The Reality is Murder

Welcome to *Tribal!*

It is 2003 and *Tribal* is Network 123's reality show where 12 people live on Moko Shanti, a beautiful tropical island for up to 40 days. Every few days, contestants vote each other off the island during Tribal Meetings. Now, only three contestants are left, and tonight is *Tribal's* finale.

Tonight, everyone has returned to the beach where the final Tribal Meeting will be broadcast live and the winner of the $1,000,000 prize will be decided.

Unfortunately, all is not well. Jeff Thompson, *Tribal's* creator and director, has been found dead on the beach – a machete embedded in his chest…

In *The Reality is Murder* not everyone is as they seem – some have dark secrets they need to keep hidden… and someone is the murderer.

All those invited to *The Reality is Murder* are given a character. As they arrive they are greeted by the Events Manager (the host), and welcomed to the party. Each character has goals and objectives that they must complete before the end of the evening. The characters have various skills and abilities that will help them uncover secrets and achieve their goals.

Players can form alliances, blackmail each other, steal items and even try to make the best movie for next year. Along the way they may solve some of *The Reality is Murder's* mysteries. Who will win *Tribal?* Who are ANTHRO? And of course, how did Jeff Thompson die? Find out in *The Reality is Murder*.

Let the finale commence!

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What do you get with *The Reality is Murder*?

- A step-by-step guide on how to run the game.
- Character booklets for each guest, including background, goals and objectives, rules, and special abilities.
- Item cards for each guest
- Handouts and other essential items.
- The solution!

How many people are needed for *The Reality is Murder*?

The Reality is Murder is intended for 23 to 30 guests – plus one or two hosts (the game coordinators). The step-by-step guide explains which characters to omit if you have fewer than 30 guests (you do need at least 23). Here's how this works:

Number of guests	Male characters	Female characters	Characters that can be played by anyone
23	6	7	10
24	6	7	11
25	8	7	10
26	8	7	11
27	9	7	11
28	9	7	12
29	9	7	13
30	9	8	13

And if you have even more guests, we have a few free extra characters for *The Reality is Murder* available when you download the game files.

How does *The Reality is Murder* work?

The Reality is Murder runs over the course of four or so hours and is particularly suited to a buffet meal. The host is the Events Manager, and acts as organizer, responsible for making sure everything runs smoothly. The host does not count towards the minimum or maximum number of players.

The guests are contestants, crew, guests and locals with their own goals. How they choose to achieve those goals is entirely up to them. *The Reality is Murder* is an evening of blackmail!

The Reality is Murder contains mature plot themes and is suitable for older kids only.

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The Reality is Murder – Cast List

Tribal Contestants

Cindy Perkins – A waitress from Miami, Florida and a finalist.

Mike Hollandale – A real estate agent from LA and a finalist.

Sandy Aikley – A lawyer from Chicago and a finalist.

Harry Samson – A retired US Army veteran from Long Island. Most recently eliminated in *Tribal* – coming 4th.

Lou Breakmier – An aging mystic from San Francisco, coming 5th.

Ronnie Brooks – Ski instructor and mountain guide from Colorado, coming 6th.

Derek Lunesdale – A body builder from Detroit, coming 7th.

Kelly Patterson – A model from New York City, coming 8th.

Devon Warring – Unemployed, from Orlando. Mysteriously pulled out of the show, effectively coming 9th.

Rev. Hal Cleever – A minister from a small town in Texas, coming 10th.

Domino Mountford – An eccentric French contestant currently living in New York City, coming 11th.

Bernie Fraser – A stay-at-home parent from New York. First to be eliminated, coming 12th.

Tribal Crew

Sam Wraysford – Sam is *Tribal's* producer.

Murray Neilson – Originally a park warden from the Florida Everglades, now an assistant producer.

Chris Keller – *Tribal's* head of security.

Rex Newby – One of the set designers, responsible for the creation of the Tribal Meeting set. Mary's husband.

Mary Newby – Production assistant and Rex's wife.

Dr Charlie Milahoff – *Tribal's* psychologist.

Jules McGee – A snake and insect expert, originally from Australia.

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Britney Thompson – Jeff Thompson's wife and *Tribal's* host.

PJ Deever – *Tribal's* primary camera operator.

Dr Georgie Palmer – *Tribal's* on-site doctor, an expert in tropical diseases and injuries.

Other TV People

Matthew Stuart-Fosterson IV – CEO of the TV Network 123.

Alex Johnson – Matthew Stuart-Fosterson's personal assistant.

Bo Bo Hardensfield – TV chef and presenter of *Tribal's* spin-off show, *Tribal Bites.*

Honey Rider – Bikini model from LA.

Clara Stuart-Fosterson – Network 123's Finance Director, and Matthew's wife.

Islanders

Uninhabited before 1948, Moko Shanti is owned by the Islanders.

Phoenix – Leader of the Moko Shanti Islanders

Skua – Phoenix's headstrong son.

Summer – Phoenix's daughter.

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The Islander

Spreading Tribal news since Episode #1

Harry Samson voted out!
Retired army veteran Harry Samson was the most recent be voted off the island at the *Tribal* Meeting, which leaves Cindy Perkins, Mike Hollandale and Sandy Aikley in the final. Since being voted out Harry has expressed concerns at how he has been portrayed on the show.

Tonight's finale
Tonight's *Tribal* finale will see the return of all the previously-eliminated contestants to *Tribal*. During the finale, the finalists and ex-contestants will vote for their favorite and crown Sandy, Cindy or Mike as the *Tribal* winner. Remember that the winner gets the $1,000,000 prize – while second and third place gets none. So you can be sure that the finalists will be on their best behavior tonight! Every vote counts!

Season II Decision tonight!
Tribal creator Jeff Thompson reported yesterday that Matthew Stuart-Fosterson IV (Network CEO) will give the go-ahead for a second season of *Tribal* tonight. As *Tribal* is already Network 123's top show it should get the top scheduling slot – although it will be competing against the new celebrity cooking show *Flames in the Kitchen*.

We've learned that the *Tribal* production team back in the US have already started thinking about season 2, and if given the go-ahead. As before, selection will be a combination of formal applications, interview and screen test.

123 hits big at annual TV awards
Our beloved Network 123 swept the boards at this year's annual awards ceremony, the biggest in the TV industry, taking home the prestigious Best Network Award. The network, which is the home of *Tribal* along with other top reality shows, was praised for its cutting-edge, controversial and daring television, contrasting with the mundane programming of more conservative networks. Surely *Tribal* was a big factor in this decision!

Unhappy Islanders
Tension is rising between the crew of *Tribal* and the Moko Shanti Islanders. The Islanders' leader, Phoenix, is disappointed by the lack of payment promised for using the island. Jeff Thompson declined to comment, but we understand that the production is operating entirely as agreed. Phoenix has been invited tonight to watch the live finale and after-show party, but is not expected to turn up.

Luckily, *Tribal* hasn't been bothered by ANTHRO, the extreme and sometimes violent human rights pressure group. As you will recall, before the show started there were some fears that ANTHRO would disrupt filming if they felt that the Islanders rights were not recognized. We're pleased to report that the production crew have treated the Islanders with respect giving ANTHRO no cause for concern.

Tonight's guests
As well as Network 123's CEO and the Islanders, other guests for tonight's live finale include Network 123's Finance Director Clara Stuart-Fosterson, the bikini model Honey Rider, and Bo Bo Hardensfield, TV chef and presenter of Tribal's spin-off show, *Tribal Bites*.

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"Freeform Games will definitely be my first stop when I decide to host my next murder mystery game :) keep doing great work!" **Vlad Dogaru, Romania**

"As I've always said you guys are great!!!! You think of everything! You've found a loyal customer in me!!" **Doris Arnett-Gary, USA**

"You make really great games. My friends and me are fond of mystery murder games and tried quite a number of them, and yours are the most interesting and elaborate ones :)" **Lyubov Sharonova, Russia**

"Love you guys. Love your games. I always had them for my teenaged daughter and her friends and they were a big hit. I was often impressed with how far young minds took their characters." **Susan Bull, California**

"Thank you again for responding to all my questions – you guys certainly know how to treat your customers – thank you!" **Laura Blakley, United Kingdom**

"I just want to say thank you for your fantastic games! We've played at least 6 of them, and every single one has been great fun. We have played a lot of murder mystery games over the past 5 years, and yours are absolutely the best." **Mary Lantz, USA**

Where can I purchase *The Reality is Murder*?

The Reality is Murder is available from freeformgames.com. We accept all major payment methods.

When you purchase the game, you'll be taken to a page where you can download it right away.

We will also email you a download link and password, so you can collect your game later if that's more convenient.

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