



FREE PREVIEW • NOT THE GAME ITSELF

# Reunion at Northstar Academy

*Twenty years on, the class of 2006 is back in the old gym. At a quarter to ten the time capsule opens, and the old principal has a record to correct.*

## USE THIS PREVIEW TO PLAN

- Page 2 shows all twelve characters, with a dress idea for each, so you can start casting your guests.
- Page 3 tells you what the full game asks of a host, so you can decide whether it suits your party.

## WHAT THIS PREVIEW IS NOT

It has no character booklets, no evidence and no solution — you cannot play the mystery with it. The full game is a separate download.

# The guests

Eight are always played; Carson, Eden, River and Scout join for 9 to 12 guests.

ALWAYS PLAYED

## Sydney Merrick

**Class president**

Organized the reunion, the seating chart and, twenty years ago, the whole class.

Wear: Your best outfit from 2006 — or a name tag and a clipboard.

ALWAYS PLAYED

## Harley Dunbar

**Accountant; sang in the band**

Sang lead in the school band; now does tax returns and still sings in the car.

Wear: A band T-shirt from 2006, or anything with sequins.

ALWAYS PLAYED

## Corey Vickers

**Dentist; drummed in the band**

Drummed for the school band; now a dentist, and still taps on everything.

Wear: A leather jacket over your sensible clothes.

ALWAYS PLAYED

## Devon Radley

**TV weather presenter**

Made the whole class laugh in 2006, and now makes the whole town carry umbrellas.

Wear: A bright tie or a bright scarf, and a big smile.

ALWAYS PLAYED

## Kerry Shepard

**Surgeon**

Won the Northstar Prize in 2006, became a surgeon, and still answers to “the Professor.”

Wear: A smart suit, and the calm of someone who saves lives for a living.

ALWAYS PLAYED

## Ryan Tolliver

**Car dealer**

Was homecoming royalty in 2006, and has the photo on their phone to prove it.

Wear: Your old letter jacket, if it still fits.

ALWAYS PLAYED

## Skyler Everett

**Journalist**

Edited the Northstar Star in 2006, and still can't stop asking questions.

Wear: Glasses, a notebook and a press pass from somewhere.

ALWAYS PLAYED

## Andy Keene

**School board member**

Was the teacher's pet in 2006, and now sits on the school board.

Wear: A blazer with a school-board pin.

OPTIONAL

## Carson Lawler

**Former exchange student**

Spent one year at Northstar on exchange, and flew back for the reunion.

Wear: Something from home, and a Northstar scarf.

OPTIONAL

## Eden Yardley

**Wedding photographer**

Took every photo in the 2006 yearbook, and now photographs weddings.

Wear: A camera strap and comfortable shoes.

OPTIONAL

## River Quarles

**Science teacher**

Should have won the Northstar Prize, everyone said; teaches science now.

Wear: A cardigan with a pen in the pocket.

OPTIONAL

## Scout Upton

**The secret school mascot**

Wore the Northstar Owl costume for four years, and never told anyone.

Wear: Anything with an owl on it.

# Before you buy

*What the full game asks of you and your guests.*

## IS IT RIGHT FOR YOUR PARTY?

|                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| <b>Guests</b>   | 8 to 12 adults or teens (14+). Eight characters are always played; up to four more join.                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Time</b>     | About an hour and three quarters with dinner: an opening, three acts, accusations and the reveal. Designed to this length; not yet timed with a real group.                                                                              |
| <b>The host</b> | Reads a short script and opens three envelopes. The host can play a character too, if they print without reading.                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Acting</b>   | None needed. Guests can stay seated and read their cards aloud. Everything about “back then” is on a card.                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Content</b>  | A fictional death that happens offstage and is never described; old school rivalries, a prize won unfairly and twenty years of secrets. No violence scenes, no real school. Nobody needs to drink, dress up, act or walk around to play. |

## WHAT THE FULL GAME INCLUDES

- A host guide with an exact print list for 8 to 12 guests, a read-aloud script, cue cards and what to do if someone cancels.
- Twelve player booklets of three pages each: a dossier, and an Act 2 and an Act 3 page that stay folded shut until their act.
- Three sealed round envelopes of evidence — the yearbook, the prize, a phone call, the DJ’s playlist, statements — a school map, detective notes, a timeline board and ballots.
- A sealed solution that proves the answer step by step, with why it was not anyone else.
- Party extras: invitations, place cards, name badges, a menu, awards, a teaser poster and invitation words to copy. Low-ink pages that print well in black and white.
- A large-print copy of every player booklet (about 17 pt), for any guest who prefers bigger type.