

# Death in Venice

## Introduction

Last night at the glamorous Venice Film Festival, controversial director Clay McFarland picked up the prestigious Golden Lion award for this season's hit movie *Never Look Back*. But this morning, he was found lying in front of St Mark's Cathedral – hacked to death with a meat cleaver.

The stars of the movie and some of their guests supposedly spent the night sleeping off the effects of the post-awards party, on the *Casanova*, their luxury yacht moored in the marina – but it seems that someone was up to no good. Traces of McFarland's blood found on the *Casanova's* dinghy mean that police are confident that the culprit is one of those now aboard the yacht.

As cathedral bells toll out across the ancient city, on board the *Casanova* a frothy ferment of vineyards, memoirs, gossip, jealousy, and movie-set punch-ups will come to the boil.

Charge your glasses, put on your designer sunglasses, and join the cast and crew of *Never Look Back* as they try to solve the mystery of...

## Death in Venice!

## What do you get with *Death in Venice*?

- 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.
- Name badge cards showing the characters' names.
- Handouts and other essential items.
- The solution!

### How many people are needed for *Death in Venice*?

*Death in Venice* is for 5 to 9 players. Someone needs to coordinate and organize (host) the game – they can either be in addition to the other players, or they can play one of the characters themselves. The step-by-step guide explains which characters to omit if you have fewer than 9 players (you do need at least 5, however). Here's how this works:

Number of players	Male characters	Female characters	Characters that can be played by anyone
5	2	2	1
6	2	2	2
7	2	2	3
8	2	2	4
9	2	2	5

And if you have even more guests, we have a few free extra characters for *Death in Venice* available on our website.

### How does *Death in Venice* work?

*Death in Venice* runs for three or four hours and suits a buffet meal. The host can either play the role of the Chief Steward (game coordinator), or if they prefer they can instead play one of the characters. In either case, they are responsible for making sure everything runs smoothly and that all guests

have the information they need. The Chief Steward does not count toward the minimum or maximum number of players.

The characters are all confined on board the *Casanova*, to try and identify the murderer of Clay McFarland. They each have their own goals, and how they achieve these goals is up to them. ***Death in Venice*** is an evening of film-festival fury, movie-making misbehavior, and murder!

### **Playing online**

***Death in Venice*** has been designed to be particularly straightforward to adapt for play online, via video chat. The game includes instructions for how to use it in this way.

### **Where can I purchase *Death in Venice*?**

***Death in Venice*** is available from <https://www.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.

### **What if I don't like *Death in Venice*?**

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



# CELEBRITY ONLINE



## Never Look Back slays Venice

The glamorous-yet-raunchy drama is set to scoop the **Golden Lion** award at the **Venice Film Festival**, [writes our star reporter Cruz Vicente.](#)



## McFarland brawl latest details

Troubled director **Clay McFarland** in punch-up on the set of *Never Look Back* – “I was trying to protect **Mary-Lou Sinclair**,” [says hero hottie Daniel Setters!](#)



## Landor and Lyra an item? Maybe... (not)

Tech mogul **Landor Hammond** and pop sensation **Lyra Spark** have been seen in each other's company recently, and rumor has it that Lyra is staying aboard Landor's luxury yacht the *Casanova*. Might wedding bells be in the air? [Here's a statement from Landor's PA, Courtney Keller.](#)



## Célestine's rancid wine: hear it all

New arrival on the celebrity scene, **Célestine de Vincennes**, with a heartbreaking-yet-beautiful tale of the decayed family vineyards, and noble blood fallen on hard times, [as told to Cruz Vicente.](#)



## Tindall: my struggle

EXCLUSIVE: The latest from racy film memoir *The Child in the Sailor Suit*. “There's no movie script yet, but it won't be hard to create one, if the person I'm thinking of will come on board!” – **Tindall Nobbs spills the beans!**

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## What happened yesterday

Around 1000: the *Casanova* anchored in Venice lagoon. It is too big to come close in to the harbor, so travel to and from the city is via small boats. It has one dinghy itself, which any of the passengers can pilot: and also water-taxis can be summoned at any time.

1000–1900: various people went to run personal errands in the city, but most stayed aboard the yacht.

2000: everyone traveled from the *Casanova* into the city to attend the film festival awards and gala dinner.

0000: the dinner event finished.

0100: by this time, everyone except Clay (who had decided to remain in the city for more drinking) was back on board the *Casanova*. The crew retired for the night; so, after this time, it is not known who may have gone from the yacht to the city, or vice versa, whether by dinghy or by water-taxi.

0430–0500: at some point in this period, Clay was killed, in St Mark's Square in the centre of the city.

0715: Clay's body was found. The police investigation started.

Now: Clay's death has been linked to the *Casanova*, traces of his blood have been found in its dinghy, and everyone has been confined to their cabins.

## *Death in Venice* – Cast List

### *From Never Look Back*

- **Daniel Setters:** The star of *Never Look Back* – a strong and soulful leading man who mingles tough with tender.
- **JJ Kowalski:** Gifted film editor, responsible for the narrative thrust of *Never Look Back*.
- **Mary-Lou Sinclair:** The other star of *Never Look Back*, a gifted and versatile leading lady renowned for her ability to express subdued emotion.
- **Tindall Nobbs:** Supporting actor in *Never Look Back*, famous for a friendly and approachable demeanor.

### *Visitors and guests*

- **Célestine de Vincennes:** Decadent French minor aristocrat, reputed to be fabulously wealthy.
- **Courtney Keller:** Personal assistant to Landor Hammond. Always seems to be rather busy.
- **Cruz Vicente:** Journalist covering celebrity material for the *Celebrity Online* website.
- **Landor Hammond:** Tech mogul responsible for a string of online businesses, and owner of the *Casanova*.
- **Lyra Spark:** Hugely successful pop star, currently thought to be trying to develop a side career as an actor.

