

Death on the Gambia

It is the spring of 1939 and across Europe countries are preparing for war. In the distant British colony of Gambia however, a smaller drama is about to unfold as the tramp riverboat *Christabel* starts a routine trip from Georgetown to the capital, Bathurst.

The air is hot and humid, the mosquitoes ubiquitous and the waters slow moving. It is a two-day journey to Bathurst. Two days cut off from the outside world, with only a brief stop at Mansa Konko to break the monotony. Much can happen in two days...

In *Death on the Gambia*, the two day journey from Georgetown to Bathurst will be played out over the course of a single evening. The passengers aboard the *Christabel* include a journalist, a big game hunter, an archaeologist, a detective, an artist and a missionary. However, not everyone is as they seem – some (well, all) of the passengers have dark secrets and will do anything to prevent them from being revealed.

All those invited to *Death on the Gambia* are given a character. As they arrive they are greeted by the Captain, and welcomed aboard. Each character has goals and objectives that they must complete before the *Christabel* reaches Bathurst. Everyone has their own goals – and not all goals are compatible. If one person achieves their goals, another may fail!

The passengers have various items, such as guns, money, and travel papers to help them. They may also have various abilities to help them uncover secrets and achieve their goals.

The passengers can form alliances, blackmail each other, steal items and money and maybe even try to kill one another. Along the way they may solve some of *Death on the Gambia's* mysteries. What is the Sharpe safari's secret? Who has stolen the Idol of Bones – and what does it do? Join us aboard the *Christabel* and find out in *Death on the Gambia*.

All Aboard!

Welcome to *Death on the Gambia*

Thank you for taking the time to download this document. Most of the information you need to hold *Death on the Gambia* is contained within another set of files, for which you will have to pay. Before you do that, please check that your software is compatible by printing this section out.

What is included when you buy *Death on the Gambia*?

- Character sheets for each guest, including background, goals and objectives, special abilities, items and money.
- A rule sheet for your guests.
- A step-by-step guide on how to run the game.
- Handouts and other essential items.

How does *Death on the Gambia* work?

Death on the Gambia has been written for 8 to 11 guests – plus the host or co-ordinator. The step-by-step guide explains which characters to omit should you have fewer than 11 guests (you do need at least 8, however). Here's how that works:

Number of guests	Male characters	Female characters	Characters that can be played by either sex
8	2	2	4
9	2	3	4
10	2	3	5
11	3	3	5

Death on the Gambia runs over the course of three or four hours and is particularly suited to a buffet meal. One person is the Host, and acts as organiser and co-ordinator, responsible for making sure everything runs smoothly and that all the guests have the information they need. They also act as referee should an impartial decision be required.

The guests will be passengers and crew aboard the *Christabel*. They have their own goals and agendas, and how they choose to achieve those goals is entirely up to them. *Death on the Gambia* is an evening of extortion, blackmail, treachery and even murder!

Who has taken part in *Death on the Gambia* before?

Death on the Gambia has been run on numerous occasions, usually with people with no previous knowledge of murder-mystery parties or events. It contains everything you need to run the game, but please don't think that you can download the game and let it run itself. The co-ordinator will obviously have to put some work in to make it a real success.

Death on the Gambia Cast List

Jane Carter: an American journalist working for the Gambia Tribune.

Dexter Fairchild: an intrepid big game hunter from England.

Captain Sam Ironheart: Captain of the *Christabel*.

Katanga: a native of Gambia and First Mate aboard the *Christabel*.

Joey Keene: one of Gambia's finest detectives.

Connor McDouglas: a rugged Scottish archaeologist, adventurer and finder of antiquities.

Marie Renard: a famous French artist.

Gabe Schwartz: a brilliant German doctor bringing aid to the peoples of the jungle.

Caroline Tanner: an English widow seeing the world.

Alex Thomas: chief buyer for the Happy Peanut Spread Company.

Vic Townhill: an English missionary.

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WAR IN EUROPE?

As the Nazi forces under the command of Adolf Hitler continue to occupy Czechoslovakia, Great Britain and France have guaranteed support to Poland against German aggression.

Hitler is believed to be negotiating with Mussolini over Italy's part in any upcoming conflict.

In Bathurst, His Majesty's First Gambian Reserves have been put on standby alert. An official spokesman confirmed that this was "as a precautionary measure only."

The Gambian government reminds visitors that travel papers must be carried at all times and should be made available for inspection by any official of the Gambian government. This is for your own convenience in these troubled times.

Also in Bathurst, Herr Heinrich Wehrmacht, the German ambassador to Gambia, made this statement...

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NEWS IN BRIEF

PEANUTS DOWN

Peanut plantations are reporting a bumper crop this year, driving the price of peanuts down to a five-year low. See Analysis inside.

IDOL STOLEN

The Idol of Bones, an ancient good luck symbol from Mali has been reported stolen. Sources report that the German authorities are paying good prices for ancient artefacts, and that the Idol is already on its way to Berlin. See page 5.

RIVER FEVER

Official sources deny reports of an outbreak of river fever in Mansa Konko yesterday. Full report inside.

MULTI-MILLIONAIRE'S FIRST GAMBIAN SAFARI

The Gambia Tribune welcomes multimillionaire John Sharpe and his daughter Miranda to Gambia. The American industrialist is enjoying the start of a six-week safari based out of Georgetown.

Sharpe is known to be a keen hunter and has travelled extensively in Africa. On his first day of hunting Sharpe added three lions and a crocodile to his trophy collection.

This is his first visit to Gambia – we wish him luck.

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