

# A Speakeasy Murder

## Introduction

***A Speakeasy Murder*** is set in Fat Stan's Speakeasy in Chicago during Prohibition. This underground joint is halfway through its usual Saturday night show.

Anybody who is *anybody* is here at Fat Stan's Speakeasy tonight. Al and the band are desperately belting out their jazziest tunes, Lola and the girls are singing and dancing like their lives depended on it, and Tony the barman is handing out Sam's Specials like there's no tomorrow.

Which there won't be, for poor Scabface Martins. He was one of Fat Stan's pals, and a very popular guy down at the Speakeasy. A masked hoodlum in a long black cloak burst into the room during the interval after Lola's big number, and the poor sap was peppered with so many bullets he looked like a swiss cheese.

The only way in or out of the Speakeasy is through the secret door from Dora's Dress Shop, and the doorkeeper swears that nobody has come through that door in either direction for over an hour. So it figures it musta been someone in the Speakeasy that plugged Scabface, and even worse: they're still in here now!

Officer Pilkington is one of the regulars, so everyone's waiting for him to work out who dunnit. Too bad he's as dumb as a sack of bricks. The only thing he's managed to do right so far is to lock the exit and search the back rooms for hidden hoodlums. He found nobody.

Fat Stan is determined that everything should carry on like there ain't no problems: so the remains of poor Scabface have been put in the Janitor's cupboard and, after a quick cleanup by Pickles the cleaner, the show is carrying on with fevered intensity. But who coulda wanted Scabface dead? Which one of the crooks, bums and no-hopers that make up the Speakeasy's staff and guests is the filthy lowlife that plugged him? And *do they plan to strike again?*

## What is included when you buy *A Speakeasy Murder*?

- 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.
- Special items and game money for each guest.
- Handouts and other essentials.
- The solution!

### How does *A Speakeasy Murder* work?

*A Speakeasy Murder* has been written for 15 to 32 guests – plus the host or co-ordinator. The step-by-step guide explains which characters to omit should you have fewer than 32 guests (you do need at least 15, however). Here's how that works:

Number of guests	Male characters	Female characters	Characters that can be played by either sex
15	6	5	4
16	6	5	5
17	6	5	6
18	7	6	5
19	7	6	6
20	7	6	7
21	7	6	8
22	7	6	9
23	8	7	8
24	9	8	7
25	9	8	8
26	9	8	9
27	9	8	10
28	9	8	11
29	10	10	9
30	10	10	10
31	10	10	11
32	11	11	10

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

The guests are all present at Fat Stan's to enjoy an evening's drinking and entertainment... or are they? They each have their own goals and agendas, and how they choose to achieve these goals is up to them. ***A Speakeasy Murder*** is an evening of Prohibition, showgirls, gang-wars and murder!

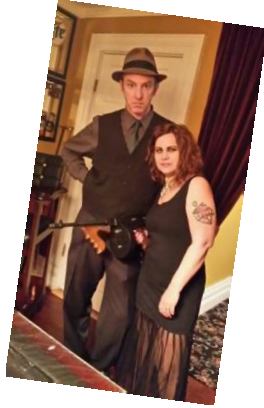
### **Where can I get *A Speakeasy Murder*?**

***A Speakeasy Murder*** 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 *A Speakeasy Murder*?**

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 ***A Speakeasy Murder***, let us know within 30 days and we will refund you.



"We had a blast with **A Speakeasy Murder!** I think the most successful characters were the ones who took the freeform nature of the mystery to heart, and were coming up with creative ways to bargain with other characters. All in all, this mystery was absolutely brilliant, and we are eager to play more Freeform Games!"  
*Christina Gass, United States*



"**A Speakeasy Murder:** What an incredible game! By far the best murder mystery I've ever hosted – this is so perfect for my group of friends. Everybody had plenty to do so it was a really engaging night!"  
*Monique Swirsky, USA*



"We had 25 of us down at Fat Stan's Speakeasy for **A Speakeasy Murder.** It was hysterical and outrageous. We were all blown away with the effort that each of our guests put into their costumes and characters. Truly one of the greatest nights of my life, a party we will never forget!"  
*Darah Salmaggi, USA*



# Chicago Courier

## CLEAN UP OUR CITY!

Gang wars have flared up yet again in Chicago as the East Side Gang, led by Alfonso 'Linguini' Marino and the West Side Gang, led by 'Fat' Stanley Belluccio, keep coming to blows. Will our city ever be safe? We talk to Edward Jacobs of the Bureau of Investigation, who claims to have deployed undercover agents throughout the city as part of an operation to make the city streets safer for us all. "We certainly don't want a repeat of the St Swithin's Day Massacre over here!" he jokes. That terrible crime took place in New York, but the perpetrators have still not been brought to justice. Heaven forbid that it gets as bad as that here in our beloved Chicago...

### *The mysterious Chimera*

We already have a big problem with criminals dealing illegal cocaine in this city, but now it is understood that a Chicago-based drug overlord has emerged from the mix, known only by his codename: The Chimera. He may also possibly be in league with somebody with the codename of Balthazar. Edward Jacobs of the Bureau of Investigation is on the case, but any proof anyone can give his team about the Chimera or Balthazar's identity will carry a reward of \$150. *[More on Page 2]*

## RACE FIXING ALLEGATIONS

Tonight is the one night of the year that all horse-racing enthusiasts in Chicago will be looking forward to: Stan's Big Race. But what of

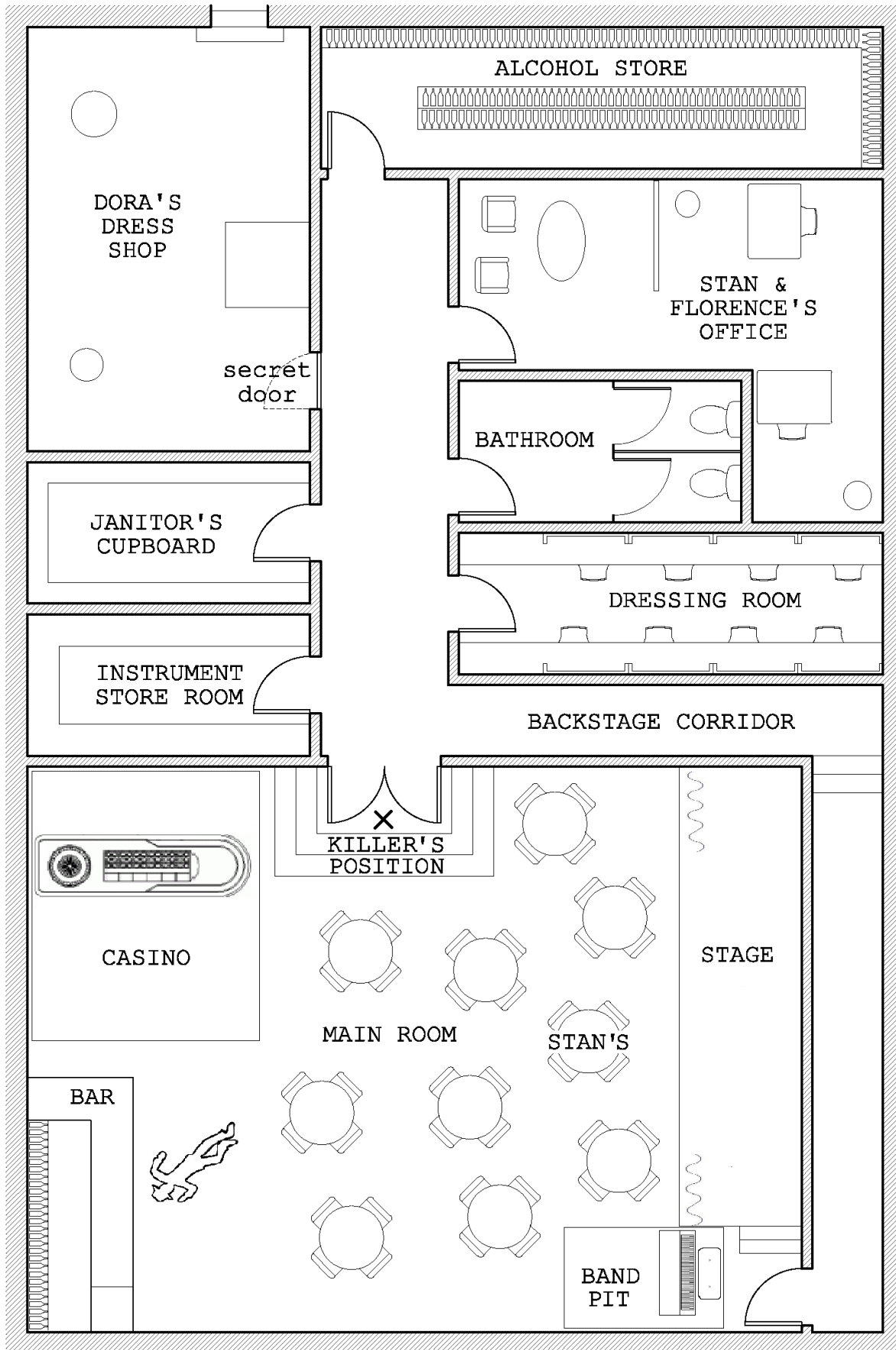
the persistent allegations of race-fixing? Stan himself was unavailable for comment, but we spoke to keen race-enthusiast David O'Hara, who said that there was no way that *[Cont. on page 4]*

## CALLS FOR STRICTER CONTROLS ON BOOTLEGGERS

Mrs. Mary Mckellan, of the West Chicago Temperance League, today called for heavier policing of the roads from Canada and the shores of the lakes. "...For we all know that these sinful speakeasies must be getting their liquor in somehow, and I think that it is very negligent of the Police to stand idly by..." *[Cont. on Page 5]*

## 'Her Heart Won' is a Triumph!

Ava Monroe's new film has certainly won our hearts in Chicago, after its release last week. However, now that the Talkies are arriving all around us, is this the last silent film we will ever see her make? We talk to the film's producer, the charming Oswald Murphy, and he tells us about his plans for the future, and how he plans to make the best Talking Picture that the world has ever seen! *[Cont. on Page 15]*



# ***A Speakeasy Murder – Cast List***

## **THE MANAGEMENT:**

**Fat Stan Belluccio** – the big boss and speakeasy owner

**Florence** – his wife

**Jimmy ‘The Weasel’ Smith** – Fat Stan’s right-hand man

**Alicia ‘Angel-Face’ O’Riley** – Florence’s sister

**Tommy ‘The Horse’ Davies** – one of Stan’s cronies

## **THE STAFF:**

**Pickles** – the all-around dogsbody

**Tony** – the bartender

**Sammy Snake-Eyes** – the poker-faced head croupier

**Al** – the pianist

**Sasha White** – the double-bass player, always wears shades

**Bobby White** – the saxophone player, also wears shades

**Lola** – a singer, the star of the speakeasy

**Mitzy** – Lola's backup singer and dancing girl

**Tillie** – a dancing girl

**Phyllis** – a dancing girl

## **THE CLIENTELE:**

**Officer Pilkington** – a Rotten Cop

**Velma Du Bois** – a notorious socialite and good-time girl

**Alfonso ‘Linguini’ Marino** – a well-known gangster

**Sugar Sands** – a famous singer and Linguini’s current squeeze

**Benny ‘Ankles’ Johnson** – Linguini’s right-hand man

**Mayor Trelawney** – a politician

**Kit James** – the Mayor’s very tidy and serious secretary

**Sofia Meers** – the Mayor’s companion

**Trilby Madison** – a smart, fashionable writer, here to research a biography on Stan

**Laurie Evans** – Trilby’s equally fashionable co-writer

**Oswald Murphy** – a famous Hollywood film producer

**Ava Monroe** – a star of the silent pictures in Hollywood

**J. D. Oakey** – Oswald’s personal assistant

**Sly Swanson** – a debonair gambler: a big hit with the ladies!

**Reno Edwards** – a newcomer on the scene

**Roxy MacDougall** – a rich client, owns a department store

**Lady Patricia Fortescue-Smythe** – an ageing English aristocrat

