

# BACKSTAGE BUSINESS

Welcome to 1986. Eruption is a young band with loud guitars, big hair, spandex, and a lot of make-up. Recently, Eruption had a runaway hit with a sweet love song called “You’re the One for Me”. Tonight, at the end of their first, five-month tour, Eruption is back in their home city and has just finished the second of two shows at the Roxy A Go Go. It’s now time for the backstage end-of-tour party!

As with any successful band, backstage is not only filled with the band and their fans but also with managers, roadies, groupies, and charity organizations all looking to make a profit from the band.

However, things may not be going well for Eruption. Tonight, after obvious tension on stage, they played their encore without their lead singer, Slick Scott. Is everything okay?

Welcome to *Backstage Business!*

**LET THE SHOW BEGIN!**

## WHAT DO YOU GET WITH *BACKSTAGE BUSINESS*?

- 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, nametags, and other essential items.

## HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE NEEDED?

*Backstage Business* is for 18 to 22 guests—plus one host (the game coordinator). The step-by-step guide explains which characters to omit if you have fewer than 22 guests (you need at least 18, however).

Number of guests	Male characters	Female characters	Characters anyone can play
18	2	4	12
19	2	4	13
20	2	5	13
21	2	5	14
22	2	5	15

And if you have even more guests, we include an extra character for *Backstage Business*.

## HOW DOES *BACKSTAGE BUSINESS* WORK?

*Backstage Business* runs for three or four hours and suits a buffet meal. The host acts as organizer, responsible for making sure everything runs smoothly. The host does not count toward the maximum or minimum number of players.

The guests are all present backstage at the Roxy A Go Go. They each have their own goals, and how they achieve these goals is up to them. *Backstage Business* is an evening of intrigue and secrets!

## WHAT AGE IS ***BACKSTAGE BUSINESS*** SUITABLE FOR?

We suggest *Backstage Business* is suitable for ages 18+ as it contains adult themes and references to drugs and drug taking.

## WHERE CAN I PURCHASE ***BACKSTAGE BUSINESS***?

*Backstage Business* is available from [freeformgames.com](https://freeformgames.com). We accept all major payment methods.


When you buy the game, you'll be taken to a page where you can download it immediately.

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

## WHAT IF I DON'T LIKE ***BACKSTAGE BUSINESS***?

We offer a cast-iron, no-quibble guarantee. If you're not completely satisfied with *Backstage Business*, let us know within 30 days and we will refund you.





"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**

"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**

"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**

"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**

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



# CAST LIST

## Eruption

- **Slick Scott:** Eruption's charismatic singer
- **Hairy Joe:** Lead guitarist and pin-up
- **Rollin' Gary:** Bass player
- **Big Andre:** Drummer

## Crew and entourage

- **Ash Butler:** Sound technician
- **Robin Ford:** Stylist
- **Paula Gibb:** Guitar technician
- **Dee Hamilton:** Tattooed merchandise manager
- **Charlie Hill:** Tour manager
- **Kelly Murphy:** Former model and Slick Scott's agent & wife
- **Vinnie Ricci:** Drum technician
- **Billie Towell:** Band psychiatrist
- **Julie Warwick:** Hairy Joe's girlfriend
- **Cameron White:** Touring keyboard player

## Roxy A Go Go

- **Chris Harshaw:** The Roxy A Go Go's owner
- **Viv Letov:** Floor manager

## Visitors

- **Chrystal Crawford:** Groupie
- **Amy Fisher:** Representative for new charity Nozone
- **Bobby Hewson:** Ex-hippie representing charity Save Africa
- **Casey Lake:** Reporter for The Weekly News
- **Jordan Miller:** Owner of Platinum Records and Eruption's manager
- **Jacky Rodriguez:** Radio DJ and owner of Rodriguez Records
- **Max Wattford:** Former Eruption singer

