

# Dazzled to Death

It is 1948. The socialite Evington-Browne family (“E-B” to their friends) and their guests are preparing for their annual cocktail party, held in the family’s hunting lodge in the White Mountains north of Boston. A fierce storm has set in, cutting the party off from the rest of the world. This is unfortunate, as the valet of one of the guests has been found dead in the kitchen! It looks like a heart attack—but is it murder?

This year, the ‘Dazzling Diamonds’ (Aunt Priscilla’s fabulous necklace) will be handed to the eldest daughter, as is the family tradition. But an infamous society cat-burglar ‘The Puma’ is in the vicinity, and several family members are acting suspiciously...

Join the Evington-Browne family in their hunting lodge as the cocktail party begins and find out how the evening unfolds. Welcome to *Dazzled to Death!*

**Important note:** *Dazzled to Death* is an alternative version of *The Night before Christmas*. If your guests have previously played *The Night before Christmas*, they’ll know the secrets of *Dazzled to Death* too.

## You are invited to a cocktail party!

## What do you get with *Dazzled to Death*?

- 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 *Dazzled to Death*?

*Dazzled to Death* is for 12 to 15 guests—plus one host (the game coordinator). The step-by-step guide explains which characters to omit if you have fewer than 12 guests (you do need at least 12, however).

| Number of guests | Male characters | Female characters | Characters that can be played by either sex |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---|
| 12               | 4               | 6                 | 2   |
| 13               | 5               | 6                 | 2   |
| 14               | 5               | 6                 | 3   |
| 15               | 5               | 6                 | 4   |

If you have even more guests, we have a few free extra characters for *Dazzled to Death* available on our website.

## How does *Dazzled to Death* work?

*Dazzled to Death* 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 towards the maximum or minimum number of players.

Your guests will all be attending a cocktail party at the Evington-Browne hunting lodge. They each have their own goals, and how they achieve these

goals is up to them. *Dazzled to Death* is an evening of intrigue, double-dealing and murder!

## Where can I purchase *Dazzled to Death*?

*Dazzled to Death* is available from [freeformgames.com](http://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 *Dazzled to Death*?

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

“We played **Dazzled to Death** recently and had a great time. Everyone was really involved and enjoyed themselves (with varying levels of success in the actual game). Everyone was dressed up and there were even some American accents being maintained throughout the night! A wonderful product, and I will certainly be buying more in the near future.”  
*Thomas Halliday, United Kingdom*



“Thank you so much for letting me download the new files and the extra characters. The **Dazzled to Death** party was a huge success, everyone enjoyed it and the two extra characters fitted in seamlessly! People are already talking about which game we should buy to play next – except this time someone else can host, so that I can try my hand at detective!”  
*Hayley van den Bergh, New Zealand*

“We just played the game **Dazzled to Death** and what a blast! Everyone came fully costumed and fully prepared for an evening of murder and intrigue. With great food, good music, fake candles and an inflatable moose head, my apartment was totally transformed into a hunting lodge! Thanks guys!”  
*Anne Gregory, United States*



“My friends and I had such a blast with **Dazzled to Death**. They were mostly impressed at how professional the whole set up was. From the e-invites, to the character packs, to the ability and item cards. But most of all, the storyline was so captivating.”  
*Faith Toh, United States*

“I LOVED it! I had **Dazzled to Death** for my 15th birthday party, and though we were nonchalant at the beginning we had a ball! It was such a successful night full of betrayal, murder and suspense! My friends are all begging me to host one next year!!!”  
*Sophie, Australia*



“Just wanted to tell you how great last night was. We put on **Dazzled To Death** (the first Murder Mystery I've ever hosted!) and it was fantastic! Everyone said how much they loved it and it was a huge success. At first my guests didn't know what was going on but they soon got into the swing of things! We made photographs to hang on the wall, family tree, family portrait and a lovely buffet. It seems as though the general consensus is to do one again but everyone wants me to do one sooner rather than later!  
 I highly recommend to people to give **Dazzled To Death** a go because it was excellent! Thanks a lot Freeform Games!”  
*Nick Eccles, United Kingdom*

# THE BOSTON TIMES

Excerpt from  
*The Boston Times*  
1948

## **'Puma' preys on Boston Society**

The Puma has struck again! This time the victim was Mrs. Sowersby Smalls. Despite the tightest security arrangements at the Springfield Ball, the notorious thief walked away with a beautiful ruby necklace and earrings given to Mr. Sowersby Smalls by the Maharajah of Bajput.

The burglary had all the trademarks of a Puma attack, including a feather carefully placed where the necklace had been and a note saying, "You've been plucked!"

"This guy can walk through walls!" exclaimed D.I. Sparfield of the Boston P.D. "This is the tenth robbery this year – but we'll catch him."

Excerpt from  
*The Boston Times*  
'Society Page'  
1948

No doubt the Evington-Browne family are looking forward to their traditional masked cocktail party at the family's hunting lodge in the White Mountains area. We are sure no one can be more excited than Miss Evie Evington-Browne, who achieved her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday this year.

According to family tradition, it is assumed that the beautiful and charming Miss E-B will inherit the fabulous 'Dazzling Diamonds' from her aunt, Miss Priscilla Evington-Browne. Although we are sure that she can shine no more brightly than she already does, this writer looks forward to seeing Miss E-B display the diamonds at the Harpinger Ball next month!

Excerpt from *The Boston Times* 'Business Page', 1948

For some investors, this will be a far from happy year. The continuing instability in the market will see many of our men of business tightening their belts and looking anxiously at the predictions of an upturn next quarter.

## **Television – Explosion continues**

The East Coast continues to lead the way in the media phenomena that is television – of the 350,000 television sets in operation in the USA, 75% of these are in our eastern network cities. It seems that the \$1,000,000 needed to construct and place a television station into operation may turn out to be a sound investment despite initial scepticism! Sports fans may be interested to know that television rights for baseball games in New York City have been sold for \$700,000.

# Cast list

- **John Evington-Browne III:** Respected businessman and head of the family.
- **Rose Evington-Browne:** John's much-loved wife.
- **Patrick Evington-Browne:** John and Rose's studious 20-year-old son.
- **Evie Evington-Browne:** John and Rose's willful 21-year-old daughter.
- **Tracy Evington-Browne:** John and Rose's mischievous 16-year-old daughter.
- **Priscilla Evington-Browne:** John's elderly and often forgetful aunt.
- **Agatha 'Aggie' Marbles:** Priscilla's elderly English friend and allegedly famed detective.
- **James Pemberton:** Rose's brother. Art dealer and traveler.
- **Charles Pemberton:** James's son, currently a student at Harvard.
- **Dr. Bruisyard:** Retired family doctor and friend.
- **Miles Earnshaw:** Unexpected guest, friend from Rose's youth.
- **Reggie Haven:** Young socialite friend of Evie's.
- **Christy Crompton:** Student friend of Patrick's.
- **Soames:** Butler/Housekeeper.
- **Dinah Peters:** Cook (temporary stand-in for usual cook).

