

Framed at the Fix

Leading Questions

Expected answers are italicized.

This only includes the information you need to get out and the questions that make it flow nicely.

You can ask more questions if you want, but the show may take longer.

ACT 1 (Host or Solo Show)

For most people:

Who are you?

What is your profession?/What do you do for a living?

Why are you here tonight?/What are you doing here tonight?

Anything else you'd like to share.

Agatha -

Oh, an archeology professor, that sounds super interesting!

Have you discovered anything interesting lately?

(Yes, an ancient switchblade of Duchess Valentine)

Tell me more about it (if she only says yes to the above)

You need to ask 1-3 other people to elaborate on their life to hide that you are asking Agatha extra.

ACT 2 (Detective)

Memorial Service for Blake (Optional, generally best with multiple actors, but can be done in a one person show if you want!)

Sam -

Sam, you are a Reverend, would you like to say a few words?

(Ashes to Ashes, Dust to Dust. Now let's keep drinking! Zoom Zoom, Vroom, Vroom.)

Ruby -

Would you like to say or sing anything in memorial of your husband?

(Unless Ruby is being played by an actor, the detective should probably interrupt here)

After Detective comes in, or you announce you are the detective

Frankie -

This is your establishment, can you tell me about your relationship with Blake?

(He was my best customer, not my favorite, only my best.)

Have you found anything suspicious here tonight?

(A wad of dough labelled from B to M.)

Maxine -

Seeing that you have an M name, you could be the M on that mysterious cash, what was your relationship like with Blake?

(He was blackmailing me [she may first mention that they met at an art gallery, in which case I ask if they had any monetary relations/financial dealings])

Tell me more about that. Or... what else do you know about his finances?

(That's it, but he was also blackmailing Agatha Quinn)

Agatha -

Were you being blackmailed by Blake?

(Sure, he just liked to blackmail people, he blackmailed everyone [feel free to have anyone being blackmailed by Blake put their hands in the air])

Now Agatha, in my time as a detective, I've found that often it's someone close to the victim, like the spouse, do you know anything about Blake's marriage?

(Ruby and Blake weren't married for love, they married for fame and fortune)

Ruby -

You want to respond to what Agatha said? You weren't married for love?

(Well, no, but I almost, maybe thought I could love him.)

Since you weren't married for love, were you two faithful to one another?

(No, Blake was having an affair with Sarah!)

Sarah -

You were having an affair with Blake?

(Yes, my lover is dead) [if she wants to read about this out of her binder and use any of the exact language go ahead and let her, it almost always gets a laugh]

Would you like to cast any blame on anyone else?

(She'll probably mention Charlie and will overlook Agatha, but bonus if she talks about Agatha.)

I try not to judge, but I might be judging, as you don't sound like a terrible moral person. Anyone here who has to be moral, that we can maybe look up too [or that Hilda can look up to...]?

(Agatha Quinn has a morality clause in her contract so she can be fired for spoiling movies, having affairs, robbing banks.) [if she only mentions the contract and doesn't get specific, ask her what it says.]

Alright, I'm thoroughly confused and I think I need to figure out the cause of death in order to get to the bottom of this. Suspects, turn past that last stop page, you now have access to all the pages in your binder. This will be your second investigation time so ask those hard questions in regards to motive and opportunity and when I'll come back I'll give you a cause of death.

ACT 3 (Detective)

I went and investigated the body and it looks like Blake was stabbed! Some sort of sharp pointy object, but can't be sure exactly what because it's only 1926 and forensics have only come so far.

Charlie -

I do know we have someone here who sells weapons so Charlie, do you sell knives?

(Yeah, I specialize in them)

And what was your relationship with Blake?

(He stole a painting from me.)

Are you here with anyone or to see anyone?

(Having an affair with Alexandra)

Alexandra -

Can you tell me what is going on between you and Charlie?

(Having an affair)

How does your husband feel about all this?

(He was plotting to kill Charlie.)

What were you going to do about that?
(Bought two one way tickets to Zanzibar)

Charlie -

Did you know you were leaving the country?
(No, only just found out about that.)

Walter -

Did you know about the affair? How did you feel about it?
(REALLY MAD, I was here to kill Charlie!)

Any chance you tried to and got Blake instead?
(He won't have an answer for this, he should say I don't know.)

Do you have any sharp pointy objects with you?
(No)

Do you know of anyone who has anything sharp and pointy? Other than Goose who we know sells knives?
(Saw Frankie picking up shards of glass.)

Frankie -

What's this about shards of glass?
(Trying to make my business look spiffy)

Anyone here have anything murderous in their past?
(Grey Gardens murdered her first husband)

****Darla -** if you are using her

I heard someone else saying something about that, Darla, do you know about Grey's first husband?

(Yes, saw it in the stars, but also the police report, no one accidentally dies of a gunshot wound. Also Grey told me.)

Have you seen anything else in the stars, or on peoples hands?

(Dr. Sarah Riley has a really long money line. Rumor has it Blake told her, "when I'm gone all the money is in your hands.")

Gray -

Alright let's talk about this accusation that you murdered your first husband, how would you

like to respond?

(Yes, I murdered my first husband.)

Anyone else here murderous? Or seem suspicious to you?

(Bruce Hunter told me that Maxine Powers paid him one thousand dollars to bump off Blake)

Bruce -

Maxine Powers paid you to bump off Blake?

(Yeah, but I didn't do it. Too scared to commit first degree murder)

Do you have any sharp pointy objects?

(I have a pocketknife but I lost it)

What sort of pocketknife?

(Sears Roebuck)

When do you last remember having it?

(Before Blake died.)

Did anyone find a knife?

Hilda should volunteer and say she did.

Hilda -

You found a knife?

(Yes)

Can you tell me about this knife you found?

(I tripped over a pocket knife that still had its tag from Sears Roebuck. I took it to impress the eighth graders at school tomorrow.)

I'm going to have to confiscate that as potential evidence, but you said it had a tag on it?

(Yes)

So maybe it hasn't been used, anyone here admit any crimes to you?

(Sarah told me she has killed 10 patients, 8 accidentally)

Sarah -

Would you like to respond to that allegation?

(She doesn't have anything to say to this, she'll probably just sputter and say she doesn't know, she might say yes, because she knows it's true.)

Would it be accurate to say that medicine in 1926 is only so advanced and really there is nothing you could have done?

(She'll probably agree.)

If you did use Darla - Earlier we heard that Blake was giving all the money to you, what's that about?

(the money is going to Doctors and Billionaires without borders, of which I am the treasurer.)

If you didn't use Darla - you were close with Blake, do you know where his money is going?

(Yes, me.)

Can you elaborate?

(The money is going to Doctors and Billionaires without borders, of which I am the treasurer.)

Ruby -

Did you know the money was going to Sarah and not you?

(No)

Have you seen anyone sneaking about in corners or anything else suspicious?

(Ronald and Agatha are having an affair.)

Ronald -

Are you having an affair with Agatha?

(Yes)

If both you and your wife are having affairs, why don't you leave one another?

(I need her money. Can't support myself or Agatha on my novel writing.)

Agatha -

Could you support Ronald so he could leave his wife?

(No, I'm broke.)

Anyone you know here have lots of money?

(Maxine is rich)

Sam -

I heard you found something of Maxine's to support what Agatha is saying about Maxine being rich?

(Yes, I found a bank statement that had a million dollars in an account called stolen money from orphans.)

Maxine -

Stolen Money from Orphans? Care to Explain?

(I'm on the board, and yes I've stolen from the orphans.)

Earlier we heard that you paid Bruce to bump off Blake, would you like to respond to that?

(I may need to ask him for a refund as this got messy, if he did it.)

Folks, you now have all the information to solve this case.... etc