

# The Food is to Die For

Pierre Baudelaire's restaurant changes names faster than playboys change girlfriends. Nobody cares though, because the man's a genius, and makes food that is absolutely to die for. Everyone just called the restaurant "That place at the end of Maple" for years, until Pierre decided the joke was hilarious, and changed the restaurant's name, formally, to At the End of Maple.

Whatever the name, this is THE restaurant in town—where anyone who's anyone is seen dining. Celebrities, politicians, philanthropists, foodies, they all wait and wait for than chance to get a table. Tonight is a special night—C.J. Charles, the most discerning and respected restaurant critic in the business, is dining here and will write a review.

Most of the staff came in at 10 this morning to make sure all the preparations were in order, and took a break between 2 and 6pm, in time for the dinner service to start.

When they arrive though, Pierre is sprawled on the floor of his kitchen, in a puddle of beet soup and blood. Pierre was a gifted chef, but he made enemies.

## **Who hated him enough to kill?**

## What do you get with *The Food is to Die For*?

- 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 Food is to Die For*?

***The Food is to Die For*** has been written for 12 to 15 guests – plus one host (the game co-ordinator). The step-by-step guide explains which characters to omit should you have fewer than 15 guests (you do need at least 12, however).

Here's how that works:

| Number of guests | Male characters | Female characters | Characters that can be of any gender |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 12               | 3               | 4                 | 5                                    |
| 13               | 3               | 5                 | 5                                    |
| 14               | 3               | 5                 | 6                                    |
| 15               | 3               | 6                 | 6                                    |

And if you have even more guests, we have a few free extra characters for *The Food is to Die For* available on our website.

## How does *The Food is to Die For* work?

***The Food is to Die For*** runs over the course of 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.

The guests are all present at the restaurant At the End of Maple, whether as guests, visitors, or because they work there. They each have their own goals, and how they choose to achieve these goals is entirely up to them. ***The Food is***

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## *Tell us it's true Pierre!*

In a knowing nod to what people have been calling it for months, Pierre Baudelaire has finally settled on a name for his restaurant. Always a capricious spirit, Pierre has, over the past two years, called his restaurant, Gastro Bistro, The Red Spot, Le Diner, and Nourishing. For another chef, such a changeable identity would have killed their career. Here, it only led people to ignore the name, and call it “that place at the end of Maple...”

After his beloved sister Marie Baudelaire told him she'd heard his restaurant described that way three times in the past month, Pierre laughed, and decided he might as well go with what people were already saying. He swears the restaurant will be permanently called **At the End of Maple**, but only time will tell if that's true.

—Tyrone Mason

## **Hudson Twins**

Hailey and Hannah Hudson's new film *Horror for Hire* opened last week, only to be universally panned by the critics. The ladies showed a brave face at the highly-publicized premiere, but audiences seem to have sided with the critics on this one—few tickets have been sold, and it appears like the film will be released on DVD much sooner than planned. Neither Hailey nor Hannah was likely to be nominated for an Oscar for this performance, but the script itself doesn't seem to have helped—the dialogue is stilted, and the concept itself is poorly thought out—as though the entire film was created around the need to have roles for both twins...

—Alfred Danzen

## *Not climbing up to The Loft any time soon...*

Formerly one of the city's most happening martini bars, **The Loft** has, again, been the target of peculiar, gruesome vandalism, affecting customers, and causing many to avoid the location. Reports are linking the attacks to retribution directed at the owners of The Loft, but the culprits have not stepped forward to take credit, and the police seem either worryingly unperturbed by these continued disturbances, or complacent. Until the culprit is found, this author, at least, doesn't plan to go anywhere near The Loft—lest she stain her shoes with something unspeakable.—Dorothy Kopp

## **Food, Fabulous Food!**

*Dockside*, a new restaurant on the riverfront promises, in its promotional material, an authentic dining experience, featuring the freshest fish money can buy—the restaurant has dock access to unload a catch directly into the kitchens, without even passing through the fish market. Now, honestly, I don't know about authentic; growing up, we ate mostly chicken and beef, so fish is hardly in my blood. I can, however, say that *Dockside's* fish is divine—it smells heavenly, flakes on the fork, and slides over the tongue with nary a hint of an unpleasant aftertaste. It's a shame the rest of the menu is not as well-executed; my dining companion's potatoes arrived unevenly cooked—almost mealy on the outside but still hard on the inside. My vegetables were a classic study in trying too hard—their flavors got lost in the sauces and spices added to jazz things up. The only thing on the menu that matches the fish for quality and execution is the ice cream—It's delivered fresh every day from a local creamery, who manufactures it in small batches, with flavors only available at *Dockside*. If you love fish, *Dockside* is worth a visit—just remember the fish ought to be the star of your meal there. And if you don't like fish? Visit on a weekend afternoon for ice cream and people-watching. Two and a half stars.

—C.J. Charles

# *The Food is to Die For* – Cast List

## Kitchen Staff

- **Alex Norman:** Co-owner of At the End of Maple
- **Chris Armstrong:** Co-owner of At the End of Maple
- **Brianne Fox:** Sous-chef
- **Evelyn Maxwell:** Sous-chef

## Wait Staff

- **Taylor Weddington:** The maître d'
- **Gerald von Rubenstein:** The wine steward
- **Julianna Dixon:** The bartender
- **Mike Young:** A server
- **Tess Pickering:** A server

## Guests

- **C.J. Charles:** A respected restaurant reviewer
- **Adrian Charles:** C.J.'s brother, an actor
- **Hailey Hudson:** A celebrity actress, Hannah's twin sister
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- **Billie Adams:** A local beat cop investigating the murder
- **Natasha Petrov:** At the End of Maple's truffle dealer



“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**

**to Die For** is an evening of delicious food, scandals started and revealed, and murder!

### Where can I purchase The Food is to Die For?

**The Food is to Die For** is available from <http://www.freeformgames.com/>. We accept all major credit cards and PayPal.

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 The Food is to Die For?

We offer a cast-iron, no quibble guarantee. If you're not completely satisfied with The Food is to Die For, let us know within 30 days and we will refund you.