

# Lei'd to Rest

## Introduction

The sun-drenched beaches of Hawaii have been a paradise for millennia, isolated and exotic. Theirs is a culture rich in spirits that inhabit every tree, rock, stream, and volcano – a culture rich in stories.

Everything changed on January 20, 1778, when Captain James Cook rediscovered the Hawaiian Islands. Since then, Hawaii has become more modern, fighting to maintain the balance between keeping its ancient traditions and acquiring modern advantages. Tourists are everywhere, mingling with the locals – their constant influx is both a blessing and a curse. Most tourists are only looking for a good time, but some of them have other motives. International smugglers find it easy to mingle in the transient population, and there's many a quiet cove to dock an unregistered boat...

Join the locals and the tourists at Lokuhai Beach, to find out what happens when the sun sets and the tensions rise... Welcome to ***Lei'd to Rest!***

In ***Lei'd to Rest***, the guests will join the luau sponsored by the Harmony Cove Resort over the course of a single evening. Wealthy businessmen will rub shoulders with local entertainers, while newlyweds, friends, and grandparents take pictures of each other and eat exotic foods prepared by the local master chef. But what brings smugglers to Lokuhai Beach? Are all the tourists what they seem? And keep your eyes peeled for the mysterious Red Goddess, who is reputed to walk through the heavy forest just off the beach!

Everyone invited to ***Lei'd to Rest*** is given their own character to play. As they arrive, they're greeted by the Bus Driver, the host of the party. Each character has goals and objective to accomplish before the end of the meal. Everyone has their own set of goals – some of which can only be achieved by dirty dealing or by getting what someone else wants. Where one person succeeds, another will be left gnashing teeth!

The guests have various items, such as weapons, to help them. They may also have various abilities to help them uncover secrets, achieve their goals, and thwart the other characters.

During the evening, the guests can form alliances, blackmail each other, steal each other's items, and even try to kill each other! Along the way, they may solve some of ***Lei'd to Rest's*** mysteries. Are the locals poisoning people? Who threatened the starlet? How are the wealthy businessman and the victim connected? Is someone threatening the tourists? What makes a smuggler so interested in an innocent-looking Midwestern newlywed?

Join us to find out in ***Lei'd to Rest...***

## Aloha! Welcome to the luau!

## What is included when you buy *Lei'd to Rest*?

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

## How does *Lei'd to Rest* work?

*Lei'd to Rest* has been written for 6 to 22 guests – plus one or two hosts/coordinators. The step-by-step guide explains which characters to omit should you have fewer than 22 guests (you do need at least 6, however). Here's how that works:

Number of guests	Male characters	Female characters	Characters that can be played by either sex
6	2	2	2
7	2	3	2
8	3	3	2
9	4	3	2
10	4	3	3
11	4	4	3
12	4	4	4
13	4	4	5
14	6 or 4	4 or 5	4 or 5
15	6 or 4	4 or 5	5 or 6
16	6	5	5
17	6	6	5
18	6	6	6
19	8 or 6	6 or 7	5 or 6
20	8 or 6	6 or 7	6 or 7
21	8	7	6
22	8	7	7

Note – for more than 12 guests, you need to buy *Lei'd to Rest Expanded*, which includes the extra 10 characters. And if you have even more guests, we have free extra characters for *Lei'd to Rest* available on our website.

*Lei'd to Rest* runs over the course of three or four hours and is particularly suited to a buffet meal. One person is the Bus Driver, and acts as organizer and co-ordinator, responsible for making sure everything runs smoothly and that all the guests have the information they need.

Your guests will be attending the luau on Lokuhai Beach. They have their own goals and agendas, and how they choose to achieve these goals is up to them. ***Lei'd to Rest*** is an evening of hidden connections, cultural clashes, lies, and even murder!

### **Where can I get *Lei'd to Rest*?**

***Lei'd to Rest*** is available from [www.freeformgames.com](http://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 come back to the site and collect your game later if that's more convenient.

### **What if I don't like *Lei'd to Rest*?**

No product is perfect for everyone. We know that and you know that and that's why we offer a cast-iron, no quibble guarantee. If you're not completely satisfied with ***Lei'd to Rest***, let us know within 30 days and we will refund you.

"I just wanted you to know that we played **Lei'd to Rest** this last weekend and we had so much fun! I've thrown other murder mystery parties from kits and boxes and I think this was the funnest yet. No script, which left it open for interpretation. That makes it seem like the game is confusing, but once the rules were explained, people got it and had a blast! Everyone got way into it and someone even tried to murder the murderer!"

Next time I throw a murder mystery party, I'm definitely getting it from you! Thank you so much for such a fun product!!"

*Megan McGrath, United States*



"We'd previously played another of your titles, so I knew **Lei'd to Rest** would be a superior game. I love the completeness of the materials, well developed characters and back stories, and as host, ease in running."

*Sara Duprey, United States*



"The **Lei'd to Rest** party was a tremendous success. It was the first 'downloaded' murder mystery we've done. It was very cool that guests could think 'out of the box' enough to actually use the items they had in their possession rather than just thinking of them as clues.

Everyone involved got into their roles very well and thoroughly enjoyed it. We can't wait to play again!"

*Paul Weiss, United States*



"**Lei'd to Rest** was a really great time. I love the flexibility for the game to go in so many directions. I think after each game, guests have started to realize the freedom and come up with stuff they can do that isn't necessarily on their sheet or in their items."

*Stephanie Wagner, United States*



"I hosted **Lei'd to Rest** last weekend. It was first time for me or any of my guests to do the murder mystery game and everybody LOVED IT! Even people who I thought might be too shy to enjoy it fully, surprised me by being totally committed to their characters (after I served a couple of Blue Hawaiians). The hardest part for me was to make people come, coz nobody was really sure what to expect and they were suspicious if the game was too complicated or had too much stuff to remember. But it's neither! That's the beauty of it - you don't really need any experience or preparation to play. Thank you for these games!!!"

*Yana Khomchanka, United States*



# Harmony Cove Resort Presents...

Join a **REAL** luau at Lokuhai Beach!

Most luaus sponsored by the big resorts are filled with... tourists! Looking for a chance to experience a real, old-fashioned luau? Join our expert entertainers, and master chef "Mojo Mo," at Lokuhai Beach on Saturday, May 15th!



## Here's the schedule:

**11 a.m.:** Join us for an early buffet lunch on the Moana Lanai, the Ocean Terrace

**12 noon:** Take a leisurely, photography-friendly bus ride to Lokuhai Beach through the beautiful, untouched jungle. The trip to Lokuhai beach is enough to justify the trip!

**1 p.m.:** Arrive at Lokuhai Beach.

Take one of our nature hikes past a gorgeous waterfall, nibble on appetizers, take a hula-dancing or cooking class, and sample our fruity cocktails all afternoon! Many activities have been planned.

Throughout the afternoon and evening, the bus will shuttle passengers back and forth to Harmony Cove Resort. The bus driver will also take requests for anything you've forgotten in your room (signed release required).

**7 p.m.:** Sunset! The real luau begins! A whole pig, roasted in a banana-leaf lined earth pit, is the center of the delicious native-style meal. Music, dancers, and local entertainers (fire breathing!) will entertain you throughout the evening.

**3 a.m.:** The last bus trip to the resort. A few shelters have even been erected just off the beach for any guests who would like to stay the night! (Just bring your pajamas and toothbrush – everything else will be supplied!)

**Come see exotic Hawaii the way  
it was meant to be seen!**





# **The Tale of the Red Goddess, as told by Keoni**

This is a story I was told by my great-grandmother about the days when the Gods and Goddesses walked among the people in Hawaii. Some of the Gods and Goddesses came from our ancestors, which is why we honor our elders, because you never know when your elders are going to go to the Afterlife to control your destiny! But some of the Gods and Goddesses came from other places, whether from across the ocean or out of the land itself...

Next to this very beach is the home of a Goddess who was born out of the land, the Goddess Muhani. Muhani is the Goddess of the small stream that runs under that cliff over there, to the east, that falls into the ocean from a series of pools. Orchids grow on the trees near the stream, and lizards sun on the rocks nearby. For generations upon generations, the Goddess Muhani was known as a gentle Goddess who loved gifts of flowers and carvings of the little lizards who lived nearby, and who was kind and generous to the people living near her stream.

But one day, some white men, travelers across the ocean, brought their boats near here and built a camp at the top of the stream. Not only did they toss their wastes into the stream, defiling the Goddess herself – but one of the white men's women murdered Malia, a Hawaiian servant woman, and dropped her body in the stream. For a year and a day after the murder, the clear waters of Muhani's stream ran blood red.

And so after a year and a day had passed, Malia's killer was walking through the forest, gathering firewood and herbs, when she happened to stand at the top of the cliff near the strange, red stream. Suddenly, the birds stopped singing, the animals all disappeared, and even the wind stopped shaking the leaves in the trees far above the woman's head. The only sound was that of booming footsteps, echoing through the forest. It was the Goddess Muhani, wearing nothing but a long, red cloth wrapped around her body, which was on fire. A terrible stench, the stench of fire and death, spread throughout the forest. Malia's murderer was terrified, and tried to hide behind a tree, but there is no hiding from a Goddess. Muhani stalked the murderer around the forest, the Goddess's very footprints on fire, until the woman was exhausted and bloody from the scratches that the trees and thorns had given her as she ran. Finally, Muhani trapped the woman at the top of the cliff. Closer and closer Muhani came as the woman begged for mercy, but there was no mercy in Muhani, only vengeance. Muhani pushed the woman over the edge of the cliff and into the pool below.

A terrible fire destroyed the forest at the top of the cliff and the settlers' camp nearby. All the white men were killed. The woman's body was found, days later, with two terrible handprints burned onto her chest.

And that is why you should respect the spirits of a place, because otherwise, they won't respect you. Also, stay safely on the beach today, especially after dark. A woman wearing a red cloth or dress has been seen here many times, and sometimes causes mischief, although no one else has died. Yet.

# Lei'd to Rest cast list

**Annatto:** Religious zealot

**Brad Bates:** Local dance instructor

**Rory Beard:** Local surfer

**Elsie Brighton:** One half of a pair of newlyweds. Midwestern and naïve

**Ned Brighton:** Elsie Brighton's sickly other half

**Sarafina Chavez:** An aspiring actress willing to do anything to get attention

**Anson Hardasty:** Wealthy elderly businessman

**Heather Harris:** Secretary to Earl Peace

**Max Hartnett:** Anson's Hardasty's best lawyer

**Cassidy Hayes:** Stateside florist

**Keoni:** Tour guide and traditional Hawaiian entertainer, with aspirations

**Dr. Penny Kingsbury:** Local doctor

**Ren Matsuda:** Out-of-work local

**Mojo Mo:** Hawaiian master cook and sometime witch doctor

**Anna Nayuki:** Local real estate agent

**Lawrence Ost:** Local botanist

**Earl Peace:** Private detective

**Wilson Scott:** Tourist and postal worker

**Jack Slack:** Local small-scale entrepreneur and all-around dubious character

**Mel Squant:** The perfect grandparent and tourist

**Chelsea Whitaker:** Famous local surfer

**Noelle Wright:** Stateside florist

