Character profile and dialogue sheet

Props: badge, whistle

Who are you?!

You are the Police Deputy and you are a zebra moray eel! You take your job seriously and are very organized. You are proud to have such an important job. You not only assist the Police Commissioner with her job, but you also get to interview key witnesses!

Please follow the conversation closely, as you have many lines to read. Your lines are highlighted in bold and are labeled DM (short for Deputy Moray).

Outline

- Part 1: You will begin interviewing witnesses right after the Police Commissioner begins the Town Hall Meeting.
- Part 2: You will start the discussion with witnesses, and then the Police Commissioner will question them.
- Part 3: You will introduce the scientists.

Lines:

- Police Commissioner: “…find and collect evidence.”

DM: We have a handful of witnesses that saw our wanted poster and have courageously come here to report information. Please state your name and position and what you saw or heard. Let’s start with the crab

- Crab: “…may have been toxic.”

DM: Hmmm…that’s rather strange. We’ll certainly need to follow up on that. What does the Lionfish have to share?

- Lionfish: “…he seemed fine.”

DM: That seems reasonable. And what did the pencil urchin see?
- Urchin: “…friendly coral head.”

DM (sympathetically): Yes, yes. Please continue.

- Urchin: “…should have done something!”

DM: Well, don’t you worry about that now. Let’s hear from our last witness, the octopus.

- Octopus
- Police Commissioner
- Input from everyone
- Police Commissioner: “…suspects have to say.”

DM: Industrial Plant, let’s start with you. Please explain why strange chemicals were coming off of your property last week.

- Industrial Plant
- Police Commissioner
- Glowball Warming
- Police Commissioner
- Seddi Mentation
- Police Commissioner
- All-gal Bloom
- Police Commissioner

DM: We now need our scientific team to sample your DNA before we release you.
Character profile and dialogue sheet

Who are you?!

You are Pinchy, the crab, and you are the first key witness in the investigation! You are a relaxed and confident member of the community, and you are standing up to share what you feel is important information.

Please follow the conversation closely so that you know when to speak and to whom. Your lines are highlighted in **bold**, and you speak in Part 1.

Outline

Part 1: Interviewing witnesses

- You will make your formal statement to the police after the Deputy asks for witnesses to share what they know.

Part 2: Interviewing suspects

Part 3: Scientists collect DNA

Lines: Your line is highlighted in bold

- Police Commissioner
- Police Deputy: “…Let’s start with the crab.”

Crab: **Hi, my name is Pinchy and I’m the local gardener. Last week, while I was trimming my limu, I smelled weird chemicals coming out of the Industrial Plant. They looked kind of greasy and shiny. I think they may have been toxic.**
Character profile and dialogue sheet

Props: stethoscope, lab coat

Who are you?!

You are Dr. Simba, the lionfish! You are Seymour’s doctor and you are the second key witness in the investigation! You are a much respected member of the community and have come to share your knowledge of Seymour’s health before he died.

Please follow the conversation closely so that you know when to speak and to whom. Your lines are highlighted in bold, and you speak in Part 1.

Town Hall Meeting outline

Part 1: Interviewing witnesses

- You will make your formal statement to the police after the Police Deputy has heard from witness #1.

Part 2: Interviewing suspects

Part 3: Scientists collect DNA

Lines:

- Police Commissioner
- Deputy Moray
- Crab
- Deputy Moray: “…What does the Lionfish have to share?”

Lionfish: Hello, my name is Dr. Simba, and I was the victim’s doctor. Last month, he complained of fevers and low blood sugar. As you know, this can happen sometimes when ocean temperatures rise. But when I followed up with him the next week, he seemed fine.
Who are you?!

You are Pokey, a pencil urchin who was Seymour’s neighbor. You are the third key witness in the investigation! You and Seymour were good buddies and you are terribly upset about his death. You get very emotional about the issue, but you have important information that you need to share.

Please follow the conversation closely so that you know when to speak and to whom. Your lines are highlighted in **bold**, and you speak in Part 1.

**Town Hall Meeting outline**

**Part 1: Interviewing witnesses**

- You will make your formal statement to the police after the Police Deputy has heard from witness #2.

**Part 2: Interviewing suspects**

**Part 3: Scientists collect DNA**

**Lines:**

- Police Commissioner
- Deputy Moray
- Crab
- Deputy Moray
- Lionfish
- Deputy Moray: “…what did the pencil urchin see?

Pokey (*in a shaky voice*): **My name is Pokey, and I am, well I was** (*choke, sob*) **Seymour’s neighbor. He was such a friendly coral head.**

- Deputy Moray: “Yes, yes. Please continue.”

Pokey: **Well, I saw Seymour fighting with Seddi Mentation a few days ago. Seddi was trying to smother Seymour and wouldn’t leave him alone. Now I feel like I should have done something!**
Who are you?!

You are Tako Bell, the Octopus, and you are the last key witness of the investigation! You are generally very happy and positive; however, Seymour’s unexpected death has you worried.

Please follow the conversation closely so that you know when to speak and to whom. Your lines are highlighted in **bold**, and you speak in Part 1.

**Town Hall Meeting outline**

**Part 1:** Interviewing witnesses

- You will make your formal statement to the police after the Police Deputy has heard from witness #3.

**Part 2:** Interviewing suspects

**Part 3:** Scientists collect DNA

**Lines:**
- Police Commissioner
- Deputy Moray
- Crab (witness #1)
- Deputy Moray
- Lionfish (witness #2)
- Urchin (witness #3)
- Deputy Moray
- Urchin (witness #3)
- Deputy Moray: “…last witness, the octopus.”

Octopus: **My name is Tako Bell, and I deliver the mail. I was taking a package to old Mrs. Manini when I saw a cloud pass over head. But this cloud hung around for a while. I then realized that it wasn’t a cloud but that All-gal Bloom was in the neighborhood and casting us into shadow. Brrr....she gives me the shivers!**
Character profile and dialogue sheet

Props: key on key ring, DNA strand

Who are you?!

You are the Industrial Plant and you are a prime suspect in the crime! You produce pollution that is thought to harm the reef, but you feel that you have been a responsible member of the community who has been wrongly accused.

Please follow the conversation closely so that you know when to speak and to whom. Your lines are highlighted in **bold**, and you speak in Part 2.

Town Hall Meeting outline

Part 1: Interviewing witnesses

Part 2: Questioning the suspects

- You will be the first suspect to defend him/herself.

Part 3: Scientists collect DNA

Lines:

- Deputy Moray: “…property last week.”

Industrial Plant: **No problem. I care a lot about the environment and I have very strict rules about my waste products. While they may not smell very good, all of my waste has been treated and breaks down naturally in the environment. I promise that these chemicals were not toxic.**
Character profile and dialogue sheet

Props: key on key ring, DNA strand

Who are you?!

You are “Glowball Warming” and you are a major suspect in the crime! When carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases are put into the air, you cause the surface of the earth’s land and oceans to warm up. When this happens, zooxanthellae can’t survive and they abandon the corals, which causes the coral to turn white and sometimes die. Human beings are responsible for putting most of the heat-trapping gases in the air in the first place though, so how can you be blamed for Seymour Coral’s death?!

Please follow the conversation closely so that you know when to speak and to whom. Your lines are highlighted in **bold**, and you speak in Part 2.

**Town Hall Meeting outline**

Part 1: Interviewing witnesses

Part 2: Questioning the suspects

- You will be the second suspect to defend him/herself.

Part 3: Scientists collect DNA

Lines:

- Deputy Moray
- Industrial Plant (suspect #1)
- Police Commissioner: “…starve the coral?”

Glowball Warming: **No way! Dr. Simba said that Seymour looked just fine after his first visit. Plus, if Seymour’s zooxanthellae (zō – zan – thell – ay) left him, then where are they? Without them to ask, you’ve got no evidence against me!**
Character profile and dialogue sheet

Props: key on key ring, DNA strands

Who are you?!

You are “Seddi Mentation” and you are a main suspect in the case! You don’t usually hang out around the reef, but after a storm, you can cause big-time damage when rivers carry tons of soil particles out into the ocean. You can starve zooxanthellae (zō – zan – thell – ay) of light by making the water murky and even smother the coral in dirt when it settles on the reef. You are messy and clumsy, but you don’t really mean to cause trouble!

Please follow the conversation closely so that you know when to speak and to whom. Your lines are highlighted in bold, and you speak in Part 2.

Town Hall Meeting outline

Part 1: Interviewing witnesses

Part 2: Questioning the suspects

- You will be the third suspect to defend him/herself.

Part 3: Scientists collect DNA

Lines:

- Deputy Moray
- Industrial Plant (suspect #1)
- Police Commissioner
- Global Warming (suspect #2)
- Police Commissioner: “…say for yourself?”

Seddi Mentation: I only really cause trouble when dirt gets washed off land during big storms, and there haven’t been any for weeks. I didn’t do it! 
Who are you?!

You are “All-gal Bloom” and you are a prime suspect in the case! As an algal bloom, your individual sizes are microscopic, but you overwhelm the reef with your sheer numbers! For some, you’re a blessing, providing a rich-source of food. But for corals, you can block out light and starve them of the food produced by their zooxanthellae. You are tough and bossy, but that doesn’t necessarily make you guilty!

Please follow the conversation closely so that you know when to speak and to whom. Your lines are highlighted in **bold**, and you speak in Part 2.

**Town Hall Meeting outline**

**Part 1:** Interviewing witnesses

**Part 2:** Questioning the suspects

- You will be the fourth and last suspect to defend him/herself.

**Part 3:** Scientists collect DNA

**Lines:**

- Deputy Moray
- Industrial Plant (suspect #1)
- Police Commissioner
- Global Warming (suspect #2)
- Police Commissioner
- Seddi Mentation (suspect #3)
- Police Commissioner: “…cause Seymour’s death?”

All-gal Bloom: **The winds have been strong and blew me right out of town. I didn’t hang around long enough to cause that much trouble.**
Character profile and dialogue sheet

Props: lab coat, forceps, plastic baggie

Who are you?!

You are Dr. Moo, a cowfish. You are the lead crime scene investigator - a specially trained scientist who collects information to solve cases! You take your work seriously and this case is no exception. You work well in a team, and your fellow scientists respect you.

Please follow the conversation closely so that you know when to speak and to whom. Your lines are highlighted in bold, and you speak in Part 3.

Town Hall Meeting outline

Part 1: Interviewing witnesses

Part 2: Questioning the suspects

Part 3: Scientists collect DNA

- Using the forceps, you will carefully collect one DNA sample from each of the suspects and also take turns with the other two scientists to explain what DNA is.

Lines:

- Deputy Moray: “...before we release you.”

Dr. Moo: **Hello, everyone. I am Dr. Moo, and these are my assistants, Skippy and Bacon. We are collecting DNA, which is the microscopic genetic material found in every living thing.**

- Hogfish
- Sea Hare: “…just like a fingerprint.”

Dr. Moo: **But DNA is even better than a fingerprint, because it’s found in almost everything: blood, saliva, bones, hair, and even fish scales!**
Character profile and dialogue sheet

Props: lab coat, forceps, plastic baggie

Who are you?!

You are Skippy, a sea hare (a type of sea slug). You are a crime scene investigator – a specially trained scientist who collects information to solve cases!

Please follow the conversation closely so that you know when to speak and to whom. Your lines are highlighted in bold, and you speak in Part 3.

Town Hall Meeting outline

Part 1: Interviewing witnesses

Part 2: Questioning the suspects

Part 3: Scientists collect DNA

- Using the forceps, you will carefully collect one DNA sample from each of the suspects and also take turns with the other two scientists to explain what DNA is.

Lines:

- Deputy Moray
- Cowfish
- Hogfish: “…when handling it.”

Sea hare: Even though two individuals may be from the same species, some of their DNA is just different enough to be able to tell them apart, just like a fingerprint.

- Cowfish
- Hogfish: “…from a suspect.”

Sea hare: “I’ll pass my samples around so that everyone can see that no two individuals have exactly the same DNA.”
Character profile and dialogue sheet

Props: lab coat, forceps, plastic baggie

Who are you?!

You are Bacon, a hogfish. You are a crime scene investigator – a specially trained scientist who collects information to solve cases!

Please follow the conversation closely so that you know when to speak and to whom. Your lines are highlighted in bold, and you speak in Part 3.

Town Hall Meeting outline

Part 1: Interviewing witnesses

Part 2: Questioning the suspects

Part 3: Scientists collect DNA

- Using the forceps, you will carefully collect one DNA sample from each of the suspects and also take turns with the other two scientists to explain what DNA is.

Lines:

- Deputy Moray
- Cowfish (scientist #1): “…found in every living thing.”

Hogfish: DNA is very delicate, so you have to be careful when handling it.

- Sea Hare (scientist #2)
- Cowfish (scientist #1): “…and even fish scales!”

Hogfish: So if we find even a little bit of one of these things at a crime scene, we can figure out who was responsible by matching it to a sample we collect from a suspect.
Character profile and dialogue sheet

Who are you?!

You are a Raccoon Butterflyfish and you are a member of the jury! Your job is to pay close attention to the progress of the investigation, making careful observations about the evidence and suspects. After all, you and your fellow jurors will be deciding who was responsible for Seymour Coral’s death!

Please follow the conversation closely so that you know when to speak and to whom. Your lines are highlighted in bold, and you will speak during the court hearing at the end of the investigation.

Lines:
- Police Commissioner: “Will the jury please take a few moments to discuss the case and report the verdict?”

Butterflyfish: With 4 different suspects and many pieces of information from witnesses, it was difficult to figure out who was responsible.

- Tiger Cowry (juror #2)
- Sea Horse (juror #3)

Butterflyfish: Police Commissioner, lock him up!
Who are you?!

You are a Tiger Cowry and you are a member of the jury! Your job is to pay close attention to the progress of the investigation, making careful observations about the evidence and suspects. After all, you and your fellow jurors will be deciding who is responsible for Seymour Coral’s death!

Please follow the conversation closely so that you know when to speak and to whom. Your lines are highlighted in bold at the bottom of the page. PLEASE DO NOT READ YOUR LINES AHEAD OF TIME. You will be the second juror to speak during the court hearing at the end of the investigation.

Lines:
- Police Commissioner will ask to hear from the jury.
- Butterflyfish (juror #1): “…who was responsible.”

Cowry: But then we found Glowball Warming’s DNA at All-gal Bloom’s house with the missing zooxanthellae, and it became clear who did it.
You are a Sea Horse and you are a member of the jury! Your job is to pay close attention to the progress of the investigation, making careful observations about the evidence and suspects. After all, you and your fellow jurors will be deciding who is responsible for Seymour Coral’s death!

Please follow the conversation closely so that you know when to speak and to whom. Your lines are highlighted in **bold** at the bottom of the page. **PLEASE DO NOT READ YOUR LINES AHEAD OF TIME.** You will be the **third and final juror** to speak during the court hearing at the end of the investigation.

**Lines:**
- Police Commissioner
- Butterflyfish (juror #1)
- Cowry (juror #2): “…and it became clear who did it.”

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Sea Horse: **Therefore, we have decided that Glowball Warming was responsible for driving the zooxanthellae away from Seymour, which resulted in his death!**