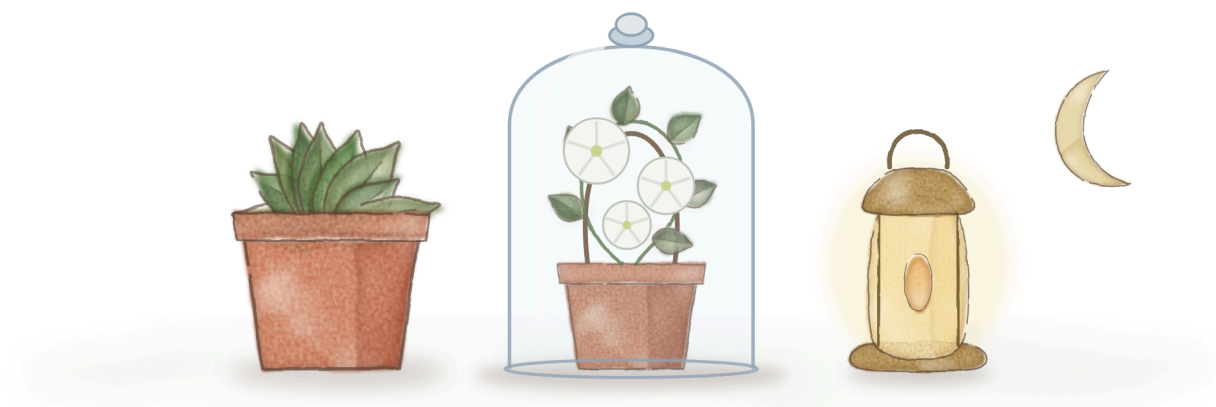




FREE PREVIEW • NOT THE GAME ITSELF

The Conservatory Midnight Gala

Once a year the moonflower opens at midnight, and the Moonfield Conservatory throws a gala to watch it. This year the founder went to fetch the flower, and never came back.

USE THIS PREVIEW TO PLAN

- Page 2 shows all fourteen 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; Kai, Skye, Rumi, Glen, Laurie and Nico join for 9 to 14 guests.

ALWAYS PLAYED

Harper Quayle

Chair of the Trust

Chairs the Trust's board, and has never lost a vote.

Wear: Black tie or evening dress, and a white flower.

ALWAYS PLAYED

Drew Kessler

Sponsor, Kessler Homes

Builds handsome houses, and wants the Trust's good name on the brochure.

Wear: A velvet dinner jacket, or anything with a sharp collar.

ALWAYS PLAYED

Jory Penhallow

Head of horticulture

Keeps three thousand plants alive, and the moonflower above all.

Wear: A tweed jacket, soil on the cuffs, and a fern buttonhole.

ALWAYS PLAYED

Ezra Vint

Architect

Restoring the glasshouses pane by pane, and over budget by every one.

Wear: A dark suit and an iron tie pin, or anything architectural.

ALWAYS PLAYED

Perry Lockhart

Treasurer of the Trust

Keeps the Trust's books balanced to the cent, and the contract in the safe.

Wear: Evening dress, with a silver brooch or cufflinks.

ALWAYS PLAYED

Tamsin Royle

Gala organizer

Has planned every gala in town, and never once started on time.

Wear: Something sequined, and a clipboard.

ALWAYS PLAYED

Ainsley Croft

Botanist

Bred the moonflower hybrid the award is named after — or says so.

Wear: A linen suit and a white flower buttonhole.

ALWAYS PLAYED

Leighton Vale

Tonight's award winner

Gave the largest gift in the Trust's history, and gets the Moonflower Award at midnight.

Wear: Your finest evening clothes, and something that sparkles.

OPTIONAL

Kai Mendes

Photographer

Photographs every gala in town, and remembers every face.

Wear: Black from head to toe, and a camera strap.

OPTIONAL

Skye Oduya

Apprentice gardener

Knows every plant in the glasshouse by its Latin name.

Wear: A gardener's apron over your best shirt.

OPTIONAL

Rumi Sato

Florist

Did every flower tonight, and would like to be paid for them.

Wear: A flower in your hair or lapel, as big as you dare.

OPTIONAL

Glen Achterberg

City council member

Sits on the planning committee, and smiles at everyone.

Wear: A suit, and a chain of office if you have one.

OPTIONAL

Laurie Pemberton

Last year's award winner

Won the Moonflower Award last year, and would like it back.

Wear: Last year's outfit, worn with pride.

OPTIONAL

Nico Bellamy

Ambrose's godchild

Ambrose's godchild, here for the supper and the photo booth.

Wear: Something borrowed, something bright.

Before you buy

What the full game asks of you and your guests.

IS IT RIGHT FOR YOUR PARTY?

Guests	8 to 14 adults or teens (14+). Eight characters are always played; up to six more join.
Time	About two hours with dinner: an opening, three acts, accusations and the reveal. Designed to this length; not yet timed with a real group.
The host	Reads a short script and opens three envelopes. The host can play a character too, if they print without reading.
Acting	None needed. Guests can stay seated and read their cards aloud.
Content	A fictional death that happens offstage and is never described; a doctored contract, secret marriages and old loves, and a garden that may be sold for houses. Nothing in it describes how anyone could be harmed. 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 14 guests, a read-aloud script, cue cards and what to do if someone cancels.
- Fourteen 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 contract, the Orchid House door log, the pledge book, statements — a conservatory 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.