

## Seahorse Tropic Island

At a party after arriving, the guests are surrounded by the serene beauty of the beach and the company of like-minded individuals, and a sense of enchantment fills the air. Suddenly a shift occurs – the sky darkens, turning from vibrant blue to a menacing gray. A distant rumble of thunder echoes through the air, causing a shiver to run down everyone's spine. Faces pale, and eyes widen, feeling a sudden chill in the air.



At the sound of a piercing cry, the private chef, Mae Shen, swiftly races toward the source, her instincts urging her into action. Her heart sinks at the sight of a man lying motionless in the pool. Without hesitation, she pulls the man from the pool. Shock reverberates through her as she realizes it is Mr. McKenzie, the esteemed father of her best friend, Blair McKenzie, and the host of the island getaway. How could such a tragic incident unfold amid this paradise? Intrigue ripples through her, and Chef Shen's instincts tell her this may be more than a mere accident.

As the weight of a potential murder investigation descends, she immediately thinks of her associate Musa Patel of Patel Sleuths Agency. Knowing that time is of the essence, an investigation must begin before anyone has time to leave the island.

### **Musa Patel & Agents Arrive**

You arrive on Seahorse Tropic Island at the behest of private chef, Mae Shen.

You and your associates have been asked to investigate the merciless murder of Thomas McKenzie.

You are in shock and dismay that this has transpired in such a beautiful place, but know you have minutes, not hours, to question everyone and solve the case before anyone can leave the island. Even though it was Mae who called you to the case, you know you must start by questioning her.

But first, you need to enter your room. There appears to be a note from Mae, and as you examine it, you realize there is a secret message hidden in the text you must unscramble that will help you to solve the crime.

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Musa and Team,

Thank you so much for responding to my urgent call, which was not a hoax, arriving promptly despite distressing circumstances. I am deeply shaken by the events of last night. Please take a moment to settle into your assigned room and gather yourselves. I am eagerly awaiting your presence at the Beachfront dining area, where we can discuss this deadly situation further.

Sincerely,

*Chef Mae Shen*

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