking to his daughter if she got her belly button pierced, which she went ahead and did, seeing as it would fit in with her job in the circus.
24.	What happened to Sasha's brother and sister?	Sasha's brother, Joel, went on to become a chimney sweeper, while his sister, Kate, became a professional wrestler. Sasha didn't get on with them.

No.	Question...	Answer...
25.	Where did Sasha live most of his life?	Sasha was raised in West Texas but he moved to Chicago as an adult.

Plus another 25 questions and answers in the real version.

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Special Item C:

Last Will and Testament of Sasha Thomas

To be read out by Sasha’s lawyer if present. If he/she is not present, someone else must read it out.

This Will dated August 26 1999 is made by me, Sasha Thomas of 2560 Ashland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, United States of America.

I revoke all previous wills and codicils made by me.

I appoint my friend Phillip Adams, 4067 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, USA to be the executor of my will.

I give one million dollars to my son Lucas. However, he is to receive the money as a yearly stipend of twenty-five thousand dollars through a trust fund administered by my accountant Garrison Garnet. I give one million dollars to my daughter Marie. However, she is to receive the money as a yearly stipend of twenty-five thousand dollars through a trust fund administered by my accountant Garrison Garnet.

I leave the rest of my estate to whoever finds it.

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Special Item D: Art Expert’s Report



To be read out by an art expert (or someone else).

The clue relates to a painting:

**What makes this painting different from the others
is not related to the artist being from The Netherlands.**

Here are the details of four paintings. Which one of these paintings
matches the clue?

<p>Painting 1: Estimated value: \$45 million</p> 	<p>Name: Old Man With A Gold Chain (1631) Artist: Rembrandt Harmensz van Rijn, Dutch 1606 – 1669 He is one of the greatest painters in European art history.</p>
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<p>Painting 2: Estimated value: \$30 million</p> 	<p>Name: Woman At Her Toilette (1875/80) Artist: Berthe Morisot, French 1841 – 1895 She was an Impressionist. Her family was supportive of her artistic endeavors even though she was a woman.</p>
<p>Painting 3: Estimated value: \$20 million</p> 	<p>Name: Equestrienne (At The Circus Fernando) (1887 – 88) Artist: Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec, French 1864 – 1901 He made use of colorful themes and theatrical life in his artwork and he had a talent for unsentimentally capturing people in their environment. He was influenced by Japanese art.</p>